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This cookery book celebrates summer food, focusing on picnics, parties, holidays, barbecues. It contains more than 100 recipes, from barbecued bourbon chicken to beach crab cakes and blueberry bread pudding. It also includes gardening advice, how to cook with herbs and how to remedy bee stings.

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Sarah says

Forget the food, it is the artwork and charming vignettes that shine here. Branch has gone on to become quite a commodity. Her artwork has been made into stickers and other fare for the scrapbook crowd. The Summer Book will make you long for the lazy, hazy days of summer evoking images of long evenings spent sitting on the back porch, batting the fireflies away, and whipping fresh-made peach ice cream drips from the chin. (Okay, so I've never actually done that but I can imagine what it is like...)

Pam says

This book has plenty of delicious summertime recipes using fresh produce and little cooking. The wonderful illustrations really liven up the text and remind you to have fun-its summertime! Summer cooking is a category that is too often over looked by chefs and book publishers. In the summer I want lots of fresh produce and I want to keep the heat out of the kitchen so I want to grill out or have plenty of recipes requiring little to no cooking. I just wish this cookbook was a bit longer with more recipes to choose from.

Greta Ostrovitz says

The best book ever on summer - it is summer personified

Victoria Miller says

This is THE Summer Book! "Here Comes Summer...."The easeful days, the dreamless nights; The homely round of plain delights; The calm, unambitioned mine, The simple stuff of summer time.'" ~ After Austin Dobson. So it begins, in Susan Branch's lovely hand painted print, with a woman in a big hat facing the beach. Then, it's just a feast for the eyes and tummy as it goes on with delightful illustrations, bits of verse, recipes for every summer occasion from picnics, to beach cookouts, to the 'Simple but Elegant Midnight Supper', to a tea party, to the most correct 'bologna' sandwich, perfect if you can find a Roy Rogers movie to go with it. "A picnic is a state of mind and can be made anywhere." And on the opposite page, a quote from Auden. This is a book to relish and cherish throughout the summer. Did you know there's a drink, 'Skip and Go Naked'? Also, this is where I first heard of Jell-o Shooters. Oh, those party folk on the Vineyard! I've had this book for years, and it accompanies me through every summer. And, even as I mourn the end of summer, I am cheered when I replace it on the bookshelf, because there is The Autumn Book, and the ever beloved The Heart of the Home. Susan Branch. Don't try to create a home without her! (And these books are never 'finished' ~ they are friends!)

Aleta Holmes says

THIS was my first Susan Branch book and I instantly and completely fell in love with Susan Branch's style! I feel like a kindred friend of hers, and this book made me want to own all of her books!

Jane says

Once again, Branch's work is difficult to read because of the font style choice and size. It did have 2 recipes that I will try, though. One is for cantaloupe soup which I believe will be perfect on a hot summer day and the other is for fresh strawberry ice cream.

Sherrie Collins says

This is my all-time favorite book. I have used this book since I got married 18 years ago to cook some of my family's favorites. I read it at the beginning of every summer to "get in the mood" for the season. This book basically taught me how to cook!

Angie Harris says

Summer Perfection From Our Sweet Sue! I Love This Book! xoxo Poof! •*~*~*~•♥

Maria M says

Love this book. It's displayed on my kitchen counter all season long and I regularly refer to it for refreshing Summer recipes and entertaining ideas. Susan Branch's artwork will have you yearning for Summer (even when it's not) and everything that comes along with the warmer months.

Sandy says

I honestly can't read these fast enough. Unfortunately the library doesn't carry all of her books.

Laura Bang says

Reading A Fine Romance: Falling in Love with the English Countryside made me go out and buy all of Branch's other books — I just love her style! This one has lots of summery recipes (way too much seafood for my tastes!) & some fun ideas for parties and decorating.

Marci says

I have long been a true fan of Susan Branch. Years ago I saw her on an early-morning show, one of those with cooking and gardening and the like. The home-cooked dishes Susan prepared that morning looked and

sounded so delicious that I did a little research on her and found out not only was she a purveyor of yummy, down-home meals but she was a folk artist and a quilt maker and a gardener--a true renaissance woman. I have purchased a few of her cookbook's now, which are not just cookbooks at all since she also includes stories from her life, ideas to make life enjoyable, gardening tips, and more. She illustrates each page with the most charming watercolor pictures. Reading a Susan Branch book reminds me that life is to be enjoyed, and that indulging yourself in the beauties of life, from music to art to being with family and friends, is essential to well-being. So make this summer count--the memories will last a lifetime.

Jill says

3 Stars ??????

Nikki says

Summer is my favorite season so every year since this book came out I have devoured it. It is a slice of summer to such a point that if in the middle of the doldrums of winter I need a little pick me up - this is the book that does it for me.

Susan Branch's art is accessible, homespun, adorable, charming - there aren't enough quietly twee words to describe it. She has a unique style all her own but reminiscent of Beatrix Potter.

I don't usually like cookbooks without photos but in her cookbooks - the charming illustrations and homey way she communicates is like reading a beautiful letter from a dear friend. You keep it and want to read it again and again.

A cookbook's worth is in its recipes and Susan never disappoints. I have made many of the recipes in this book but my favorite is the Baked Tomato Salad which is a revelation!

I know that Susan's favorite season is actually Autumn (her book I will be reading next!) but for me this summer book is everything. Truly I could not pick a favorite of her books though I'd be willing to challenge her to please write SPRING! (She has Christmas/Winter covered, Autumn and Summer - where is Spring?)

Here blog is addictive - its what a GREAT blog should be. Check it out here:[Susan Branch's Blog](#)

Linda says

Of course I love this book. Susan Branch's charming illustrations and stories and recipes are just the right mix for summer fun! A peek into the world of Susan Branch would bring a smile to anyone's heart.
