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A delight for fans of Fluke's "New York Times"-bestselling series and for foodies everywhere, this beautifully packaged volume combines the most mouthwatering Hannah Swensen recipes along with new recipes and charming vignettes featuring favorite Lake Eden characters.

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## **From Reader Review Joanne Fluke's Lake Eden Cookbook: Hannah Swensen's Recipes from the Cookie Jar for online ebook**

### **April says**

JOANNE FLUKE'S LAKE EDEN COOKBOOK: HANNAH SWENSEN'S RECEIPES FROM THE COOKIE JAR by Joanne Fluke is an interesting mystery/fiction featuring Lake Eden characters and a collection of mouthwatering receipes. What a charming idean to mix the characters of Lake Eden with a collection of delicious receipes. This is more that a cookbook it is also a visit with the friends of Lake Eden. If you have never read,which I have not, this is a fun way for an introduction to the "Hannah Swensen" series and it has dozens of recipes as a bonus. A must have book for not only the stories within but for the recipes. A keeper. Received for review from the publisher. Details can be found at Kensington Books, an imprint of Kensington Publishing and My Book Addiction Reviews.

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### **Romancing the Book says**

Review by Valerie: You are invited to Delores Swensen's 4th Annual Christmas Cookie Exchange Luncheon! Wow! We, at Romancing-the-Book, have a special treat for one of our followers. You can win your very own advanced paperback proof of this fantastic cookbook! Not only does Joanne Fluke include lots of comments by Hannah to help you along, but you also have a storyline that flows smoothly between the recipe sections. To start off this event, would you like to try a Razzle Dazzle Champagne Cocktail (real or faux)? Yes, the recipe is included for both, as well as recipes for lots of other cookies from chicken salad to black forest brownies. What a wonderful addition to anyone's cookbook collection, but a special one for readers of the Lake Eden Community!

Quote: "Almost everyone mother invited wants me to bring some type of recipe." Page 4

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### **Donna says**

I've made about ten recipes from this book and they've all been excellent. I used to keep the Hannah Swensen books after I read them so that I could reference the recipes. Then I bought this one and -ta dah - more shelf space and recipes in one convenient spot. If you're not an experienced baker, 'Hannah's' comments make things much simpler and easy to follow.

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### **Amy Lignor says**

This is a Holiday treat that you will not forget!

The title of this gem says it all - and not only will you want to read it immediately, you will also want to head to the grocery store and buy ALL the ingredients in all of these fantastic recipes and sit down and eat every single one.

Ms. Fluke is a best-selling mystery writer who writes with a flair for food. In this, her newest novel, there are no mysteries to solve but, a whole lot of wonderful recipes for the holidays (and all other days) featuring the characters from her previous books.

Hannah's hometown of Lake Eden, Minnesota, looks like a winter wonderland. Main Street is flush with Christmas Decorations and there is yet another storm on the way. (As a Connecticut Yankee, I could almost feel the chill). Hannah's mother, Delores Swensen, is celebrating her annual Holiday Cookie Exchange at the local Community Center, and the party is being catered by Hannah's shop, The Cookie Jar. The Swenson family and friends, who are referred to as "The Lake Eden Gossip Hotline," are headed up by Delores. And as the 'Queen' of the hotline, she has brought everyone together for this amazing food fest.

This book is like a family Christmas where each character sits down to share their stories of the town and the people who populate it - as they eat and eat and eat. You sit and read this one and think back to your grandparents and how your whole family sat around and talked about life, family, and the love they had for each other. Unfortunately, the world changes and people are lost, but Ms. Fluke has done an outstanding job by allowing all readers to bring their loved ones 'back home.' The memories that this incredible story creates are truly perfect for the holidays! Not only that, but all readers will die for the amazing recipes from "The Cookie Jar." I predict a whole lot of baking is going to occur in the near future.

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### **Lisa says**

I'll be honest: as much as I have wanted and tried to be, I am not a fan of Hannah's for numerous reasons. However, I am a huge fan of the recipes Mrs. Fluke includes in her books, so I bought it for that reason alone. I've already made Hannah's Chicken Salad (a variation of Norman's Egg Salad that is not detailed in this book). It is excellent (as is the egg salad)!!! I found the mixture was a bit dry, though, so I increased the mayo, cream cheese, and sour cream by 1/3 of the amounts initially listed. I will definitely be making it again. I've made several of the recipes (or their original version as in the case of the Whippersnappers). It would have been nice if the original recipe (in addition to the new variation) was listed. And, the Red Velvet Cookies are faves of my sister and nephew. I was able to identify several more recipes I'd like to try in the future. Also, since this is a cookbook, it would have been helpful if the book were in "cookbook format" rather than novel format (i.e., lie flat when open). As for the story, I found it unnecessary; by page three, I was reminded why I can't stand Hannah. I would have preferred the story be in one spot rather than scattered throughout the book. And, as a "non-cook," I was a bit put off by the stories of flubs by novice cooks in the book. At least they tried to cook. Still, great as many of the recipes typically turn out to be, I'd buy the next volume detailing further recipes.

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### **Jennifer says**

Fun cook book with a collection of recipes from Hannah Swensen murder mysteries. A short stories weaves the recipes together.

## Julie Barrett says

JOANNE FLUKE'S LAKE EDEN COOKBOOK by Joanne Fluke

Love Joanne Fluke books and just thought this would be a recipe book but I was wrong. There is a story in there

about the cookie swap they have. It's easy to keep track of everybody over the years and I love these series.

Book also includes a hard copy of a recipe along with all the recipes from the Cookie Jar which Hannah runs in Lake Eden.

Love how the recipes give you not only tips on how to make them but other most useful tips on brands, measurements and how to serve-hot or cold and anything else she feels might be needed. I can't wait to try some of the ones in this book.

Love hand drawn pictures of different vegetables, dishes, etc. I wish this book was spiral bound so the print would be bigger and it'd fit on my recipe holder better.

Can't wait to make the Angel Kiss Cookies. Love the tip about the size of baking pans!

Loved hearing all the stories they shared while feasting at the cookie swap. The stories brought a smile to my face!

Love end result of the charity.

I received this book from The Kennsington Books in exchange for my honest review

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## Jessica says

Joanne Fluke's Lake Eden Cookbook

This is my first time reviewing a cookbook and I couldn't do it without actually trying out some of the recipes first. This cookbook is mostly sweets and makes a lot so it would be great to do for group gatherings. In the index they do have them divided by types (appetizers, bar cookies, beverages, Bread & Muffins, Cakes & Cupcakes, candy, cookies, frostings & icings, other sweet treats, pies, quick and/or easy meals, salads, soups, and substitutions for some ingredients) and alphabetized. While this is titled a cookbook it does have a little story going on. It has sketches but no pictures.

Now, if you are, like me, trying to lose weight, this is NOT the cookbook for you. If you are looking to do more on the baking side of things and have a lot of get together's, this is the book for you. I especially like all the notes that the recipes have. It seems to make it more personal. Now I didn't try all of the recipes but the ones that I did try were very good. I'll have to try them again and post pictures of them at a later time. I would recommend this book to bakers, Joanne Fluke fans and anyone who likes cookbooks. I would actually give this book a 4.5 out of 5.

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## Nancy Narma says

If you love, love, love Joanne Fluke and the Hannah Swensen adventures in and out of her bakery/café; "The Cookie Jar" and have many times regretted that you didn't jot down a tempting recipe from one of her books...Regret no longer!! Your wishes have been answered with "The Lake Eden Cookbook". Besides tried and true collected recipes

from approximately nine editions, this cookbook encompasses much, much more! You will find so much to enjoy and use; from snippets from some of her beloved books, baking tips, notes by Hannah, Lisa and even

Grandma Knudsen, in addition to the mountain of recipes for mouth-watering goodies from appetizers and easy one dish meals to muffins, pies, cakes and of course, cookies, and beyond. I'm enthralled by the no-bake cookies at the moment and intend to make "Norwegian Chocolate Pizza" among others, as soon as the weather cools around our corner of Northeastern Pa. You will love this collection and it will be a wonderful addition to your cookbook shelf—one you will refer to time and time again..I know I will!

Nancy Narma  
Kensington ARC

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### **J.H. Moncrieff says**

When I first got this cookbook, I remember being quite disappointed because the majority of the recipes had been in Fluke's books. It was my impression that this was a new cookbook, so I think it should have been made clear (in the subtitle, if nothing else) that these were reprints.

As I reread it, I realized it was good to have a lot of her recipes in one place (although most of my favorites from her books were not included--another disappointment), and the little continuing story is cute.

I just enjoy reading her recipes, and for people who don't have all of her books, this may be a great resource. Then again, why would you buy this book if you weren't already a fan?

Some photos would have been nice, since this is a cookbook, after all.

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### **Barb says**

This is a cook book. I bought this book and started reading this series because we had an abundance of rhubarb in our garden last year. My friend gave me a recipe for a rhubarb custard cake that her mom has made for years. She said that Joanne Fluke, the author of this and the Hannah Swensen Mysteries, did a shout-out for rhubarb recipes for this book. My friend said that her mom sent in this recipe and it was included in the Lake Eden Cookbook. I really liked the recipe (although my friend's mom uses a white cake mix and Joanne Fluke changed it to a lemon), so I decided to get the cookbook. Because I got the cookbook, I decided I ought to read a least one of her books. I think I've read five or six of them now. Each of the books has several recipes in it. Many of them are included in this cookbook. I like the ones I've tried thus far.

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### **Lisa Ks Book Reviews says**

Being a fan of the Hannah Swensen Mysteries, and having a love of cookbooks, the JOANNE FLUKE'S LAKE EDEN COOKBOOK was a must have for me. Every time I read a Hannah Swensen book, I practically drool over the recipes. Having them all in one book is a dream come true. (The amount of cookie recipes alone . . . amazing!) Plus there are new recipes that at the time this book was published had never been in any of the mysteries.

If you're looking for a cookbook with big, beautiful, glossy photos, you won't find them with this book. What you will find is a delightful book with the feel of a personal recipe book. Think along the lines of the

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old timey church cookbooks. Even the pages themselves (paper) reminds me of those treasured books.

You do not have to be a fan of the Hannah Swensen mysteries to love, and enjoy this cookbook. That being said, along with the recipes, and helpful tips, Joanne Fluke has written within the book, a short Hannah Swenson story (murder and mystery free), that is a good way to learn a little bit about the characters. It takes place during a cookie exchange with the ladies of Lake Eden. Everyone wants Hannah's wonderful recipes, so she gives each lady a book of their own. They exchange fun stories based around the recipes, and each story leads to the next chapter of this wonderful cookbook.

Between the covers of this book, you'll find chapters such as . . . Bar Cookies, Breads & Muffins, Cakes & Cupcakes, Candy, Quick and/or Easy Meals, just to name a few, filled with recipes like . . . Chocolate Overload Cookie Bars, Mango Bread, Rhubarb Custard Cake, Jamaican Rum Balls, Cashew Crisps, Desperation Cookies, Neverfail Fudge Frosting, Apricot Bread Pudding, Salmon Cakes with Dill Sauce, Shrimp Bisque, and so many, many more. You'll even learn how to make your own Brown Sugar, and Powdered Sugar!

Joanne Fluke's Lake Eden Cookbook: Hannah Swensen's Recipes from The Cookie Jar is a wonderful addition to any cookbook collection, and a must have for culinary cozy mystery fans!

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### **Peggy says**

This book is more recipes than story. It has recipes from former books as well but the new recipes are flagged so if you are a collector you can skip over these and look at the new ones.

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### **Erin says**

Yes, I gave it 5 stars because I did not expect a story, I expected the recipes.

It was actually quite surprise to find that there was a story at all.

Having said that, I was highly disappointed with the story. As a story teller, I feel Joanne reached her limit a while back. Every time I read one of her books I'm grating my teeth as it very much bothers me. The dialogue feels very.... forced. Every time someone speaks to Hannah, it is Hannah explaining something and them responding with something along the lines of "Well that makes so much sense." Which actually reads more like "Oh Hannah, you are so smart. You are the only smart person in the town, how clever of you." Other than when it comes to her cellphone. Then she is treated like the biggest idiot in the town. (Though in truth she pretty much is since she never charges it.)

Putting the rest behind a spoiler mark, even though there wasn't any plot in this one to spoil. It does speak to the Norman/Mike/Hannah triangle.

(view spoiler)

I will continue to read the books, but man... it is getting harder and harder. If it weren't for the fact that I've gotten some really good recipes (but some of the other recipes in the books make me gag at the thought).. I would have stopped reading by now.

I will most likely buy this recipe book as it does contain most of the recipes in one nice neat format.

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### **Mary Rose says**

Yummy but some recipes were missing

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