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8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Exactly What the Title ImpliesBy Shelia PopwellSome reviewers have expressed disappointment in this little book, but I'm glad I decided to buy it in spite of the negative comments. If you've ever smiled with delight when you found a handwritten recipe or clipping tucked away in a used book -- and speculated about how it came to be saved and then lost -- you'll enjoy this collection in exactly the same way. No lofty aims here, no major lost recipes rediscovered, just a sort of gentle, "Oh, look here at what I found between the pages." In most cases there's a picture of the original clipping and of the book in which it was found along with the transcription. For recipes with missing or unreadable pieces, Popek found someone to try out the dish and report on the results. If your curiosity is intrigued by the very IDEA of this odd little book, you'll be pleased that you gave in and ordered it.8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Sheafs of delightful recipes extracted from interleafsBy evaBIs there anything better than something "found" in between the pages of a book? This is a collection of serendipitous recipes from cooks you will never know. So in a way this anthology is the antithesis of a "reality show" that is more real than a Nigella. How can you resist a noodle pudding that is culled from the interleaf of Barbara

Cartland's Wild Unwilling Wife (page 65). Or Blonde Brownies from Motherless Brooklyn? Read the book. Bake the bread. Be your own star knowing that anonymous, faceless, not Facebook others, have recorded their savouring and it is your fortune to be tempted by them through this delightful book.<sup>3</sup> of 3 people found the following review helpful. What a Great Idea!By A ReynoldsEven if you don't cook, this is a wonderful peek into other people's lives. The premise: you buy a used book, get it home, and find a recipe stuck inside it somewhere. Maybe it was used as a bookmark and forgotten in time."Handwritten Recipes" is an actual collection of those recipes, with pictures of the original, handwritten (or typed) recipes along with the books they were found in. Throughout the book, Michael Popek (who states he isn't a cook and doesn't even play one on T.V.) has plucked out certain recipes and sent them along to foodie bloggers for their take on the recipe and how they tweaked it. Really great stuff.I can't wait to try a couple of these recipes.

Leaf through your cookbooks, and you're likely to find a bit of paper with a recipe written in a familiar (or not-so-familiar) hand. It could be a family secret finally divulged, a scribbled interpretation of something seen on TV, even a culinary experiment long since forgotten. What happens to these recipes when the books are passed on? By day, Michael Popek works in his family's used bookstore. By night, he's the voyeuristic force behind the websites ForgottenBookmarks and HandwrittenRecipes, where he shares the weird, wonderful objects he has found among the stacks at his store. Handwritten Recipes is a treasury of Michael's most fascinating found recipes. You'll find classic Americana like pies and casseroles alongside ethnic mainstays such as Italian cookies, springerle, and German dumplings. Some are perfectly clear and complete, while others leave crucial elements—like cooking times and ingredient measurements—to the reader's imagination. You can venture to try any recipe, or just enjoy Popek's findings as a time capsule from kitchens of generations gone by.

"A fascinating, entertaining scrapbook of treasures discovered from within the pages of used books."