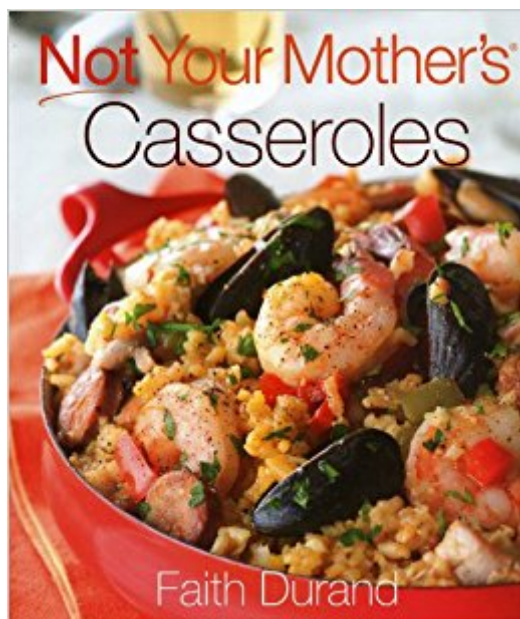


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# Not Your Mother's Casseroles (NYM Series)



## Synopsis

Simple, fresh, wholesome, and delicious, these one-dish meals fit the way we eat and live today. Author Faith Durand opens up a whole new world of casserole cookery, with more than 200 recipes to suit every taste and lifestyle. ã ã Generations of home cooks have turned to the casserole when in need of a quick and easy dinner. These assemble-and-bake meals recall memories of canned vegetables, boxed cheese, and condensed soups. No more! In Faith Durand's new book, you will find more than 200 recipes that bring together the simplicity of the one-pot meal with fresh and healthy ingredients to create casseroles that are decidedly "not your mother's." ã ã Not Your Mother's Casseroles is organized into chapters including Breakfast, Starters and Spreads, Vegetarian Casseroles, Pastas and Grains, and Desserts. In addition to inspired recipes such as Lemon Brioche French Toast, Spicy Butternut Squash, and Strata with Bacon, Durand has included modern interpretations of classics like Green Bean Casserole and Hearty Lasagna with Sausage. Also featuring vegan recipes and gluten-free offerings, Not Your Mother's Casseroles will suit any dietary preference.

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## Customer Reviews

With a light tone and lightened-up recipes, Durand delivers the sort of book fans of the Not Your Mother's series expect: practical, user-friendly, and filled with plenty of everyday recipes for one-dish oven-baked meals. The author acknowledges casseroles' fuddy-duddy reputation, then proceeds to challenge it with ideas for everything from breakfast (breakfast brown rice with

blueberries and almonds) to dessert (rhubarb-lavender oat crisp). In between are the bulk of recipes, perfect for weeknight dinners. Though some recipes actually are reminiscent of "your mother's" casseroles, such as a tortilla chicken casserole, many feel fresh and contemporary: tomato, arugula, and mushroom casserole; beet gratin with goat cheese and greens; roasted autumn vegetables with parmesan and sage; cinnamon lamb orzo bake. Because, as the author notes, "even the most complete casserole needs at least one complementary dish to round it out into a meal," she helpfully concludes with a "While it bakes" chapter of quick and healthy salads, soups, and breads, including a winter salad with fennel, cabbage, and citrus that will strike the right crisp balance with even the heartiest of traditional casseroles. (Jan.) (c) Copyright PWxyz, LLC. All rights reserved.

By day, Ohio native Faith is executive editor of The Kitchn ([thekitchn.com](http://thekitchn.com)), a popular home cooking and kitchen design blog (sister site to Apartment Therapy) that receives 6 million readers a month and is an active, warm community for home cooks. And by night, Faith writes cookbooks. Her latest, *Bakeless Sweets: Pudding, Panna Cotta, Fluff, Icebox Cake, and More No-Bake Desserts*, is a bright and modern celebration of the classic puddings, icebox cakes, and no-bake desserts she's so crazy about. Faith has also contributed to *O Magazine*, *Vegetarian Times*, and *Reader's Digest*, and her work has appeared in the *Chicago Tribune*, *New Haven Register*, *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*, and *The Columbus Dispatch*, among many other newspapers. She lives in Columbus, Ohio, with her husband Mike, a house under permanent renovation, and an ever-growing collection of whisks.

I really wanted to like this book, but I've found it contains multiple errors. Cook times are off on so many recipes, I actually bought an oven thermometer because I thought my oven might be off. It wasn't. Tonight was the last straw. One recipe called for 3/4 cup of cream, then you are to add 2 tablespoons of it to 12 ramekins. 24 tablespoons is 1 1/2 cups, so now I'm wondering which instruction was right. Boo! Grocery shopping, cooking and washing up takes too much effort for recipes that are carelessly wrong.

This is one of my all-time favorite cookbooks. I have used it for pot lucks, for friends who are recuperating from illness, and for my own family. Every recipe is absolutely delicious! The flavors burst and unlike most other recipes, I rarely have to add extra seasonings. Even though all the recipes are "from scratch", most are not too complicated and take a minimal amount of effort. I highly recommend this book to anyone wanting to have easy one-pot meals that will surprise and

impress others! I even use it for a Vegetarian gathering, as it has such a wide variety of recipes.

I love to read cookbooks, and enjoy Faith Durand's writing and recipes regularly on TheKitchn.com. Here, the warm comforts of a casserole are presented with real, nourishing food, cooked cozily in the oven without a single can of creamy soup. Quality, well-developed recipes worth trying and adding to the family rotation, though the book is a simple paperback and resists sitting open on the counter. I'm happy with the content, and the tasty results, just not the presentation.

I just received this book from , and I'll try to come back and add more comments as I try a few more recipes, but I just had to speak up to counter Mr. Protein who was so very disappointed with his purchase. If you're looking for Salty Meat Goop With Crunch On Top (usually including a can of Cream O' Campbell's), this is likely not your book. However, if you're looking for comfort food to stretch your culinary repertoire while still pleasing your family's palate; or if you'd like to do more cooking with healthful ingredients, would like to know what exactly to do with some of the less mainstream veggies at your grocery store, or love the simplicity of one-dish meals on busy nights-- check it out. So far, all I've made is the Asian Cabbage Rolls with Spicy Pork-- but this healthy riff on the Chinese friend dumplings that we (guiltily) adore was immediately filed in the "make this again SOON" category, and it's definitely whetted my appetite to try more. I'm also particularly excited to have this on my shelf because of my familiarity with Ms. Durand's reputation and engaging work as the managing editor at thekitchn.com. I don't buy cookbooks often, but this one looks to be well worth the money and shelf space.

I checked this book out from the library and liked it so much I bought it. I generally check books out, copy the recipes that I like, and return it. With this book, I liked so many recipes that I actually bought it. We really like casseroles in our family because it is a good way for us to incorporate veggies into our diets. None of us in our family are huge fans of separate meat, starch, veggies kind of meals. This book offers some really interesting new twists on casseroles. The casseroles aren't run of the mill, but they also aren't so weird that they seem unappetizing. I highly recommend!!

I have checked this book out from the library 4 times, so I finally just bought it. I've made around 10 of these casseroles and all of them have been fantastic!

Love. Everything I've made so far a hit. Would ideally love to have nutritional information and

approximately preparation time listed.

This cookbook is a fantastic resource for updated, modern casseroles recipes. I grew up eating dense, cheesy casseroles made with cream-of-something soup. While I love the convenience of casseroles, I stopped eating them when I started cooking for myself. I prefer fresh, simple food and I feel like this cookbook was written for me. There aren't a lot of shortcuts (like canned soups), but many of the recipes can be put together quickly. This book has been a great resource for weeknight cooking. I've been using it at least once a week. The chapter on breakfast casseroles is particularly good. The recipes for baked oatmeal are fantastic. As with the other sections, the chapter contains a mix of updated favorites and new and interesting casseroles. I also appreciate that the book includes a lot of vegetable and grain-based casseroles. There are lots of great recipes for vegetarians, and many of the casseroles are healthy and light. I can find healthy weeknight meals as well as heartier special occasion dishes. Finally, the recipes are well-written, clear, and easy to follow. The author's warm and personal tone comes through in the brief introductions to each recipe. This cookbook is a pleasure to read and to cook from. I highly recommend it!

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