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In her *New York Times* bestseller *Everyday Italian*, Giada De Laurentiis introduced us to the simple, fresh flavors of her native Italian cuisine. Now, America's favorite Italian cook is back with a new batch of simple, delicious recipes geared toward family meals—Italian style.

These unpretentious and delicious meals are at the center of some of Giada's warmest memories of sitting around the table with her family, passing bowls of wonderful food, and laughing over old times. Recipes for soups like Escarole and Bean and hearty sandwiches such as the classic Italian Muffuletta make casual, easy suppers, while one-pot dinners like Giada's Chicken Vesuvio and Veal Stew with Cipollini Onions are just as simple but elegant enough for company. You'll also find recipes for holiday favorites you'll be tempted to make all year round, including Easter Pie, Turkey and Ciabatta Stuffing with Chestnuts and Pancetta, and Panettone Bread Pudding with Amaretto Sauce.

Giada's Family Dinners celebrates the fun of family meals with photographs of Giada's real-life family and friends as well as the wonderful dishes she shares with them in her kitchen. Suggested menus help you put together a family-style meal for any occasion, from informal to festive.

The heart of Italian cooking is the home, and *Giada's Family Dinners*—full of fantastic recipes that require a minimum of fuss to prepare—invites you to treat everyone like a member of the family.

Nothing is more important than family. Bring yours to the table with Giada's unpretentious, authentic, down-home Italian cooking!

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- EVERYDAY FAMILY ENTREES
- THE ITALIAN GRILL
- FAMILY-STYLE PASTA
- FAMILY-STYLE GET-TOGETHERS
- ITALIAN FAMILY FEASTS
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Marytes says

I love to cook and this book makes it easy, uncomplicated and fun to create beautiful and delicious meals. However, I was a little disappointed in this book because I would like to see more photos of food, in various stages of preparation.
Too many photos of Giada herself.

Robin says

I love Giada. Not only is she beautiful, she seems like the girlfriend you've always wanted. You want to sit at her counter with a glass of wine and talk girltalk as she teaches you to cook. Her recipes are well written, easy to follow and most of all delicious! The joy she exudes in life flows into the recipes she's created.

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nice book

Lori says

I learned a few more easy to prepare and tasty recipes. The entrees and desserts did not totally rev me up (although there were a few that sounded pretty good). Some of the sandwiches and grilled foods, however, made it into my kitchen rotation quickly and were quite nice!

The recipes are not intimidating and the ingredients are those that you would have already or could easily find. This will be more of a fall/winter selection for me, when I crave that home-cooked Italian food in all its stomach satisfying glory.

Lucia Alexandria says

Giada has provided good recipes that while they show a strong American influence are still based on Italian classics. The recipes are not difficult and you will end up with good flavors in each dish. Haven't tried them all yet but would recommend all so far. If you love Italian food and didn't have an Italian nonna to teach you, I recommend you start off with this and Giada's Everyday Pasta. You'll never look back!

Tracy says

Yummy!!!

Nicole (Reading Books With Coffee) says

This was another cookbook I checked out from the library, and like Everyday Italian, I didn't get a chance to make everything I wanted to.

This one was geared more towards family dinners and entertaining, so the servings were slightly bigger than they were in Everyday Italian. Like Everyday Italian, there were a lot of fresh herbs and veggies, and were pretty simple.

The only complaint I had was that a couple of the ingredients were what I considered to be expensive. Example: Fontina Cheese. I first looked at the cheese section, and found a little block of it for like, \$10, but found a different brand of it in the deli section for around half that price. I like cheese and all but \$10 for a little block of cheese...it's not my thing. Overall, though, I did like it, and it's something that I plan to buy at some point.

It was easy to follow, organized well, and had some good recipes in it.

Rating: 3.5 out of 5 because it's geared towards groups, and I'm cooking for one.

Viriam says

definately a celebrity cookbook. Notwithstanding, it has some great recipes in it.

Heather says

This book was a slight disappointment. I found that I had already come across most of the better recipes in this book from the Food Network website. Many of the new dishes I tried came out bland, though I did fall in love with the simple marinara sauce recipe. It takes about 15 minutes to prepare and comes in handy for anything from pizza to spaghetti and meatballs, or as a base sauce for manicotti or lasagna.

Emmalee Sourisa says

Cool !

Sandra says

I particularly like the dessert section. Today I made the Apricot Crostata on page 234. The instructions were clear and it turned out beautifully. Now, how does it taste? Tomorrow we serve it to guests after dinner.

Here's hoping!

I may need to buy this book.

Terri says

a follow-up to her everyday italian success, this one is also wonderful. simple, fresh ingredients and easy to follow recipes. my sister's favourite is grilled lettucces.

if you feel you have plenty of her recipes in the first book and via foodnetwork.com, i don't think you would miss much not having this one too.

Deborah says

I love this cookbook for the Italian sides. Try the broccoli florets with meyer lemon olive oil. I couldn't find meyer lemon oil, so I used blood orange infused olive oil and it was amazing. Try the same trick with spinach! Another autumnal fave is the roasted fennel with parmesan--after roasting the fennel add it as a topper to a salad. Very dramatic! They present it like this at the Martha Washington Inn in Abingdon, Va...

Tori Weinstock says

Lacks imagination and is rather boring.

Ann Pietrangelo says

Giada's recipes have inspired me to experiment and have fun with cooking Italian!

If you love Italian cooking, but don't think you have the talent, think again. "Giada's Family Dinners" will raise your confidence level as soon as you open the book.

The beautiful photos and the easy-to-follow instructions make this a book a must-have for every cook who aspires to Italian cooking. It makes a great gift, too!
