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Cookbooks: Dessert Recipes

These cookbooks focus on desserts, sweet treats, and baking. To order any of these titles, contact the library by email, phone, mail, in person, or order through our [online catalog](#). Most titles can be [downloaded from BARD](#).

The Cake Bible by Rose Levy Beranbaum

Read by Kerry Dukin

23 hours, 57 minutes

Recipes ranging from foolproof attempts for the beginner to creations that would impress a professional baker. Ingredients are listed by volume and weight measures, eliminating the need for conversion. Instructions include tips on "understanding," where there may be questions about substitutions or why one ingredient works better than another. Some recipes feature ingredients for the health-conscious and ideas for leftovers.

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Spago Desserts by Mary Bergin

3 volumes of braille

Recipes for making all types of desserts served at Los Angeles's award-winning Spago restaurant. Includes recipes for chocolate cakes, white cakes, cheesecakes, pastry shells, pies and tarts, puff pastry and phyllo, brioche, brownies, muffins, pound cakes, truffles, candied fruit, cooked fruits, cookies, biscotti, shortcakes, and frozen desserts.

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Baking with Mary Berry by Mary Berry

Read by Marsha Rehns

4 hours, 36 minutes

Collection of recipes and techniques for baking by one of the judges of PBS's The Great British Baking Show. Recipes are categorized into breakfast goods; cakes, cupcakes, and pastries; cookies, bars, and brownies; pies, tarts, and cobblers; British favorites; and special-occasion desserts. 2015

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Gluten-Free Christmas Cookies by Ellen Brown

Read by Sue Ketelsen

3 hours, 40 minutes

125 Christmas treats which are made without flour. Includes cookies, brownies, meringues, macaroons and candies like fudge, pralines and truffles.

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The Cake Mix Doctor by Anne Byrn

Read by Patricia McDermott.

17 hours, 22 minutes

Byrn takes the best of what a prepared cake mix offers and adds various ingredients--such as eggs, butter, chocolate, and nuts--to create over 150 different desserts. She includes "cake doctor" hints throughout, with tips on such things as toasting nuts and packing cakes for shipping. 1999.

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Chocolate from the Cake Mix Doctor by Anne Byrn

Read by Kerry Cundiff

14 hours, 52 minutes

Author of The Cake Mix Doctor (RC 52035) turns her attention to chocolate. Starting with a supermarket-packaged cake mix, Byrn offers 150 easy recipes for deep, dark, delicious cakes from devil's food to the Tunnel of Fudge. 2001.

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Teens Cook Dessert by Megan Carle

2 volumes of braille

The sisters who wrote Teens Cook (BR 16086) expand their repertoire to the dessert course. Step-by-step guide to making cookies, pies, cakes, puddings, and both simple and fancy holiday treats. Recipes include triple chocolate biscotti, fresh berry pie, and chocolate eclairs. For junior and senior high and older readers. 2006.

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Cake Keeper Cakes: 100 Simple Recipes for Extraordinary Bundt Cakes, Pound Cakes, Snacking Cakes, and Other Good-to-the-Last-Crumb Treats by Lauren Chattman

Read by Kerry Dukin

6 hours, 15 minutes

Pastry chef's introduction covers equipment, ingredients, and techniques for quality cake baking. Recipes provide step-by-step directions for preparing and storing moist, unadorned cakes for everyday eating using foods and flavors from around the world. Includes espresso-hazelnut bundt cake, pineapple and toasted coconut cake, and chocolate gingerbread. 2009.

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Cookies For Christmas by Jennifer Darling

Read by Kerry Cundiff

7 hours, 42 minutes

Collection of more than one hundred Christmas cookie recipes from the Better Homes and Gardens test kitchen. Includes cutout, shaped, sliced, dropped, and bar cookies that feature old world favorites and new cookie ideas with a flavor twist. 1999.

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Death By Chocolate the Last Word on a Consuming Passion by Marcel Desaulniers

2 volumes of braille

Chef of the Trellis Restaurant in Colonial Williamsburg reveals recipes for his famous desserts. Desaulniers's instructions, appropriate for home kitchens, include his version of standards such as brownies and chocolate chip cookies, as well as recipes that may cause "chocolate dementia." The author adds "bits and pieces of information about chocolate" and accompanies most recipes with "the chef's touch."

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Mrs. Fields Cookie Book 100 Recipes from the Kitchen of Mrs. Fields by Debbi Fields

Read by Jill Ferris

4 hours, 46 minutes

The author, famous for her international cookie business, provides recipes to be made at home. Aimed at casual as well as avid bakers, the collection includes dropped, fancy, filled, and bar cookies. It also offers other special treats such as cheesecake and apple pie.

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Maida Hatter's Brand-New Book of Great Cookies by Maida Hatter

Read by Jill Ferris

8 hours, 8 minutes

More than eighty cookie recipes and general tips on cookie making from an award-winning dessert-book author. Her selections include bar, drop, icebox, and rolling-pin cookies and biscotti.

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Bake and Make Amazing Cookies by Elizabeth MacLeod

Read by Kerry Cundiff

1 hours, 22 minutes

Step-by-step recipes for thirty-two kinds of cookies, squares, and treats. Includes holiday and seasonal specials as well as choices for gifts and just-for-fun eating. Includes a list of ingredients and numbered instructions for making and baking. For grades 4-7. 2004.

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Alice Medrich's Cookies and Brownies by Alice Medrich

1 volume of braille

The author of *Chocolate and the Art of Low-fat Desserts* (BR 10421) now provides recipes for shortbread, butter cookies, chocolate cookies, cookie classics, biscotti, brownies, and bars. She also instructs on techniques for decorating cookies and making sandwich cookies, and discusses ingredients and equipment. 1999.

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Chocolate Holidays: Unforgettable Desserts for Every Season by Alice Medrich

Read by Barbara Pinolini

4 hours, 22 minutes

Triple winner of the Cookbook of the Year award presents more than fifty recipes for chocolate desserts, for each holiday of the year and special occasions. Designed to follow the calendar, the recipes include chocolate pecan pie, breakfast Valentines, Passover brownies, chocolate Easter baskets, and chocolate-dipped strawberries. 2001.

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**The Big Book of Diabetic Desserts: Decadent and Delicious Recipes
Perfect for People with Diabetes by Jackie Mills**

Read by Kerry Cundiff

7 hours, 55 minutes

Dietitian offers suggestions for using the right types and amounts of sugar and fat to create a variety of satisfying desserts that stay within the carbohydrate and calorie targets of those living with diabetes. Includes recipes for cakes, cookies, pies, puddings, fruit dishes, frozen treats, and other sweet-tooth delicacies. 2007.

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**Small-Batch Baking When Just Enough for 1 or 2 ... is Just Enough! by
Debby Maugans Nakos**

Read by Kerry Cundiff

14 hours, 15 minutes

Food writer provides more than 250 recipes for cakes, pies, cookies, cobblers, puddings, and breads that yield two or three servings. Offers tips on selecting equipment, such as cans for baking cakes and muffin pans for baking individual quick breads; measuring techniques; and storing leftover ingredients. 2004.

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Great Old-Fashioned American Desserts by Beatrice A. Ojakangas

Read by Catherine Byers

7 hours, 8 minutes

Old-time desserts with colorful names: cobbler, fool, pandowdy, slump, rolypoly, and berry tumble. Pies, cakes, and cookies round out this eclectic collection of historic favorites updated for modern kitchens.

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A Piece of Cake by Susan G. Purdy

Read by Madelyn Buzzard

24 hours, 34 minutes

This collection contains recipes for cakes for any occasion--from a basic two-egg cake to cheesecakes, specialty cakes, and elegant wedding cakes. Purdy begins with basic information such as baking equipment, ingredients, measurements, pan preparation, testing for doneness, and cooling. She also discusses frosting, freezing, and mailing cakes and gives recipes for special needs like low-calorie and cholesterol-free diets.

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Joy of Cooking Christmas Cookies by Irma S. Rombauer, Marion Rombauer Becker and Ethan Becker

Read by Barbara Pinolini

5 hours, 44 minutes

Collection of over seventy-five recipes for various types of cookies including bar, drop, rolled, filled, hand shaped, and molded. Also shares recipes for icings and glazes and holiday drinks such as eggnog, hot cocoa, espresso, and mulled cider. 1996.

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Also available in braille BR014554

Best of Country Cookies: a Cookie Jarful of the Country's Best Family Favorites by Julie Schnitka

Read by Judy Overbeck

8 hours, 30 minutes

Collection of 277 cookie recipes from a recipe contest that generated over 34,000 recipes.

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Also available on digital cartridge DBC001684

Rustic Fruit Desserts Crumbles, Buckles, Cobblers, Pandowdies, and More by Cory Schreiber

2 volumes of braille

Schreiber, an award-winning chef, and bakery owner Richardson present suggestions for traditional fruit desserts inspired by seasonal, locally grown produce. Recipes are organized by season and include upside-down sweet cherry cake (spring); nectarine, boysenberry, and almond crisp (summer); pumpkin custard (fall); and caramelized pear bread pudding (winter). 2009.

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Martha Stewart's Cookies: The Very Best Treats to Bake and to Share by Martha Stewart

Read by Madelyn Buzzard

11 hours 52 minutes

Presents 175 cookie recipes with textures such as soft and chewy, crumbly and sandy, and chunky and nutty. Covers easy-to-make traditional drop cookies as well as fruit bars, meringues, icebox spirals, biscotti, and more. Includes ideas for packaging and information about tools and techniques. Bestseller. 2008.

[Download from BARD: Martha Stewart's Cookies: the Very Best Treats...](#)

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