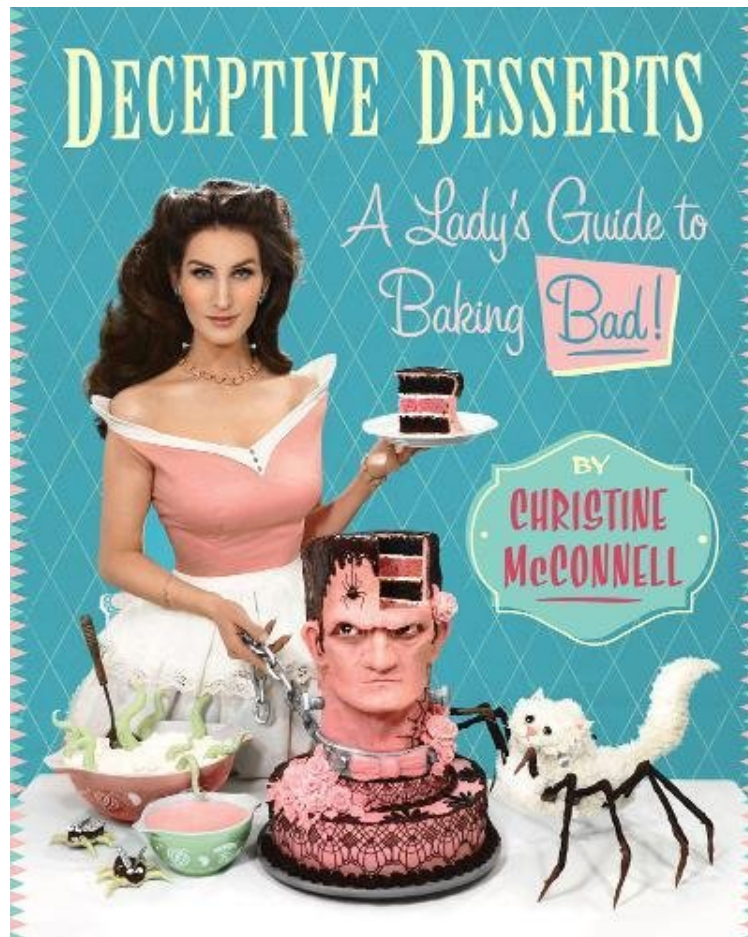


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**Christine McConnell : Deceptive Desserts: A Lady's Guide to Baking Bad!** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Deceptive Desserts: A Lady's Guide to Baking Bad!:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Delightful and humorous! By Jeanine Ray I just received my cookbooks today and I am absolutely thrilled. I purchased two, one for myself and one as a gift. I've been following Christine's posts on Reddit showing her fabulous creations and her whimsical photography so when I found out she has a book out I definitely had to order it right away. She's a triple threat - A beautiful woman, a talented photographer and an incredible food artist. I absolutely love this book. It is way more than simply a cookbook. It is quite substantial with hundreds of wonderful photos of not just the fun dessert creations but also of the author Christine (in costumes that she sews herself) in hilarious poses. The cookbook is arranged seasonally, from Spring to Winter recipes. Many of the desserts probably do require that you already have a decent amount of decorating skill if you hope to achieve similar results as in the pictures (which I do not have) but I still think that it will be fun to attempt some of them to see how well I do. However, quite a few of them I definitely believe I can produce nice results with the detailed

instructions and photos of each step. Although it is not even close to halloween yet I may just have to try making the "terror misu" with ladyfinger cookie decorations that look like real lady fingers. The kitten cannolis look absolutely adorable as well. But since I am a huge fan of all things pumpkin flavored I might have to make the pumpkin ice cream first, the recipe looks delish! 15 of 16 people found the following review helpful. Baking, Creating, Eating.. How could you not LOVE this book! By kyle When the book arrived, I was pleasantly surprised by just how BIG the book itself is! Of course it is beautifully done with wonderful images detailed instruction, but it also has actually useful advice. The day I received the book, I couldn't resist but make the superly clever banana bread loaves! Although I definitely didn't spend as much time on the details, they still turned out super fun WOW did they taste freaking fantastic. Honestly the best ( EASIEST) banana bread recipe I've ever made. So moist and delicious.. Im actually baking a standard loaf with her recipe as we speak, because it was THAT delicious may just be my new standard! An awesome aspect to Christine's recipes is that they are SO SIMPLE! No bogus/bizarre ingredients like oh so many other cookbooks. Have been a fan since I saw one of her first Reddit posts of her parents house spooked out with Jack Skelington for Halloween. Originally having high expectations for the book, a standing ovation is in order for Christine on this one. As an artist myself, she continues to impress and excite (lol) with her unique and clever creations. Wish her a wonderful future hope to see her go far as she oh so clearly deserves! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Leonardo Da Vinci may have been reincarnated as Christine McConnell By D. Matlack This is one of the funniest books I've picked up and that includes all genres. Christine McConnell is a phenomenal artist and absolutely fearless in her use of mediums: social history, photography, styling, sewing, sculpting, painting and baking which are all showcased to advantage here. I found myself like a child with their favorite picture book constantly pouring over the pages and soaking in every detail and that is just for the photos alone. The recipes are fantastically basic, which shows that a simple base can create an otherworldly experience and I found it made her creations less intimidating and that it isn't exotic ingredients that make the masterpiece but your imagination that determine the outcome. I also appreciate her advice, she did a tremendous amount of trouble shooting thru her own trial and error to help the reader utilize what works structurally so that all of her creations are basically 99% edible as opposed to most baking books which rely on a lot of plastic/wood/etc. inedible parts to create a bold cake/desert - this is where her artistic background really brings her forward as a structural engineer which is not especially taught in a professional baking course. And her images! Oh my! The clothes, which she makes herself within a couple of days for around \$50 bucks or less shows a level of ingenuity and class that puts Vogue to shame. She is an extraordinary stylist with the clothes, the hair and her settings and backdrops - so much work clearly goes into to everything she does to a level of perfection that takes my breath away, particularly when you realize these are all selfies. She is the whole show and quite frankly with an imagination like hers I wonder when she sleeps? Love, love, love this book!

Internet star Christine McConnell bakes, decorates, sews, and styles it all . . . with a twist now she shows you how to do it on a shoestring budget. Photographer and stylist Christine McConnell transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary from everyday dinners, to desserts for all occasions, to the walls of your kitchen, and even some over-the-top creations just for fun. Taking inspiration from the likes of Tim Burton, Wes Craven, Alfred Hitchcock, and Vincent Price and mixing in a dash of Stepford Wife, McConnells baking and home DIY projects are a league above and beyond anything you've seen before. In Deceptive Desserts, each dessert is a work of art some a little twisted, others magical but every recipe inspires readers to create their own rules without spending a fortune. Why cant crab cakes be a delicious pink-frosted dessert? And if youre stuck hosting a bridal shower, why not create an actual Bridezilla cake to match the brides ego? Nothing is sacrosanct in the wonderfully weird world of Christine McConnell and nothing is what it appears to be even a classic dinner can be transformed into something decadent, with doughnuts that look like chicken drumsticks, green beans made of candy, and ice cream mashed potatoes. A master of illusions in baking, McConnell shows readers how to create their own secret hidden gems in the kitchen. In her follow-up book, McConnell will go outside the kitchen to show readers how to incorporate magic and fantasy into their home decor and personal style without breaking the bank. Using the renovations of her own house as a guide, McConnell walks readers through easy DIY projects such as hand-painted wallpaper, refinishing wood and tile floors, and adding storage space, along with inexpensive decorating tips. A dazzling collection of photographs, stories revealing her one-of-a-kind character, and helpful tricks for doing it all yourself, McConnells book will inspire readers to be more playful, and just a little bit wicked, with the food they create and the space they inhabit.

About the Author Christine McConnell, sometimes called the Queen of Creepy Cookies, is a photographer, stylist, and baking enthusiast based out of Twin Peaks, California. McConnells life-long fascination with aesthetics inspired her to cultivate many talents, which ultimately led her to photography and her incredible baking and DIY creations. She personally styles all aspects of her shoots as well as creates many of the clothes seen throughout her work. Her photos have been displayed in magazines, billboards, and national advertising campaigns.