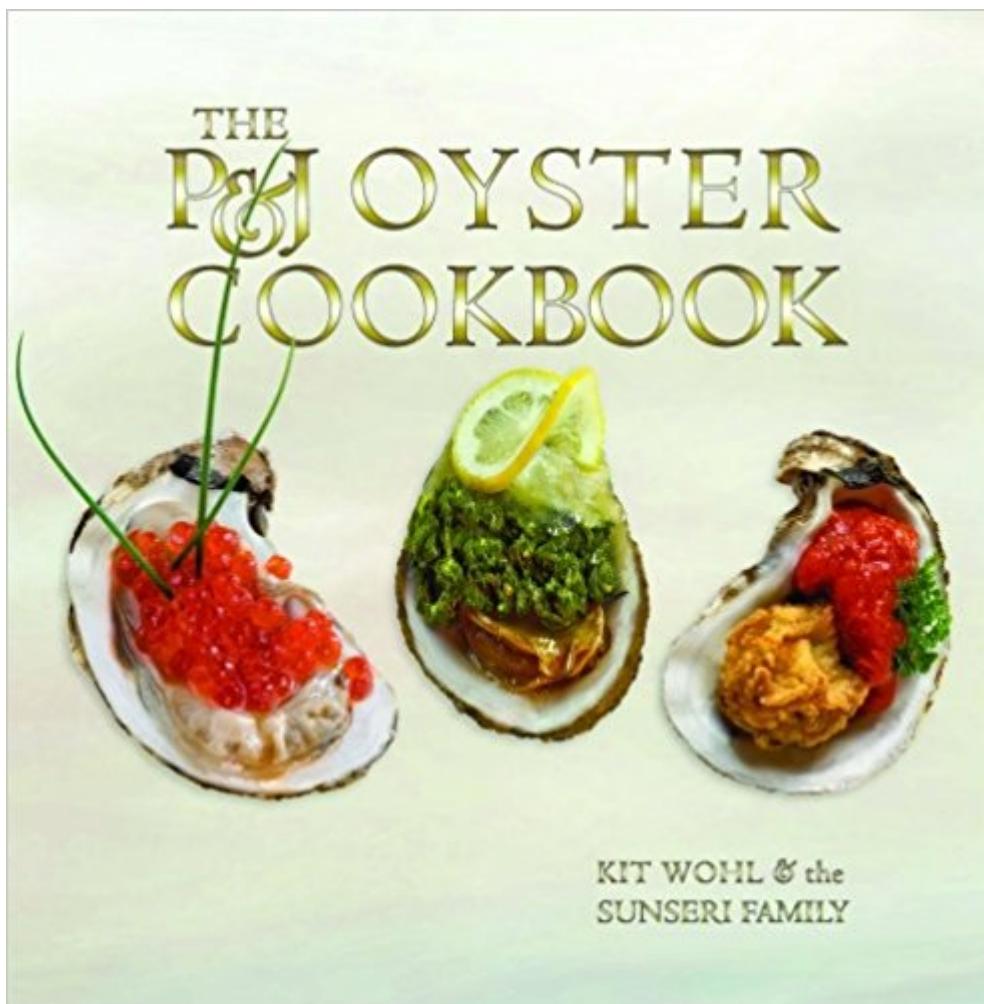


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# P&J Oyster Cookbook, The



## Synopsis

The bivalve lover's guide to Louisiana's best oysters. From the brackish bayous of Louisiana to the tables of some of the most beloved restaurants around the country, P&J oysters are among the best in the industry. Featuring recipes for oysters on the half shell, oyster appetizers, baked oysters, and grilled oysters, this lavish cookbook includes a history of the legendary P&J Oyster Company, tantalizing photographs of prepared oyster dishes, and shots of oysters in their native beds during the harvesting process.

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and dressings. As lagniappe, the designers added instruction on stocks and sauces used in the various recipes in the book. In the P&J Oyster Cookbook, there are so many different recipes I want to try I am not quite sure where to start. Since it's the holiday season, there is an Oyster Dressing recipe from Jerry Amato at Mother's Restaurant that features bacon, Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese and, of course, eight-dozen oysters that simply makes my mouth water. To warm my belly in these frosty temperatures, there's a fabulous Oysters Rockefeller Bisque from Al Sunseri with spinach, cream and a hefty splash of Herbsaint Liquor. Also, from Adolfo-Garcia at Rio Mar, there are oysters baked with Spanish chorizo and Manchego cheese that look simply divine. The entire collection is a gem that would be valued highly in any oyster-lover's kitchen. I have a friend back in California who loved to grill oysters in the backyard with fresh garlic and butter. Now I know exactly what to get him for Christmas. -- --Kim Ranjbar, [www.NewOrleans.com](http://www.NewOrleans.com)

Very nice cookbook with beautiful pictures and interesting recipes. I have only used a couple of recipes so far but they are great. Lots of new ideas for me. This is a cookbook you can just sit down and browse and be very entertained.

I was introduced to this book in an oyster cooking class. The dishes we made were fantastic, so I bought the book. I'm working my way through, and most of the recipes are hits. There is a lot of redundancy, where basically the same recipe with one ingredient or topping changed is billed as a different dish, but the luscious photos are so enticing, you really want to try every one. Unlike my other oyster cookbooks which are deliberately regional, this one draws from different cultures. A nice reference when you're making an oyster dish for company.

Most people probably don't need a whole cookbook for oysters. But I have a friend who does an annual oyster roast, and I've taken it upon myself to prepare trays of grilled and broiled oysters, so I needed to add a few new recipes to my repertoire. If you have an abundant source of oysters, you might find this book to your liking.

This book contains all my favorite oyster recipes. We bought a gallon of oysters over the weekend and worked our way through a few recipes. Can't wait to try them all. The book is well organized and the recipes are easy to follow and bring out the best in the oysters. As a bonus the pictures are beautiful, and the food always looks like the pictures when you are done cooking.

My husband owns an oyster farm ("Montauk Pearls" - Montauk Shellfish Co., Montauk, NY). I got him this book for Christmas this year & he has been making EVERY recipe in here! We are LOVING it! Great great great!!!

Don't buy this book, the cover is paper and s\*\*\*ty they couldn't even have printed the cover on the hardback. There's about 14 recipes in here and half of which are inaccurate. Seems cool in the description but if you're half the cook it would require to make any of these recipes you'll already know them.

Best oyster recipes ever! Has recipes from some of New Orleans' best restaurants. You can trust P&J oysters to be the best! Can't wait to start cooking!

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