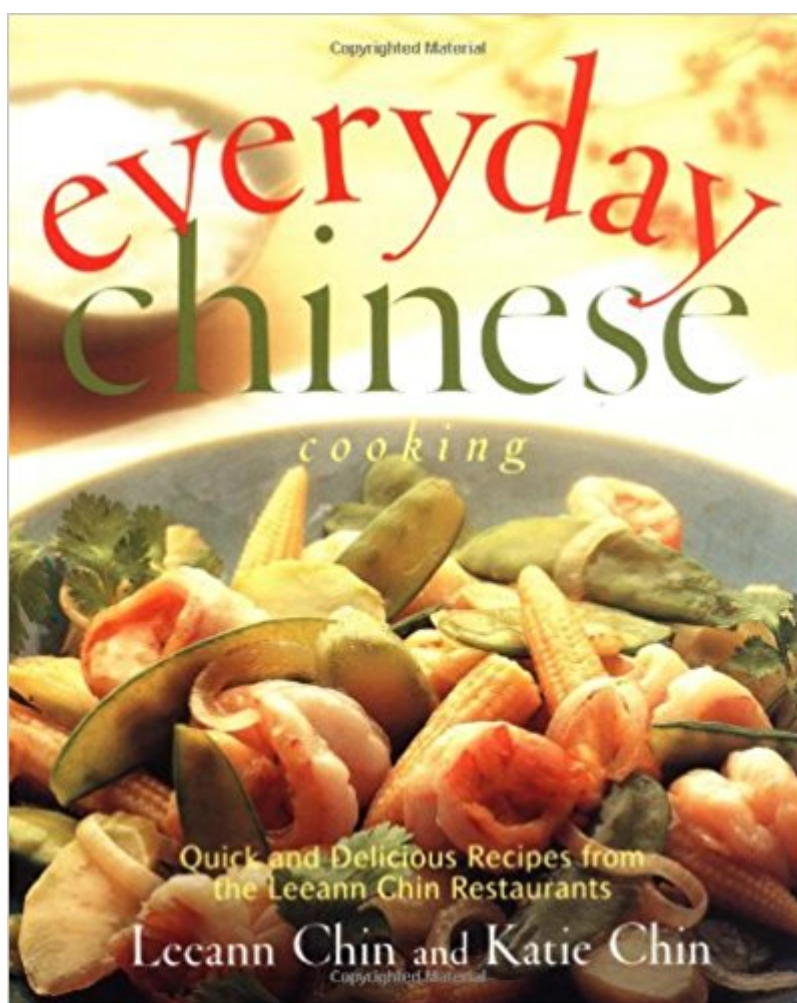


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Everyday Chinese Cooking: Quick And Delicious Recipes From The Leeann Chin Restaurants



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LEEANN CHIN is an award-winning restaurateur, professional chef, caterer, and founder of Leeann Chin, Inc., which includes fifty-seven restaurants and take-out locations in the Minneapolis-St. Paul, Detroit, and Kansas City areas (with more new restaurants opening in these regions plus Des Moines and Wisconsin). She has been named Entrepreneur of the Year (1993) by the National Association of Women Business Owners. Leeann lives in Minneapolis. KATIE CHIN, Leeann's daughter, is an entertainment industry marketing executive, writer, and board member of Leeann

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Copy #1 disappeared over time... I lived in Minneapolis for a time and there were 'to go' stores affiliated with the main sitdown restaurant in Minneapolis, all over the metro; that had stuff under glass on steamtables, and they would dish it up as ordered for takeout or in some places, delivery. When I moved away, I had to have both of the cookbooks that were out; to make my own. This is really good food considering everything; even my better half can make good meals from these recipes. The fact I had to buy another copy of the one missing book tells you how good this stuff is. I do recommend, especially the sweet and sour pork or chicken; and the lemon chicken recipes.

initially i was not crazy about this cookbook, because it doesn't have a lot of pictures. (it has maybe 20 pictures in the whole book, total) But after cooking a few recipes, I've come to enjoy it! They actually do give recipes of dishes that Chinese people eat; vs. i.e. chinese takeout cookbooks. I have to admit that I've eaten some of these dishes in restaurants & wondered how they were made, & now I don't have to wonder. If you want to cook Chinese, but also make it quick & easy, then this is a good book for you.

Overall, the recipes we have tried are excellent; some have become meals we make very frequently. However, in my experience, any Asian-cuisine-cookbook will not be very practical for someone with shellfish allergies (like me) or who dislikes shellfish. Many of the recipes can be altered to not include oyster sauce, fish sauce, shrimp or the like, but it isn't always possible. Most of the ingredients can be found at our local Asian grocer. I'm very pleased with the recipes we've been able to try and knew a Chinese cookbook would contain many shellfish recipes, so I would recommend this book to people who enjoy this style of cuisine and who are willing to supplement it with other recipes if they have allergies. If you are vegetarian you will have even fewer options with this cookbook, but the meatless recipes are still delicious.

So far so good!!! The orange chicken was delicious!

What a treat. We no longer live in Minnesota so this cookbook is a blast from the past - healthy fast food before it was a trend. Wish they'd open a Leeann Chin in Austin!

Katie and her Mom have written a lovely and entertaining book with delicious recipes from Mrs. Chin's famous restaurants. Simple to follow directions with great tasting dishes. You can make better meals than any take-out in your locale. Try the book and trust you'll be happy with the results.

Lots of great easy Chinese recipes you can make at home, MUCH better than take-out.

Most of the recipes were useful.

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