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# Holiday Cookies: Prize-Winning Family Recipes From The Chicago Tribune For Cookies, Bars, Brownies And More



## Synopsis

For nearly three decades, the Chicago Tribune has run its annual Holiday Cookie Contest, asking readers to submit recipes that are both unique and meaningful to them. Each recipe is accompanied by a brief description or story explaining why the cookie is special to the reader and their family. The Chicago Tribune's award-winning food writers and editors carefully consider these essays, select the finalists, and then publish winning recipes. *Holiday Cookies* is a comprehensive collection of the best holiday cookies as curated from nearly three decades worth of reader submissions. These delicious recipes represent an eclectic mix of traditional and modern recipes from diverse cultural background and skill levels, such as Tropical Nuevo Latino Cookies, Dorie's Dark and Stormies, and Grandma Grump's Peanut Butter Drizzles. Complete with full-color photography and helpful baking tips, this gorgeous compilation brings the warmth and expertise of a cross-generational baking community home for the holidays. From cookie classics to twists on old standards, *Holiday Cookies* provides the home baker with a plethora of possibilities for any holiday party.

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cookie recipes that have been passed down from generation to generation."

&#151;RecipeLion.com"A fantastic volume. . . Consider sweetening up your holiday table with [Holiday Cookies] Peanut Butter Drizzles and Dark and Stormies. . ." &#151;Leite's Culinaria"This book spans three decades of prize-winning cookies from the Chicago Tribune's annual holiday cookie contest. They are amazing. . . I do suggest you buy this book!" &#151;CakeSpy.com, Book of the Week"The book is a must have for holiday cookie aficionados for its wide and interesting selection." &#151;Gapers Block"Just in time for the holidays is a book called, Holiday Cookies. I keep churning through this one and every page I turn, makes me want to start doing something else. Middle-East Fruit Bars look so dramatic on the photograph that I can't wait to get [in] the kitchen and try the recipe myself. The pecan pie cookie looks absolutely irresistible and there are all the traditional kinds of things you'd expect like nut crescents, short bread and plenty of chocolate items." &#151;Narsai David, KCBS-San Francisco"The book is broken up into different sections, also with some great pictures that just make you want to eat those cookies . . . They're very photogenic, these cookies!" &#151;Chicago Tonight, WTTW-PBS Chicago"I really love this cookbook. It is full of delicious, prize-winning recipes, gorgeous photos and easy to find information on prep time, chill time, bake time and cooling time . . . This is a great cookbook to get you in the mood for all that holiday baking. I thoroughly enjoyed it and am happy to recommend it to all." &#151;Sandra's Kitchen Nook"It's a great book for the cookie-lover to have in their collection, both for holiday and year-round baking." &#151;BakingBites.com"We're thrilled about Holiday Cookies. It's an excellent cookbook that offers a comprehensive collection of the best holiday cookies as curated from over a decade's worth of reader submissions to the Chicago Tribune." &#151;Sheridan Road"Holiday Cookies. . . is sure to have something to suit any taste and skill level." &#151;The Daily Times (Tennessee)"This book has amazing photos and helpful baking tips and tons of great recipes! I had a very difficult time choosing which recipe to try!" &#151;SuzySitcom.com

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I LOVE THIS BOOK!!! This is a collection of winning recipes from the Chicago Tribune's annual cookie contest. The contest started in 1986, but the recipes in this book are from the 1988 to 2013 contests. Almost all the recipes(approx. 98%) have an accompanying photo of the finished cookie. These photos are gorgeous and certainly entice you into reading and or making the recipe.I only

used the finest, freshest ingredients in the recipes I made and they all were delicious! If you compromise on the quality of the ingredients used in these recipes, your cookies will NOT taste the best they can be.(maybe mediocre at best.)These are the recipes I have tried so far:1. Chocolate Almond Shortbread (I could not find Dutch Process Unsweetened Cocoa, so I used Trader Joe's unsweetened Cocoa Powder + 1 tsp instant espresso powder-for darker color and more robust flavor.)2. Swedish Spice Cookies(rolled them in Large Grain Decorative Sugar, instead of granulated) These were a FAVORITE!!!3. Caramel Oat Bars

I purchased this book based on the outstanding reviews and the fact that it was supposed to be the winners from a cookie contest that has been going on for a very long time. I expected a number of vintage recipes, but I don't think any are older than the early 90's. I also expected that with Chicago's diverse ethnic background there would be quite a few interesting recipes from different countries, but there are only a handful - and all of them are mostly Americanized versions. There really was not a lot in this book that I haven't seen elsewhere - and often done better.Apparently, tasting the baked cookies was part of the contest so perhaps there is an element of that which is impossible to translate perfectly to the written page, but as the Chicago Tribune is a newspaper I would have thought that they would have made an attempt to communicate that.Each of the recipe entries was sent with a story behind why that recipe was special, but those stories are not included with the recipes. This is a real miss - those kinds of things would have set this book apart from the run of the mill cookie recipe collection. There is nothing particularly "Chicago" about this collection, either.Frankly, this book is not a keeper. There are a couple of recipes that I will copy and then I will resell the book. I am becoming discouraged with cookbook reviews on - often those reviewing the books have not actually baked from the book and are of the "ohh, the pretty pictures!" and initial superficial impressions of the book that inflate the quality of the book. I do not believe that this book merits all the 5 star reviews. It is well edited and okay, but nothing exceptional. I have a large and extensive cookie cookbook collection and this really doesn't add anything.

A beautifully illustrated book with a number of recipes that I will be trying. I am pleased to see that the first, second and third place winners plus honorable mention cookies from 1988 to 2013 are all in one place, including some of my favorites like pecan tassies and chocolate mint sticks (both 1992). Wish that the 1986 winning recipes were here -- my cookie tray would not be complete without that year's chocolate covered cherry cookies and coconut joys. A worthwhile purchase for anyone looking for interesting recipes with personal back stories.

I have enjoyed the Chicago Tribune Holiday Cookie contest ever since it's origin, and am thrilled with this cookbook. Love this cookbook and just in the last week have made many cookies from it for Christmas. Great kolachkies, dark and stormies, friendship spice cookie, thumbprints and more. Great cookbook, with interesting tidbits about origin of entrants recipe, laid out well, and many photos of cookies. A wonderful little cookbook!

This book has many great cookie recipes in it. I'm not sure each one is original but it's a beautiful book with great photographs.

This book is just chock full of the nicest cookie recipes. I am a daily reader of the Tribune, and my daughter and I would wait for the cookie contest that took place every year. These recipes are the best of the submitted recipes. A nice book for Christmas cookies.

Great cookie recipes. Lots of variety.

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