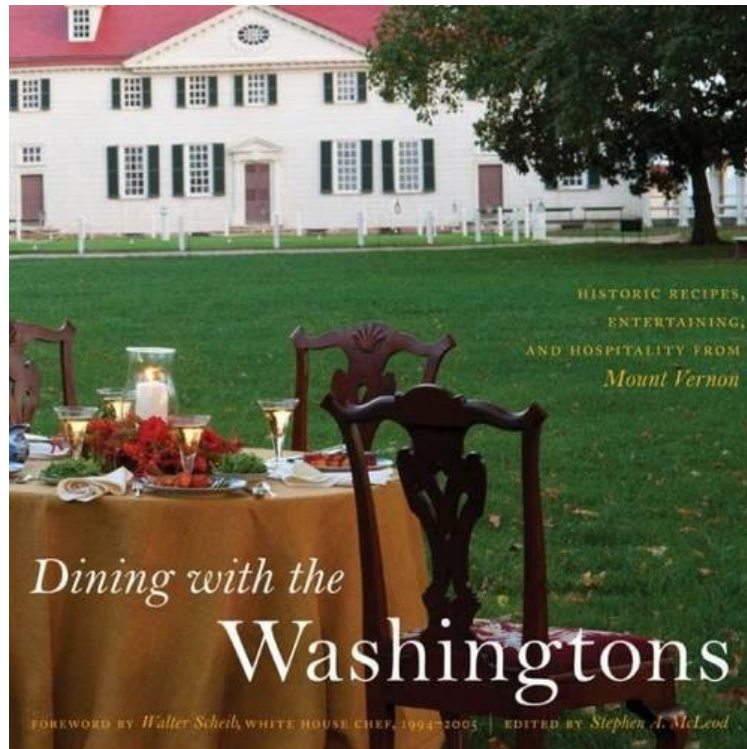


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A history lover's delight By Elizabetta This is a wonderful book! It has lovely photos of meals and Mt. Vernon, lots of information on the ways that the Washingtons entertained and first hand accounts from visitors who were lucky enough to have a meal in their marvelous company. The recipes that are included have been adapted for modern cooks who can try any of them at home if they want to discover the 'taste of the past' that one gets from Colonial cookery. Having eaten many meals in the taverns of Colonial Williamsburg, I can attest to the fact that the foods of Colonial America were decidedly more tasty than most of what we consume today. For one thing, the emphasis was on freshness and seasonality, when very few could afford -- or even have access to -- foods that were not in season. And for another, spices and herbs often helped to give a depth to Colonial dishes that we simply don't seem to have anymore. It is astonishing how different food can taste with the simple addition of say a bit of freshly ground nutmeg or a handful of fresh basil added to the mix. If healthy eating and interesting food is

something you care about, this book just might appeal to you. Not to mention the lovely ambiance that can be created by just paying a little more attention to the setting of the table and the lighting of a few candles as was part of the charm of the Washington's table. I found this book to be visually lovely and historically informative and I plan to try some of the recipes out on my family. 19 of 20 people found the following review helpful. Beyond cherry pie and wooden teeth By KP History, and how it's taught, can be a tricky thing. Sometimes you get the facts, but the real people who lived in those times seem either totally absent, or come across as rather bland and bloodless. This book inflates these flat Colonials back into the three dimensional, passionate human beings that they must have been. I mean, they overthrew an unbeaten superpower! There had to have been some substance underneath all that reverence that their legacies are handles with. An invitation to dine with the Washington's was the hottest ticket one could hope for. The table was legendary. I expected blander fare and perhaps not as much variety. As I went through the recipes, I found myself getting more and more interested. They ate what they grew. They imported only what was necessary. Hey, this looks yummy! And, George himself was very fond of Cherry Bounce. What else do you do with all those sour cherries on your property? This wonderful liqueur has been a steady guest in my own home at Christmas! I discovered it while up in Door County, Wisconsin for a holiday. When I bought sour cherries, there were recipes included that were not pie! I highly recommend this book to anyone who loves it when history comes to life. The anecdotes alone are worth the purchase. The pictures are exceptionally beautiful. I invite you to step into the Washington's world. It might even feel like a little holiday! 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Dining with the Washington's By Miss Sue This book was a sheer joy to read! The pictures are beautifully done and the cross referencing makes it so easy to keep track of all the important details. The recipes fit right into today's kitchen, being easy to use and delicious.

Combining vivid photography with engaging essays, *Dining with the Washingtons* explores the menus, diet, and styles of entertaining that characterized the beloved home of the nation's principal founding father. Compelling accounts, historic artwork, and images of gardens, table settings, prepared food, and objects from the Mount Vernon collection blend to shed fresh light on the daily lives of George and Martha Washington, on their ceaseless stream of household guests and those who served them, and on the ways food and drink reflected the culture of eighteenth-century America. Featuring a foreword by former White House executive chef Walter Scheib and more than 90 historic recipes adapted for today's kitchens by renowned culinary historian Nancy Carter Crump, this book is ideal for veteran and novice cooks alike as well as for those wishing to learn about both formal and everyday dining at Mount Vernon. Drawing from a wide range of sources, including memoirs, diaries, plantation documents, archaeological research, and the personal correspondence of the Washington family and their visitors, this charming volume brings the household of America's first president and his wife vividly to life for modern-day readers. The contributors are: Steven T. Bashore, Manager of Historic Trades, Mount Vernon Carol Borchert Cadou, Robert H. Smith Senior Curator and Vice President for Collections, Mount Vernon Nancy Carter Crump, author and founder, Culinary Historians of Virginia J. Dean Norton, Director of Horticulture, Mount Vernon Dennis J. Pogue, Vice President of Preservation, Mount Vernon Walter Scheib, former executive chef, The White House Mary V. Thompson, Research Historian, Mount Vernon Esther White, Director of Archaeology, Mount Vernon

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