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Homemade Christmas Recipes

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HOMEMADE CHRISTMAS RECIPES!

Are you looking to spice things up in the kitchen this Christmas? Are you tired of having the same combination of ham and veggies year after year? Do you need more than just store bought eggnog and Christmas cookies to feel like it's the holidays?

If you answered 'yes' to any of the above questions, **THIS IS THE BOOK FOR YOU!**

Homemade Christmas Recipes by Hadley Maxwell provides MORE THAN 70 unique yet surprisingly simple recipes that will reinvigorate your holiday spirit and revolutionize how you cook year round!

Check out just a few of our delicious recipes:

- Cinnamon Coffee
- Mulled Wine
- Spinach and Artichoke Dip
- Glazed Ham
- Roast Pork
- Beef Wellingtons
- Apple Pie
- Fruit Mince Pie
- Pumpkin Cheesecake with Sour Cream Topping

About the Author, Hadley Maxwell

Hadley Maxwell is the author of this book as well as the current editor of HomemadeRecipes.com, a site for those who love food. Whether you're a master chef or a foodie-in-training, we have the mouth-watering recipes & expert tips you crave. Be sure to follow us for the latest from Homemade Recipes.

EVEN MORE RECIPES AT NO ADDITIONAL COST:

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So don't hesitate, buy *Homemade Christmas Recipes* today and start cooking!

Interior Design

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Interior Design - Create Your Dream Home

Everyone needs a roof over their head and a place to call their own. But is your home a place that really speaks to who you are or is it just an average space you happen to live in?

If you think some professional advice might improve your current living situation, look no further!

Interior Design - Create Your Dream Home by Lillian Armstrong is the ultimate guide to Home Décor. Complete with a detailed history of decorative trends and a plethora of pro-design tips, this book provides readers with the tools necessary to begin remodeling today!

Take a look at just a few of the styles covered in this book:

- Art Deco
- Costal
- Country
- Eclectic/Bohemian
- Modern
- Shabby Chic
- Traditional
- Industrial

About the Author, Lillian Armstrong

Lillian Armstrong is currently the editor in chief over at YoureSoPretty.com, a site dedicated to beauty in all of its many forms. Whether you're a professional fashionista or an outsider looking to keep up on the latest trends, we've got you covered. Be sure to follow us at YoureSoPretty.com to get access to even more home décor and beauty resources.

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL!

Included with this purchase is our famous style quiz! You may think you know what you like, but odds are our experts will reveal a few things about your taste that even you didn't know!

So don't wait, buy *Interior Design – Create Your Dream Home today!*

Cooking and Home Decor Resources

Snippet Sales Copy

These were initially published on resource pages that went along with kindle books. I've provided samples from four items off of two posts that can be viewed live on the following links.

Link one: <http://homemaderecipes.com/deals/homemade-christmas-recipes-resources/>

Link two: <http://yoursopretty.com/creating-your-dream-home-resources/>

Note: I was not responsible for all of the copy on those pages.

Scrappy's Exotic Bitters

Bitters have, as of late, blown up on the market, a bit like craft beer has. For those unacquainted with the world of mixology, bitters make up the spice cabinet of any true bartender. There are classics like Angostura or Peyschaud's that will always get the job done, but this exotic set is what you need to really spice things up!

Luxardo Maraschino Cherries

When you think of maraschino cherries, I'm sure what comes to mind are the sugary, neon red balls of corn starch that can be bought at your average grocery store and are used in casual dive bars. If you're serious about mixing, don't settle for anything less than Luxardo maraschino cherries. Once you give these a try, you will never look back!

Deco Bros 3-Tier Spice Rack

They call it a spice rack, but really you can use this convenient wall-hanging storage for just about anything. In fact, I currently have mine in the shower. The point is it's a versatile item that both looks good and helps you clear up a bit of that much needed cupboard space.

Hotel Luxury Bed Sheets

These are for a queen size mattress, but other sizes are available as well. When it comes to bed sheets, the biggest factor is thread count. Typically, the higher the thread count the higher the quality, and the higher the cost. These sheets, though, sport a whopping 1800 thread count while remaining affordable!

Selma vs. American Sniper

Blog Post/Critical Assessment

This was initially published on a now inactive personal blog as a rough, unedited rant. The excerpt below is from an edited version for a small print publication. The unrefined blog post version is available in its entirety here: <http://www.cinematicattraction.com/?p=439>

I find it at once fascinating and baffling that *American Sniper* didn't just outperform *Selma*; it obliterated it. From a personal standpoint, I had no interest in seeing *Sniper*. I am not a fan of Eastwood's directorial output (outside of *Unforgiven* and *Letters from Iwo Jima*). I am not a fan of war movies. And, unlike the rest of the nation, I am not all that compelled by the true story of Chris Kyle, America's deadliest sniper. Any guy who is already credited with killing more people than anyone in American history who then claims to have killed even more than officially reported in his autobiography is not someone I like to see glorified. And make no mistake, *American Sniper* tries as hard as it can to make Kyle both sympathetic and bad ass.

Selma is about Martin Luther King Jr. There have been zero major motion pictures about Martin Luther King Jr. prior to this point. There have been literally dozens of movies that tackle the Iraq war, such as *The Hurt Locker*, *The Green Zone*, and *In the Valley of Elah*, just to name a few. And there have been dozens more that deal with the challenging reintegration into society after coming home from military service such as *The Best Years of Our Lives* (World War II) or *The Deer Hunter* (Vietnam).

To add to that, movie critics across the country basically work to help advise people who don't get paid to see every film that hits the silver screen on what to see and what not to. Presumably people read reviews, otherwise I'm not sure why or how these critics manage to have an income. Yet despite this fairly logical principal, the universal acclaim received by *Selma* and the mediocre reception of *American Sniper* seemed to have no impact on either the box office or the end of year awards that ultimately help solidify a film's place in history.