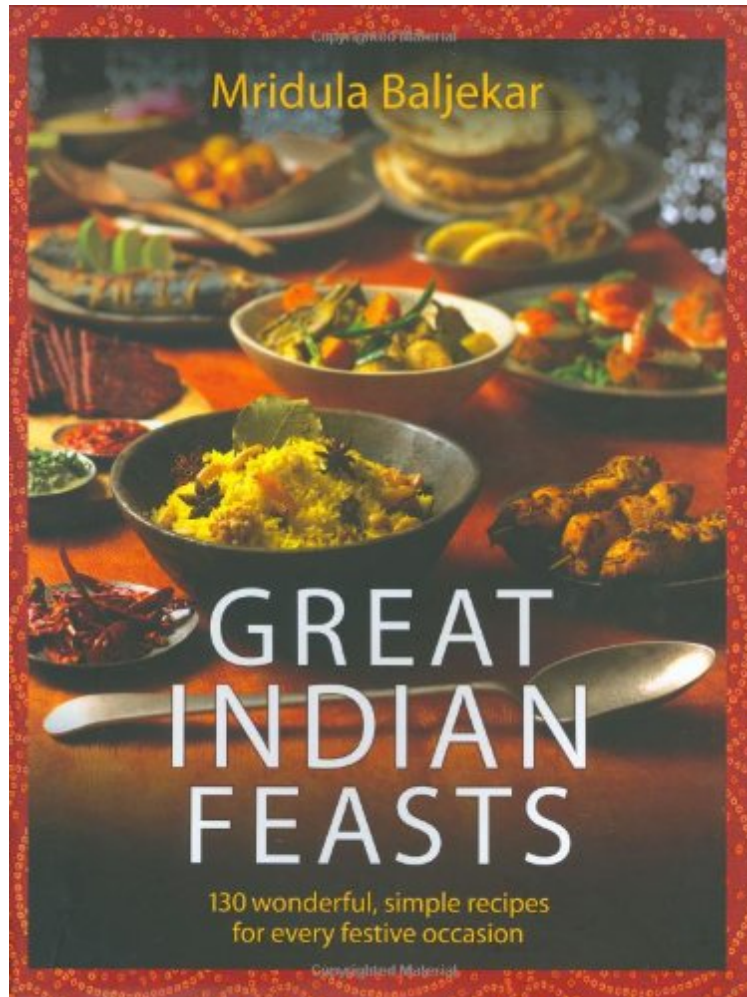


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Everyone loves a celebration, and with great celebrations come great food. In her marvelous new book, Indian chef Mridula Baljekar brings her own unique touch to food for all kinds of festivities. For the traditional Indian feasts of Diwali, Eid-UI-Fitre, Hohiri, and Baisakhi, she has produced original and delicious recipes for each occasion. For the Christian feast days of Christmas and Easter, she has added an Indian twist to more traditional dishes. All are carefully planned and surprisingly simple to make, including Channa Dhal with Coconut; Spiced Spring Lamb Roast; Fruity Hot Cross Buns; Spiced Mustard Greens; Pilau Rice with Mini Meatballs; and Marinated Spiced Turkey. Whatever the occasion, Great Indian Feasts has the perfect dish to make it more special. Mridula Baljekar is the author of many cookbooks, including Real Fast Indian Food and Curry Lovers's Cookbook.

From Publishers Weekly With its descriptions of the customs surrounding each major festival, this cookbook is as much a cultural education as it is a recipe collection. Baljekar, the U.K.'s answer to Madhur Jaffrey (she has numerous bestsellers to her name, as well as a television show and restaurant), arranges 150 flavorful recipes by festival and touches on all the important Indian holidays, including Diwali, Eid-UI-Fitre and Christmas, representing the country's main religions of Hinduism, Islam and Christianity. Readers will be hard-pressed to find most of these dishes at any Indian restaurant; while the foods use common Indian spices like cumin and coriander, the collection offers a good opportunity to explore some of India's lesser known dishes, such as Lentil Fritters with Chilli, Ginger and Curry Leaves, served during the South Indian festival of Pongal; and Fragrant Pigeon Peas with Seasonal Vegetables, made during Durga Puja. Baljekar's interpretation of Indian Christmas is notable for its uniqueness; she features dishes like Stuffed Breasts of Chicken in Almond Sauce, and Garlic and Rosemary Naan with Truffle Oil. Alas, the book's subtitle is misleading: these recipes are laborious and require numerous ingredients. But for grand occasions when readers want to impress with uncommon food, Baljekar's book fits the bill. (May 15) Copyright copy; Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "as much a cultural education as it is a recipe collection." -- Publishers Weekly About the Author Mridula Baljekar is the bestselling author of many Indian cookery titles, including Fat-Free Indian Cookery and Real Fast Indian Food. She also presents her own cookery shows and runs her own, hugely successful restaurant in Windsor, The Spice Route.