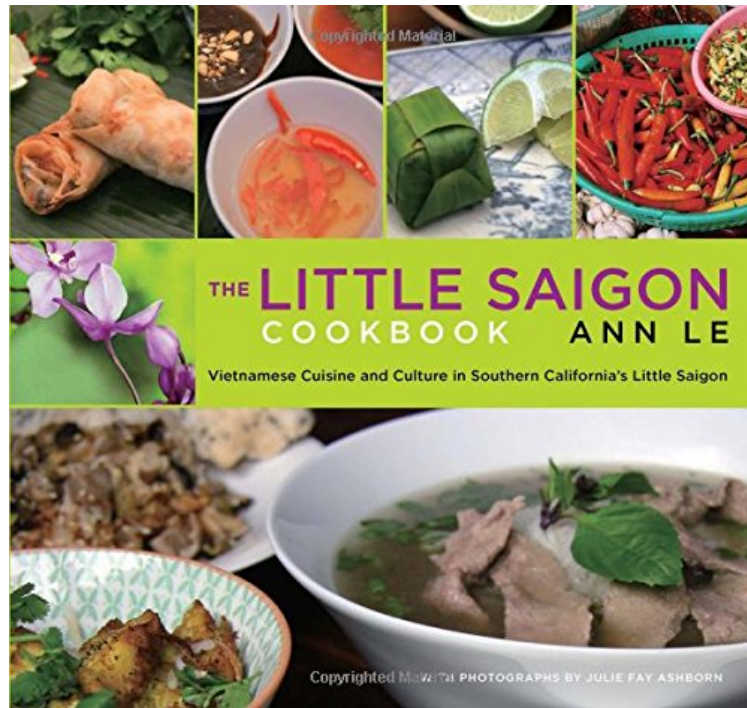


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before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Little Saigon Cookbook: Vietnamese Cuisine And Culture In Southern California's Little Saigon:

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By tallhapa  
After going out to eat Vietnamese at the best place in town (according to my born raised Vietnamese friend), I really wanted to replicate some of the dishes we had. I grew up in Hawaii so I'm very familiar with Vietnamese food, but as Hawaii is such a melting pot, I never knew how authentic it was. My friend was able to show me what the real deal was - and its good stuff. With this cookbook I was able to recreate some of the dishes that we had, and can't wait to try some more. A little bit of history and story about "Little Saigon" in southern California adds meaning to the recipes Ann Le loves and shares. A word of caution: when you see how easy some of the dishes are, you might stop going out to eat!  
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I was expecting a little bit more from the book I found it was not very colorful book was more on the bland side, the recipes are alright, I do feel the person was describing more or less her lifestyle, it was not what I expected, but then the book was ok I wouldn't push any one to buy it.  
8 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Awesome and Authentic Cookbook!!!!!!  
By Customer  
I found "The Little Saigon Cookbook" to be amongst the best of any of my Vietnamese/Asian cookbooks. It is vivid in its descriptions and illustrations. It also provides any serious enthusiast with some excellent recipes. My last dental assistant was

Vietnamese and taught me a great deal before I had to retire and this cookbook reflects much of what she took the time to teach me. I also found the narrative of the author's coming to this country very interesting and inspiring. I regret that there is a "one-star" rating on this book. But I have found that if you investigate grossly deviant ratings/reviews you can usually disregard them due to personal agendas, lack of experience, etc. No, I am not Vietnamese, but I have been cooking and learning about Vietnamese cooking before most non-immigrants even knew much about this incredible cuisine. I can remember finally finding one of the few Vietnamese grocery stores at that time in south downtown Houston. This was just south of my dental practice and the owners couldn't believe that this "round-eyed" American was interested, much less knew anything about their foods. My first cookbook was a first edition by Bach Ngo. Since then I have collected most Vietnamese cookbooks in print and several out of print.

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