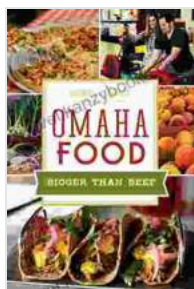


Omaha Food: Bigger Than Beef, American Palate

Omaha, Nebraska is a city with a rich and diverse food culture. From classic dishes like the Reuben sandwich to modern takes on American favorites, Omaha has something to offer every palate.

In his new book, Omaha Food: Bigger Than Beef, American Palate, author John Bekken takes readers on a culinary tour of the city. Bekken explores the history of Omaha's food scene, profiles local chefs and restaurants, and shares recipes for some of the city's most iconic dishes.



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The History of Omaha's Food Scene

Omaha's food scene has been shaped by its unique history and geography. The city was founded in 1854 as a gateway to the American West. In the early days, Omaha was a major center for the cattle industry, and beef has always been a staple of the city's cuisine.

In the early 20th century, Omaha became a major industrial center. This led to an influx of immigrants from all over the world, who brought their own culinary traditions to the city. As a result, Omaha's food scene today is a melting pot of flavors from around the globe.

Omaha's Signature Dishes

Omaha is home to a number of signature dishes, including:

* The Reuben sandwich: This classic sandwich is made with thinly sliced corned beef, Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, and Thousand Island dressing on rye bread. The Reuben was invented in Omaha in the 1920s, and it remains one of the city's most popular dishes. * The Runza: This unique sandwich is made with ground beef, cabbage, and onions, wrapped in a yeast dough. The Runza was invented in Omaha in the 1940s, and it is now a staple of Nebraska cuisine. * The Steak: Omaha is known for its beef, and the city's steakhouses are some of the best in the country. Omaha steaks are typically cooked over an open flame, and they are known for their flavor and tenderness.

Omaha's Food Scene Today

Today, Omaha's food scene is more diverse than ever before. The city is home to a number of award-winning restaurants, as well as a thriving food truck scene. Omaha is also a major destination for food festivals, and the city hosts a number of events throughout the year that celebrate Omaha's culinary heritage.

If you are a food lover, Omaha is a city that you should not miss. The city's diverse and delicious food scene has something to offer everyone, from classic dishes to modern takes on American favorites.

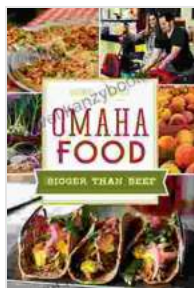
Recipes

The following are a few recipes from Omaha Food: Bigger Than Beef, American Palate:

* Reuben sandwich: * Ingredients: * 1 pound thinly sliced corned beef * 8 slices Swiss cheese * 1 cup sauerkraut, drained * 1/2 cup Thousand Island dressing * 8 slices rye bread, toasted * Instructions: 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. 2. Place corned beef, Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, and Thousand Island dressing on rye bread. 3. Bake for 10 minutes, or until cheese is melted and bubbly. 4. Serve immediately. * Runza: * Ingredients: * 1 pound ground beef * 1/2 cup chopped cabbage * 1/2 cup chopped onion * 1 teaspoon salt * 1/2 teaspoon black pepper * 1 package (1 pound) yeast dough, thawed * Instructions: 1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit. 2. Brown ground beef in a skillet over medium heat. Drain off excess grease. 3. Add cabbage, onion, salt, and pepper to ground beef. Stir to combine. 4. Divide dough into 8 equal pieces. Roll out each piece into a circle. 5. Place filling in the center of each circle. Fold dough over filling and seal edges. 6. Place Runzas on a baking sheet and bake for 20 minutes, or until golden brown. 7. Serve immediately. * Steak: * Ingredients: * 1 pound steak * 1 tablespoon olive oil * 1 teaspoon salt * 1/2 teaspoon black pepper * Instructions: 1. Preheat grill or broiler. 2. Brush steak with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. 3. Grill or broil steak to desired doneness. 4. Let steak rest for 5 minutes before slicing and serving.

Omaha Food: Bigger Than Beef, American Palate is a comprehensive look at the diverse and delicious food scene of Omaha, Nebraska. From classic dishes like the Reuben sandwich to modern takes on American favorites, the book explores the unique flavors that make Omaha a culinary destination.

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