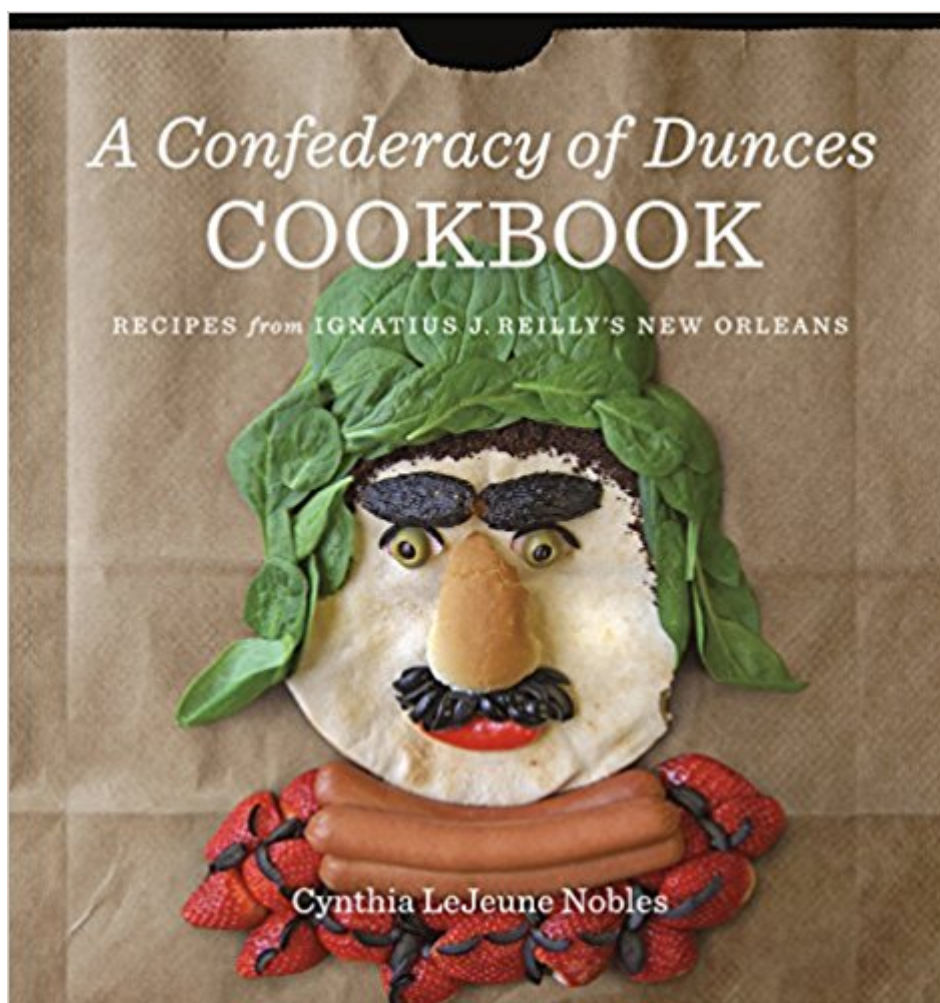


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A Confederacy Of Dunces Cookbook: Recipes From Ignatius J. Reilly's New Orleans



Synopsis

In John Kennedy Toole's iconic novel, Ignatius J. Reilly is never short of opinions about food or far away from his next bite. Whether issuing gibes such as "canned food is a perversion," or taking a break from his literary ambitions with "an occasional cheese dip," this lover of Lucky Dogs, caf   au lait, and wine cakes navigates 1960s New Orleans focused on gastronomical pursuits. For the novel's millions of fans, Cynthia LeJeune Nobles's "A Confederacy of Dunces" Cookbook offers recipes inspired by the delightfully commonplace and always delicious fare of Ignatius and his cohorts. Through an informative narrative and almost 200 recipes, Nobles explores the intersection of food, history, and culture found in the Pulitzer Prize--winning novel, opening up a new avenue into New Orleans's rich culinary traditions. Dishes inspired by Ignatius's favorites -- macaroons and "toothsome" steak -- as well as recipes based on supporting characters -- Officer Mancuso's Pork and Beans and Dr. Talc's Bloody Marys -- complement a wealth of fascinating detail about the epicurean side of the novel's memorable settings. A guide to the D. H. Holmes Department Store's legendary Chicken Salad, the likely offerings of the fictitious German's Bakery, and an in-depth interview with the general manager of Lucky Dogs round out this delightful cookbook. A lighthearted yet impeccably researched look at the food of the 1960s, "A Confederacy of Dunces" Cookbook reaffirms the singularity and timelessness of both New Orleans cuisine and Toole's comic tour de force.

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"The endless appetite of the Falstaffian protagonist Ignatius J. Reilly inspires dozens of recipes here, from Miss Trixie's Orange-and-Bourbon-Glazed Ham to the Bourbon Street Messy Dog, which involves French bread and chicken gravy. The book's index is a culinary exploration in itself."--New York Times

"Food historian Cynthia LeJeune Nobles re-creates the cuisine of Reilly's 1960s Crescent City in a delicious homage to one of the quirkiest characters in American literature."--Parade

"A Confederacy of Dunces has been called a love letter to New Orleans and hailed as a modern comedic classic. Now, a new cookbook looks at the food and culture that help define the characters in the Pulitzer Prize-winning book."--NPR

"One of the world's great food-obsessed cities and one of the great gluttons of literature are paired in this new book by Louisiana food writer Cynthia LeJeune Nobles. Nobles has collected recipes for the dishes presented in John Kennedy Toole's classic novel, dressed them in local history, and served up a fun and readable cookbook I'm glad to have on my shelf."--Country Roads

"Both a compilation of updated and standard Louisiana dishes, and a 'Confederacy' companion piece. It delights the reader in several ways. . . . For every mention of food in the novel, there's a recipe, including, yes, a made-from-scratch Paradise Pork and Beef Wieners."--NOLA.com/Times-Picayune

"Writer Cynthia Nobles decided to dissect the book's numerous food mentions in the glutinous tale of Ignatius J. Reilly and translate them for real life consumption. There's nearly 200 recipes in the book of the same name that came out in October, a majority of which are rich in New Orleans culinary culture."--Boston Metro

"Woven through the zaniness are plenty of food references, and it's from this perspective that author and food historian Cynthia LeJeune Nobles delivers her spirited A Confederacy of Dunces Cookbook."--225 Magazine

"Nobles, a native of Iota, Louisiana, has perused the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel and explores the food, history and culture of New Orleans in A Confederacy of Dunces Cookbook. . . . Nobles takes readers on a culinary and historical tour of New Orleans, following in Ignatius' footsteps. There's D. H. Holmes department store, the Prytania Theater and the bars of Bourbon Street many of which are accented by wonderful old photos. It's a fun book on so many levels, but will be especially delightful for the Ignatius lover." --The Advertiser

Cynthia LeJeune Nobles is author of *The Delta Queen Cookbook: The History and Recipes of the Legendary Steamboat*, *The Confederacy of Dunces Cookbook*, and co-author of *The Fonville Winans Cookbook: Recipes and Photographs of a Louisiana Artist*. She is also series editor for *The Southern Table* at LSU Press, a former food columnist for *The Advocate* of Baton Rouge, New Orleans, and *Acadiana*, and a former member of the Newcomb College Culinary History Writers Group. Nobles lives in New Orleans with her husband.

I just this minute received my book and leafed through it - GORGEOUS. To me, A Confederacy of Dunces is the best book ever written. I've read it at least 5 times; got it when it first came out. I have referred to this book many many times since then and even wrote on a job application in answer to "interests " "I dust a bit and make an occasional cheese dip". I look forward to the hot dog section. I even have a cat I can put in the bun compartment. The dishes in this book look wonderful and I love to cook. Oh happy day!

Got this as a gift for my boyfriend, who is a huge Confederacy of Dunces fan. The inside pages are colorful and nicely laid out with quotes from the book. My boyfriend even made me some gumbo from one of the recipes, which was excellent. It was a great gift book, very rare and unusual.

I READ my copy, cover to cover! So enjoyable as well as good recipes. I also gave one as a Christmas gift...the recipient liked it so much, she bought some for gifts. Recently, another was ordered as a birthday gift. Recommend it for all who've read the real Confederacy.

Great work. Didn't realize there were so many food references in the story. Necessary for the cult fan.

Being a big fan of " Confederacy of Dunces", my expectations were high. What a pleasure! I highly recommend.

If you are fan of "A Confederacy of Dunces" this is a MUST read. Wonderful and great recipes.

Fun gift for New Orleans friends.

What a great way to "marry" the wonderful cooking of New Orleans with the classic, iconic book, "A Confederacy of Dunces." My family read the original right after it was published and have laughed about it, quoted it and recommended it for years. So, when the Cookbook came out, I gave it as gifts. The quotes from the original book printed on the page along with related recipes are hilarious, if you've read the original, and remind you of specific scenes, if you haven't read it in a while. I know this is a cookbook and readers will want reviews on the recipes, but I haven't received reports back yet, nor have I tried them. However, I'm a mediocre cook, but love the variety of everything from

cocktails to main dishes to desserts. There are several dishes that look easy enough for me and I will try them - like the "Triple-Chocolate Belchless Brownies", or maybe one of the hot dogs, although I'm sure Ignatius would say I couldn't possibly do it justice. :-)

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