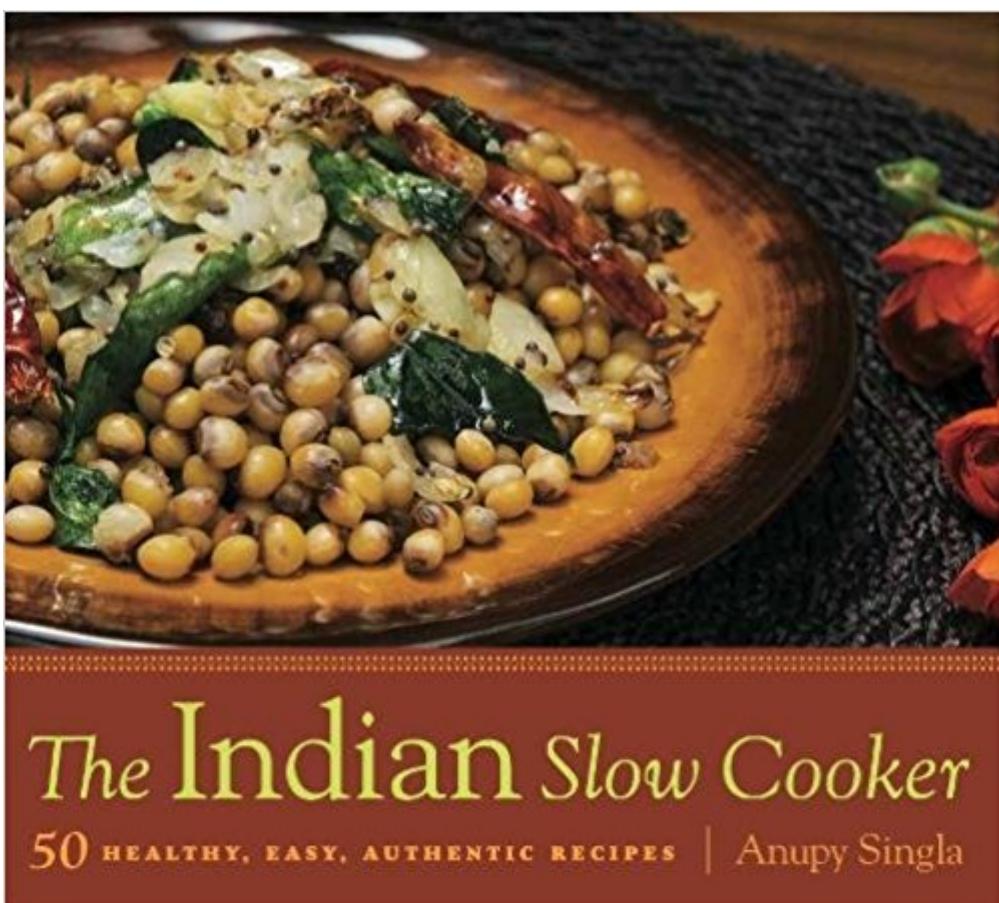


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The Indian Slow Cooker: 50 Healthy, Easy, Authentic Recipes



Synopsis

This unique guide to preparing Indian food using classic slow-cooker techniques features more than 50 recipes, beautifully illustrated with full-color photography throughout. These great recipes take advantage of the slow cooker's ability to keep food moist through its long cooking cycle, letting readers create dishes with far less oil and saturated fat than in traditional recipes. Anupy Singla shows the busy, harried family that cooking healthy is simple and that cooking Indian is just a matter of understanding a few key spices. Her "Indian Spices 101" chapter introduces readers to the mainstay spices of an Indian kitchen, as well as how to store, prepare, and combine them in different ways. Among her 50 recipes are all the classics — specialties like dal, palak paneer, and gobi aloo — and also dishes like butter chicken, keema, and much more. The result is a terrific introduction to making healthful, flavorful Indian food using the simplicity and convenience of the slow cooker.

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Anupy Singla's food writing has appeared in numerous venues, including the Chicago Tribune, the Chicago Sun-Times, and The Wall Street Journal. She lives with her husband and two young daughters in Chicago.

What a fun and informative cookbook! A wide range of recipes and plenty of photos and personal notes make this an inviting addition to my kitchen. Thorough introductions to the equipment and spices used in Indian cooking make for good reading as well as making it easy to make a shopping list. I even took the book with me to fill the gaps in my spice shelf. Simplified but not dumbed down, the recipes are well-written and easy to follow. I started with Aloo Gobi (curried cauliflower and potatoes) and Kheer (rice pudding), and both were delicious. BONUS: the recipes are written for a 5-quart slow cooker, and each one has specific instructions for making a half batch in a 3 1/2-quart slow cooker, adjusting quantities as needed for best results.

If you are a complete novice at Indian cooking, or looking for healthy, flavorful, new recipes for your slow cooker, this cookbook is for you. It has a wide range of traditional recipes designed for the slow cooker and each one is a winner. I have owned this book about 3 years now and I am still in love with the recipes contained in it. Prep for most dishes is a little more than American style dishes you make in the slow cooker (mainly grinding up exotic spices along with onion, chilies and garlic) but the flavors can't be beat. I am especially obsessed with the lentil recipes. Most ingredients you can find at most grocery stores but a few you will have to pick up at an Indian market. (specialty flours and curry leaves come to mind) Don't be intimidated by all the ingredients; it doesn't take much time to put them all together in the slow cooker and end up with wonderfully spiced, healthy, new dishes you never thought you could make at home.

I have to say, I absolutely love this book. It has made me fall completely in love with my slow cooker! I've made about 6-7 recipes in the book so far, and every one of them has come out amazing. Much better, or at least comparable in taste to, good restaurant food. Plus being able to make it myself and knowing that it doesn't have a ton of unhealthy oils and masalas (spices) in it makes it so much better than takeout! I find the recommended amount of salt in most of her recipes

a bit too much for my family's tastebuds, as well as the amount of chillies (sliced green chillies + red chilli powder), but adding these ingredients according to taste versus what's prescribed in her recipes has fixed that problem.I'm a full time mom at the moment, and this has been the perfect solution to getting healthy, yummy food on the table every day without spending more than 20-30 minutes in the kitchen. Love it!

The product arrived on time and in perfect condition.I like this book. The recipes themselves are easy to understand. In addition, there's a long section at the beginning describing various spices, ingredients, etc. So it's easy to refer back the beginning. The recipes have easy step by step instructions and clearly identify cooking times and yield.A few notes/quibbles.Most of the recipes are vegetarian. That was great for me, but it's something to be aware of.There are a few meat dishes, but they often require you to do significant cooking outside of the slow cooker. For me that pretty much defeats the purpose of using a slow cooker, so I doubt I'll try those recipes (chicken tikka masala, for example).Not all recipes include photographs, which is bizarre to me in a cookbook.One important note is that these recipes probably won't taste exactly like what you might eat at a good Indian restaurant or some Indian homecooking. The reason for this is that for many Indian recipes, the spices are lightly fried and then added to the dish. This releases a lot of the oils and makes the food more flavorful. This step is missing, of course - you pretty much add all of the ingredients and then let it cook (except for a few meat dishes, as mentioned). This isn't a huge deal to me because the food still turns out flavorful and fantastic, just another thing I thought you should be aware of.Helpful tip: Visit a local ethnic grocery store to purchase spices. There was a small bottle of cardamom pods for \$18 at Wal-Mart. At my local Indian grocery store, I was able to buy a large bag of the pods, a bag of ground cumin, a bag of ground coriander, and a package of garam masala for about \$15. Also, this store had a much larger selection than just the green lentils that Wal-Mart had.

I am an avid cook and I use the slow cooker frequently. I love this cookbook and have used a few of the recipes regularly, for the last few years. They are clearly written and her notes articulate many things for American cooks and grocery offerings. My Indian friends are impressed with the results I'm able to get from this simple book.The only "cons" to this book -- its pretty short--the recipes are just an entry into Indian cuisine, certainly not a big or thorough sample...and the book itself, soft cover and oddly wide, is quite flimsy. But since the recipes contained are so solid, I consider those more "cautions" and I'd still rate this book 5 stars. Included a photo of my favorite recipe.

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