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GOOD FOOD, GOOD MOOD, GOOD DIGESTION, GOOD HEALTH!

Good + Simple celebrates the pleasure of delicious food that is simple to make, a joy to share and just so happens to be good for you. Jasmine and Melissa Hemsley's principles of healthy home cooking built around gut health, whole foods and affordable ingredients show how tasty and achievable eating well can be.

The sisters have created 140 nutritious and exciting recipes – reworked classics, prepare ahead dishes, fast suppers with leftovers for packed lunches, energising breakfasts and snacks, satisfying breads, desserts and bakes. Infused with Jasmine and Melissa's love of cooking and eating, *Good + Simple* includes plenty of practical tips and down-to-earth advice to help you gain confidence in the kitchen, plan for the coming week and cook for you and your family with ease. Enjoy real food. Look and feel amazing every day.

Good + Simple Details

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Sherri says

When I initially chose this book, the premise of the book intrigued me. The idea to have fun, easy meals to create during the week, while living a healthy lifestyle. These two sisters, Hemsley and Hemsley are focused on wholesome cooking.

The book is beautiful. Well laid out and the type face was well-chosen. It's easy to read, while teaching you the reader, the reason and benefits of a healthy lifestyle. If you have already touched base on this type of lifestyle, it merely reinforces what you already know.

The cookbook has beautiful photo's of the majority of recipes, which taunt and urge you to make each and everyone of them. Intrigued, I had my husband select a few that he would like for me to try out.

We tried first the Kasha Buckwheat Burgers/Balls. I followed the directions and found that my buckwheat burgers/balls never really firmed up and when attempting the batch frying, consistently fell apart. The next recipe we tried was the Lubee Beans (Lebanese Green Beans in Tomato Sauce). The flavors in all was just okay. Definitely not something that we look forward to making again in the future.

At this point, I'm willing to try another recipe, just to be encouraged that the recipes contained within the book are worth trying. But it promotes a defeatist feeling when you buy ingredients that end up going down the garbage disposal.

The plus side, is that the recipes are fairly easy to understand and you do not have to buy a wide variety of unknown items to make the recipes.

All in all, I am glad to own this book and will most definitely try another recipe. If my opinions change, I'll post and update the stars. Btw, the cover on the front half is paper, and is not embossed on the book. So it is in actuality a grey book with the yellow lettering. Just a head's up on that realm.

I received this book from the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

Amy says

Let me start with what a beautiful cookbook this is - it's really a high quality book! The photos, the photography, the design. It's all fantastic. I love that there were so many tips and tricks throughout the cookbook. Although this is an amazingly designed cookbook, I didn't resonate with the content itself as much as I'd hoped from the description. It's good but much of it isn't quite as family-friendly as I'd hoped. I loved some of the recipes but a number of them just don't sound appealing to me or likely to be appealing to my kids. This is a cookbook that will definitely resonate with certain people but I recommend you take a look before purchasing to be sure you find much of it appealing!

A few recipes that spoke to me are The Breakfast Bowl, Cucumber, Avocado & Chickpea Salad, Power Salad in a Jar, Easy Cheesy Broccoli Risotto, Frozen Banana Man Bites and Blueberry Muffins!

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Alexa says

The 2nd Hemsley and Hemsley cookbook is a nice follow-up on the 1rst book with some newbooks international recipes. I like the structure of the book with Pictures to almost all recipes. They give a lot of different Options in their recipes e.g. three type of hummus, three type of pesto, etc. The Fotos could have been a Little big bigger, so the book almost looks a bit old-fashioned, but in a good way.

Zwart Raafje says

Net als de meeste kookboeken begint ook Lekker en snel voor elke dag met een inleiding waarin de zusjes Hemsley zichzelf voorstellen. Vervolgens geven ze een woordje uitleg over hun filosofie en de regels die ze naleven. Daarnaast kan je ook nog enkele voorbeelden van weekmenu's terugvinden in dit boek én de bijhorende boodschappelijst.

Uiteraard staan er ook heel wat recepten in dit boek. Jasmine en Melissa kozen ervoor om deze in te delen in de volgende rubrieken: Ontbijt, Soepen en stoofschotels, Bijgerechten en snacks, Sandwiches en salades, Vis en vlees, Groentehoofdgerechten, Dips – dressings – sauzen en spreads, Gebak – desserts en zoete gerechten, Dranken. Ten slotte krijg je ook nog extra informatie over de voordelen van het vooruit plannen, essentieel keukengerei, keukenvoorraad, de H + H leefregels en gezond eten voor onderweg.

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Mijn volledige recensie kan je hier terugvinden.

Molly says

Good and Simple focuses on healthy eating but this isn't your traditional "healthy cookbook." The recipes aren't just for salads or green smoothies, they are healthy recipes using real food. These recipes are simple and full of ingredients I'm used to using and food I'm used to eating. Healthy eating doesn't have to mean cutting out foods or spending a ton of time in the kitchen. This is a cute book with recipes that all look really tasty!

Jody Brouwers says

I love how these recipes taste and how they make me feel. So satisfied and energized!

Carol - Reading Writing and Riesling says

I predict some healthy home cooking happening this weekend.

My View:

A great cook book with a simple philosophy – food should be good for you, it should be delicious and nutritious, and it should be simple and sustainable. (p.7) I couldn't agree more!

H +H (Hemsley and Hemsley) have 15 principles for eating well – let me share them with you:

1. Gut Instinct
2. Boil Your bones
3. Forget Calories, Think Nutrients
4. Meat and two veg
5. Going Against the grain
6. Fat is Your Friend
7. Sweet Enough
8. Drink to think
9. The Real Deal
10. Know your onions
11. Prepare, Chew and Combine
12. Be mindful
13. Stress Less
14. Tune In
15. The “better than” rule.

This book got me at point 1 Gut Instinct. Gut health has something I have been very mindful of lately, you will have noticed I have reviewed a few Gut Health type books, and the more I read the more I am convinced that a healthy gut equals a healthy body. I am pleased that this cook book shares this philosophy too.

Bone broth – frugal, nourishing and tasty, bone broth is the age-old superfood at the heart of the H + H philosophy. (p.10) I am in agreement.

I could go on...but I won't. Pick up the book, watch the upcoming TV series on Foxtel; Hemsley & Hemsley: Healthy & Delicious, on Mondays at 8.30pm on LifeStyle FOOD and discover for yourself the H & H philosophies for eating well .

Coleen (The Book Ramblings) says

Good + Simple is for anyone who wants accessible, affordable eating. There are over 140 recipes that provide nutritious, sustainable, and delicious everyday meals. Part One includes getting started, simple recipes, and essential ingredients; Part Two is breakfast, lunch, dinner, salad, soups, snacks, and sweets; Part Three has on-the-go, meal plans, shopping lists, and lifestyle changes.

The visuals in this cookbook are absolutely stunning, and the photos of the dishes just made my mouth water—I couldn't wait to cook! The grey and yellow is such an uplifting and cheerful color combination that is just beautifully put together. It's so well-written with an easy-to-follow layout with directions, tips, and variations.

Jasmine and Melissa Hemsley are home cooks and food lovers that have a passion for wellness that includes delicious nutrition-rich foods. Their cooking is all about cooking with natural ingredients that provide easy and satisfying meals that are easy to digest and healthy. All of their recipes are full of flavor and goodness, but free of gluten, grains, and refined sugar. Their simple and honest approach to cooking is designed to bring nutritious and delicious meals to the table to nourish body, mind, and soul.

I am a firm believer in their philosophy when it comes to what we eat making an impact on our bodies as well as our overall health. When you eat good food, good results happen, and you thrive. Food should be good for you, it should be delicious and nutritious, and it should be simple and sustainable

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There are also tips, which include Drink First, Prioritize Breakfast, Make Time, Balance it Out, Anything Goes, and Split it. Each tip has a short section with information.

As someone who eats gluten-free and has eliminated processed food, I sometimes get stumped on what to prepare, and this now offers me a wide variety of simple dishes that are easy, and prepared with readily available ingredients that are natural and fresh. There are savory, sweet, light and refreshing, and even comfort foods that are still healthy and nutritious. Two recipes that I really enjoyed were One Pan Full Monty Breakfast, and The Breakfast Bowl—both were a welcome change to my usual breakfast go-to's. Another two recipes that I am looking forward to preparing for my family are Chicken Kiev with a Simple Spinach Salad, and Slow-Cooked Smoky Apple Pulled Pork. This is a cookbook that allows me to bring healthy meals that are good for the household to the table, and I know it will be one that I reach for often because it doesn't intimidate me when it comes to cooking in the kitchen.

I received this cookbook in exchange for an honest review through Blogging for Books.

Esmerelda Ipswich says

One of the best cookbooks I own. Easy, so healthy, amazingly delicious, and beautiful pictures. I have a lot of cookbooks and this one is a keeper.

Rosalie says

I don't necessarily follow their diet restrictions but I do like some of the recipes. Biggest plus? They work. Their meatballs are particularly good. I've made their courgette toast (always looking for ways to use zucchinis). Serving poached eggs and avocado on a slice of this is particularly decadent. At this stage I'm still borrowing this book from the library but one more borrow and I'll seriously consider buy it.

Jack Syron says

I jumped the ship and read this one over their first one and I believe to be crucial to read their first book then this one. The recipes are effective but I feel like I have to grow a garden and be a block away from the London fresh markets to get the most out of it. Even Whole Foods can do so much so I advise to be creative with their recipes and give it a college try. The other passages about healthy living are short and sweet and I can see them writing a spiritual book, similar to the Magic of Tidying by Marie Kondo, in the near future.

Readsandeats says

I really enjoyed this book and have made a number of the recipes and they are so good. I would recommned this book to those who love food and want to expand their cooking in a fun and inovative way.

Cath says

I really like it. The philosophy appeals to me, just as in their first book but I feel like this one is actually more clear, less chaotic and more approachable. There are many dishes and ideas which are inspiring and I bookmarked a lot of recipes (clementine chocolate bars, flaxseed buns, chestnut pancakes...)

The pictures are gorgeous, girls are still as pretty and smiley :) I definitey agree recipes are simpler than in the first book.

For now Ive tried minestrone, carrot chips/fries, pink kraut, courgetti with chickpea sauce and avocado boats. All delicious! Flaxseed buns were a surprise- they actually raised and had nice bounce.

I would say I prefer the layout of this book much more, if I had to choose I would get this book first, thats not to say Art of eating well is worse but I feel this one explains things more simply and recipes are more approcheable too.

Stephanie Sullivan says

If you've been reading my cookbook reviews for quite some time now, then the comments in this review of the Good + Simple Cookbook probably won't come as a big surprise to you.

As most of you know, the main thing I look for in a cookbook is the nutritional information because my oldest son is a Type 1 diabetic and my husband is a Type 2 diabetic. Knowing the amount of carbs and sugar in a recipe is vital for keeping their blood sugar stable. (If you have the time and the means to configure this information on your own then that's awesome, but unfortunately I don't). I also need these details because I'm trying to lose weight, and I like to track how many calories and macros are in each recipe serving. The second thing I look for is whether or not the ingredients in the recipes can be found at my local grocery store. I live in a rural southern town, and we don't have a Trader Joe's or Whole Foods Market anywhere in the vicinity, so it's crucial that the recipes I make contain ingredients I don't have to hunt high and low for. They also can't be expensive since we're a one-income family and we have to watch every penny we spend.

With that being said, the Good + Simple Cookbook both thrilled me and disappointed me. The photos in the cookbook are vivid and beautiful and really help as a visual tool while cooking. I also love the variety of recipes and the fact that most of them have ingredients I can buy right off the shelf at Kroger. The recipes I've tried so far are the Cinnamon, Raisin, and Quinoa Breakfast Muffins (page 36), the Super-Simple Fish Fingers (page 178), the Slow-Cooked Chicken Pot Roast with Sweet Paprika and Cayenne (page 185), and Apple Spaghetti (page 304). All of these recipes were very easy to prepare and they tasted delicious. The whole family loved them, which doesn't happen very often, and for that reason alone this cookbook is a keeper.

If you don't need the nutritional information with each recipe, then by all means add this book to your "to buy" list. You'll love it and you won't be sorry. If, however, you have OCD tendencies when it comes to tracking your calorie intake like I do, or if you have a family member with a chronic illness who needs carb, sugar, and other details to keep their health in check, then you might want to reconsider. The choice is yours.

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Lady says

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