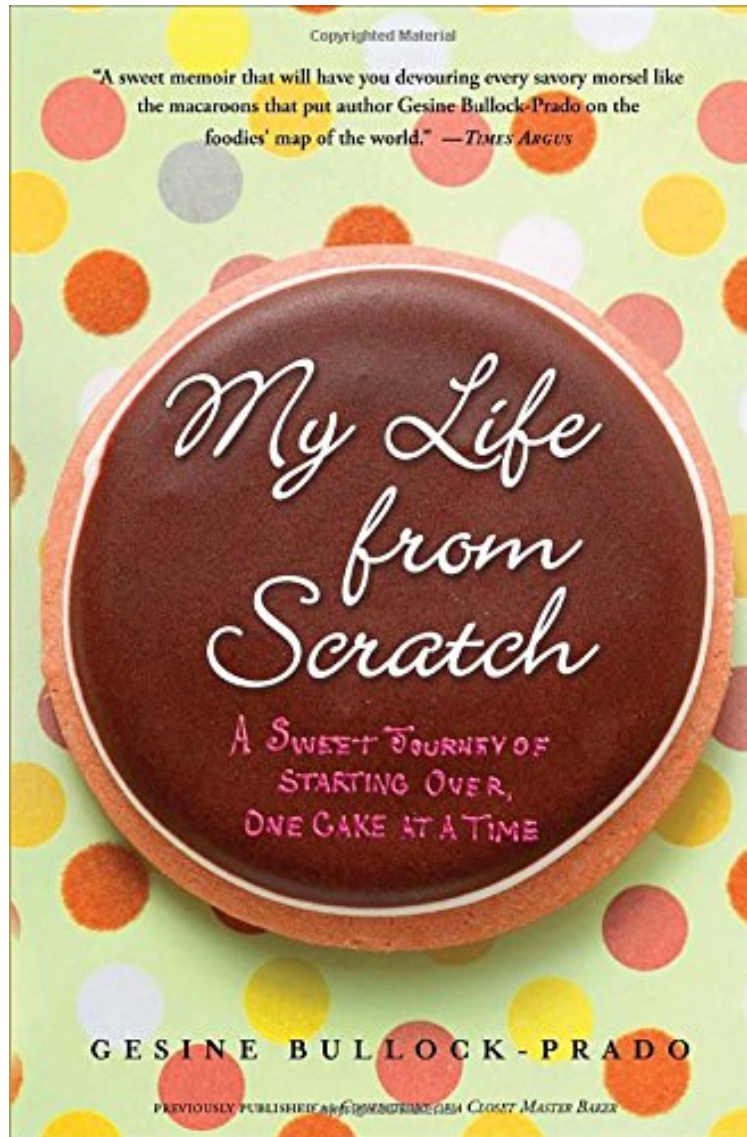


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**Gesine Bullock-Prado : My Life from Scratch: A Sweet Journey of Starting Over, One Cake at a Time** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised My Life from Scratch: A Sweet Journey of Starting Over, One Cake at a Time:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great, easy read with recipes!By Courtney LeBlancThis book was a light and easy read, I finished it in just a few days (I only read on my commute!).Gesine details her love of baking so beautifully I found my mouth watering as I read. Her devotion to family and to finally pursuing something that made her happy is a wonderful change from the Hollywood she leaves behind. The story is uncomplicated but not so light you'd call it chick lit (yes, I know, it's a memoir, but some are still "fluffy" enough to be called chick lit).Her love of baking is evident even without the recipes but I loved that they were included. I plan on making the Savory Rock Scones soon - I have no doubt they'll be a hit!If you like baking I recommend this book - it tells a great story that ties nicely into pursuing something you love. Even if you don't quit your day job to pursue a kitchen-central career, you can appreciate someone who did. And then you can use her recipes to impress your family. =)1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Sweet TransformationBy Xoe Li LuGesine Bullock-Prado's slim, swift-moving memoir is a fun, introspective look into the privileged life of a misanthropic Hollywood executive-turned-baker. Self actualized and mourning the passing of her iconic mother, Bullock-Prado writes of her life-altering decision to leave the empty glitz of Tinseltown and embark on a stark journey as the proprietor and principal baker of a small pastry shop in the smallest state capital in the country, Montpelier, Vermont. Along the way the reader is treated to glimpses into the author's past, including embarrassing childhood escapades and the occasional nod to Bullock-Prado's famous sister Sandra. Bullock-Prado's reminiscences of her mother and grandmother - women who profoundly shaped her life - are heart-rending and have a great deal to do with the decisions she made to change her life. The memoir includes several good recipes as well, making it worth keeping around on the cookbook shelf.Bullock-Prado writes in an easy, casual style that makes for easy reading. The book's conversational tone keeps things in perspective and prevents the author from sounding too whiney or unappreciative (and she is appropriately self-deprecating when necessary - after all, this is the story of a Hollywood big shot who has the wherewithall to completely uproot and change her life when the mood strikes her, something many of us, despite the having the desire, just can't drop everything and do). Bullock-Prado's transformation, born from grief and and a desire to serve a different purpose in life, is easy to relate to, especially since the author presents her case warts and all. "Confessions of a Master Baker" is a fun little book that offers perspective - in a small way, it challenges the reader to consider how his/her life can be altered (if ever so slightly) to make a different difference on a day-to-day basis.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. What a treatBy TriskaI laughed and cried my way through this book. I'm more into savory foods--though, lately am trying homemade ice creams and sorbets. For this reason, I also bought her latest book.Gesine's writing is luscious, quirky, superbly humorous and poignant (hence, the tears).PLEASE continue to write and bake more to heal our souls that are blasted with trivia and nonsense and desperately crave more.

A former Hollywood insider trades the Hollywood Hills for Green Acres and lives to tell about it in this hilarious, poignant treat of a memoir.As head of her celebrity sisters' production company, Gesine Bullock-Prado had a closet full of designer clothes and the ear of all the influential studio heads, but she was miserable. The only solace she found was in her secret hobby: baking. With every sugary, buttery confection to emerge from her oven, Gesine took one step away from her glittery, empty existence and one step closer to her true destiny. Before long, she and her husband left the trappings of their Hollywood lifestyle behind, ending up in Vermont, where they started the gem known as Gesine Confectionary. And they never looked back. Confections of a Closet Master Baker follows Gesine's journey from sugar-obsessed child to miserable, awkward Hollywood insider to reluctant master baker. Chock-full of eccentric characters, beautifully detailed descriptions of her baking process, ceaselessly funny renditions of Hollywood nonsense, and recipes, the ingredients of her story will appeal to anyone who has ever considered leaving the life they know and completely starting over.From the Hardcover edition.

From Publishers WeeklyIn this terrifically lively account chockfull of elegant, Old World recipes, Bullock-Prado, a former Hollywood film developer and sister to actress Sandra Bullock, recounts the joys and heartbreaks of running her own patisserie in Montpelier, Vt. Having fled the soul-sucking routine in Los Angeles with her husband, Ray, for the simpler pleasures of a small town near the Green Mountains, the author opened her own bake shop, Gesine Confectionary, in 2004, mostly on the fame of the macaroons she refashioned from her German mother's favorite almond treat, mandelhoernchen (and the casual mention in an interview her sister did for In Style). Although a law school graduate, Bullock-Prado always relished playing with sugar, butter, and flour and concocts an affectionate homage to her mother, who recently died from colon cancer, and grandmother. Her memoir follows one day in a busy baker's life, from waking at three a.m. to prepare the batter (croissants, scones, sticky buns) and bake before opening shop at seven; through the hectic lunch (focaccia); and the three p.m. tea time. In subtly compelling prose, the master baker conveys her touching sense of responsibility for the emotional needs of [her] patrons, and offers mouthwatering recipes. (Sept.) Copyright copy; Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.About the AuthorGESINE BULLOCK-PRADO's delicious confections have been featured on the Food Network's hottest new show, Road Tasted with the Neelys and in such publications as In Style, People, Vermont Life, and Boston Common. Gesine still lives in Vermont and is preparing to open another bakery in Austin, Texas.From the Hardcover

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