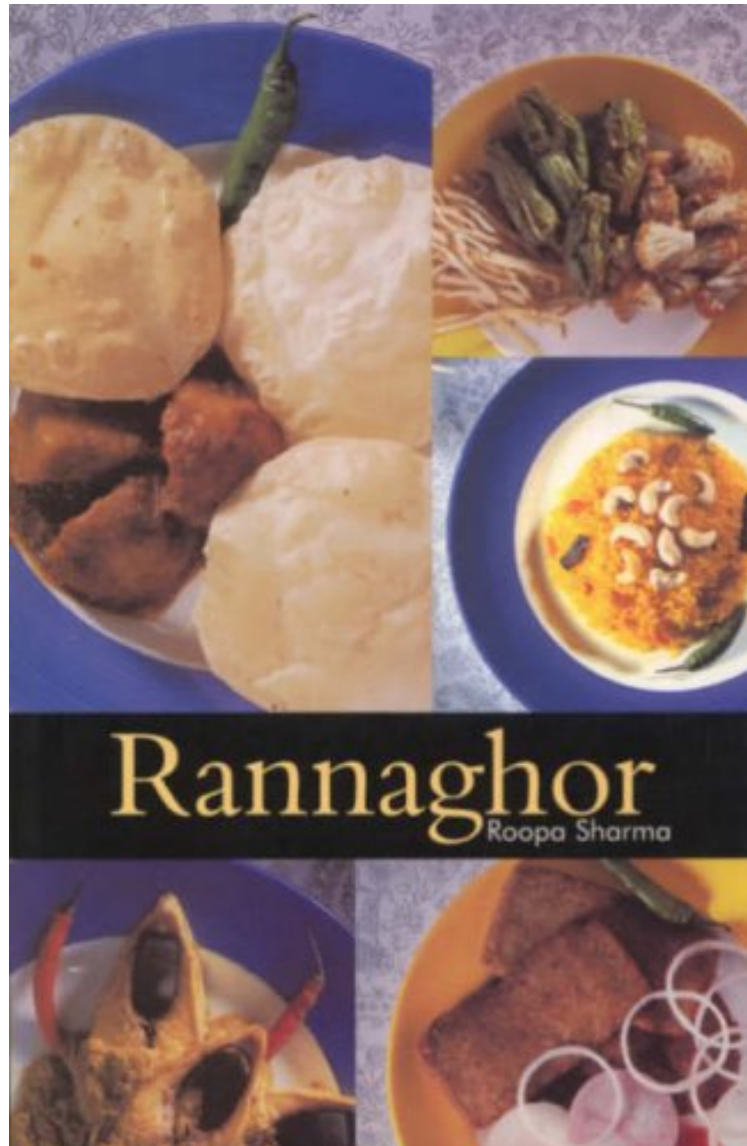


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collect books associated with Bengal- but I was not expecting as a high a quality resource as I found. I knew it was a small and short book at only 80 pages and I knew it was published out of India, which often does not publish the best-end product presentation... but in this case my expectations were highly surpassed, and both the author and the publisher deserve some kudos on design and presentation. First, this book is not about context and cultural background (for that, you will want to examine: Bengali Cooking: Seasons and Festivals ), and it is not necessarily for people who already know the art of cooking Bengali cuisine. This is, however, an excellent and straight-forward introduction into the preparation, cooking and presentation (order of courses) of how to cook a Bengali feast. The book very quickly breaks down and defines all the essential courses of a Bengali meal. The book is then organized by "menus" designed for different occasions, from holidays to every day dinners that a busy person can put together. The recipes then follow each menu (and also organized in a good Bangla/English index in the back). Each recipe's directions are exactly as short and direct as they need to be, while explaining every step (unlike many cookbooks which assume reader knowledge and omit steps), and includes helpful hints and parentheticals for success. ALSO, take a look at page 75, for some AMAZING "helpful hints" that are really helpful and I have not seen in other books, and is the kind of wisdom that only comes from trial and error (for example: When cooking Hilsa fish, wash it only once, and only after scaling its belly, but not the rest of the fish- before going on to scale the rest of it and cooking it- to prevent the loss of the oils that give it its best taste). An essential book for anyone who wants to learn to cook and put forward a great Bengali meal. 0 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Accessible By M. Morgenson Seems to make the recipes accessible for Western cooks. I haven't had a chance to make anything from it yet, (though I read through the recipes) but perhaps I'll post another once I get a chance to "test drive" it.

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