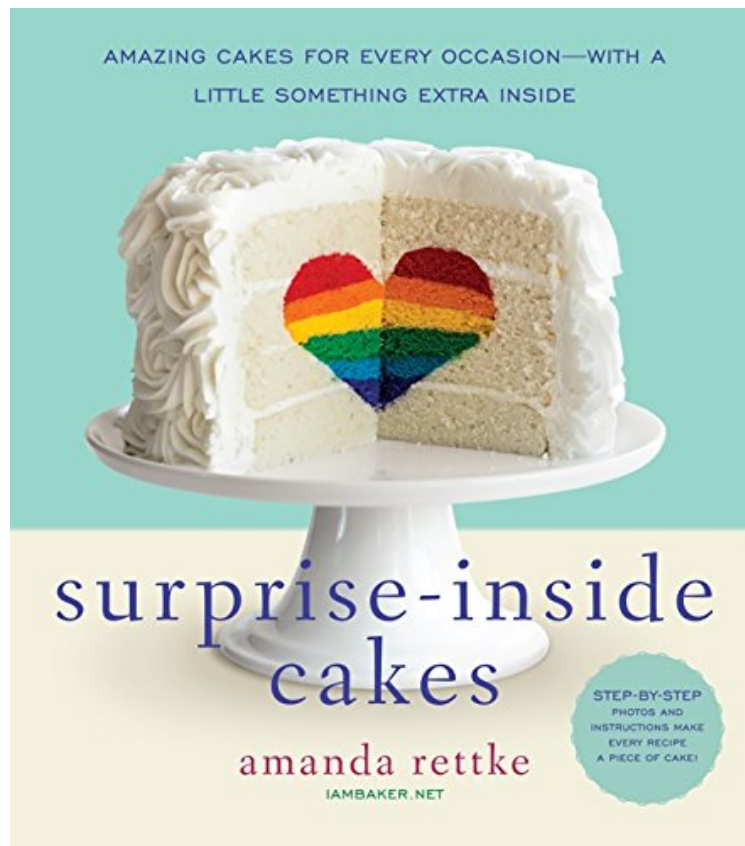


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texture, though was wonderful. I am planning to try more of the recipes, plus look for my own. I really bought the book for the ideas, and the few recipes in there are just a starting point. I baked the Vintage Cake, using box mixes (the way the author's grandma did it when she created this cake originally) and it turned out great, including the cream cheese frosting from the recipe in the book. The cake was for a birthday party and it got rave reviews from the family. The instructions in the book are very clear and complete. I love that quality in this book. I feel like there's no guess work on how to construct these cakes. Many are not easy, but the directions are detailed and well-written. A side bonus - I made the chocolate frosting recipe, too, just to try on the first practice white cake (the one that didn't really turn out for me), and some chocolate splatters landed on the open pages of the book. I wiped them off with a damp paper towel and the pages cleaned up perfectly, no stains and no warping. How's that for a little plus in a cookbook. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Fantastic book! By TheWitch Fantastic book! It makes it very easy to do this spectacular surprise inside cakes. It give a few ways of doing a surprise inside. Easy to follow instructions. I totally recommend buying this book. I sat down and read it cover to cover and then jumped in and made a cake of my own with a surprise inside.

From Amanda Rettke, founder of the popular blog I Am Baker, comes Surprise-Inside Cakes with recipes and techniques to make dozens of stunning, imaginative cakes for every occasion, each with something special inside. Whether it's a striking, all-white cake with a secret red velvet heart baked inside; a birthday cake, complete with a surprise balloon cake in the middle; or the gorgeous hydrangea cake that took the blogosphere by storm; Amanda's cakes are downright revolutionary and really fun to prepare. This beautifully designed cookbook contains eye-popping color photos and step-by-step instructions to create incredible surprise-inside cakes in your own kitchen. For Amanda Rettke, every cake is a gift to be shared with family and friends, a special treat that should be lovingly prepared and meticulously designed from the inside out.

From the Back Cover It's what's inside that counts! Surprise your friends and family with these stunningly inventive cakes, including easy-to-follow instructions that even a beginner can master. For Amanda Rettke, founder of iambaker.net, every cake is a gift to be shared, a special treat that should be lovingly prepared and intriguingly designed from the inside out. Whether it's a striking all-white cake with a secret rainbow heart baked inside, a birthday cake complete with a surprise balloon in the middle, or the gorgeous rose cake that took the blogging world by storm, Amanda's creations are downright revolutionary and tons of fun! In Surprise-Inside Cakes, she gives us fresh new ways to enjoy life's greatest occasions, with themes and cakes including: Celebrating Family, Stripe Birthday Cake, Paw Print Cake, Rainbow Cake Celebrating You, Leopard Cake, Herringbone Cake, Cowboy Boot Cake Celebrating Love, Kiss Cake, Ring Cake, Sunset Cake Celebrating Holidays, Jack-o'-lantern Cake, Rudolph Cake, Holiday Candle Cake Celebrating Life, Football Cake, Cherry Cake, Smiley Face Cake. Featuring a few classic favorite cakes from her blog and more than forty brand-new cakes along with her easy-to-follow instructions and step-by-step photo tutorials, Surprise-Inside Cakes shows you how to replicate these incredible designs in your own kitchen. To make these dazzling cakes, you can start with one of Amanda's delicious, foolproof recipes for cakes and frostings, or use a boxed cake mix or favorite family recipe. With tips on how to bake a level cake, tricks using household items such as rulers, biscuit cutters, and cookie cutters to carve and shape cakes, and Amanda's simple yet stunning frosting and decorating ideas, you'll not only be re-creating these amazing cakes for occasions large and small, you'll soon be using her techniques to create your own surprises! And your friends and family will be thrilled and delighted when a beautiful cake opens to reveal a special gift inside. About the Author Amanda Rettke began her food blogging career in October 2010 with the introduction of her first surprise-inside cake, and since then she's been featured in the New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Woman's World, Midwest Living, Brides, and Romantic Homes. A regular contributor to Food Network and HuffPost Food online, she has also been featured on the Martha Stewart Show and marthastewart.com. She lives with her husband and five children near Minneapolis, Minnesota.