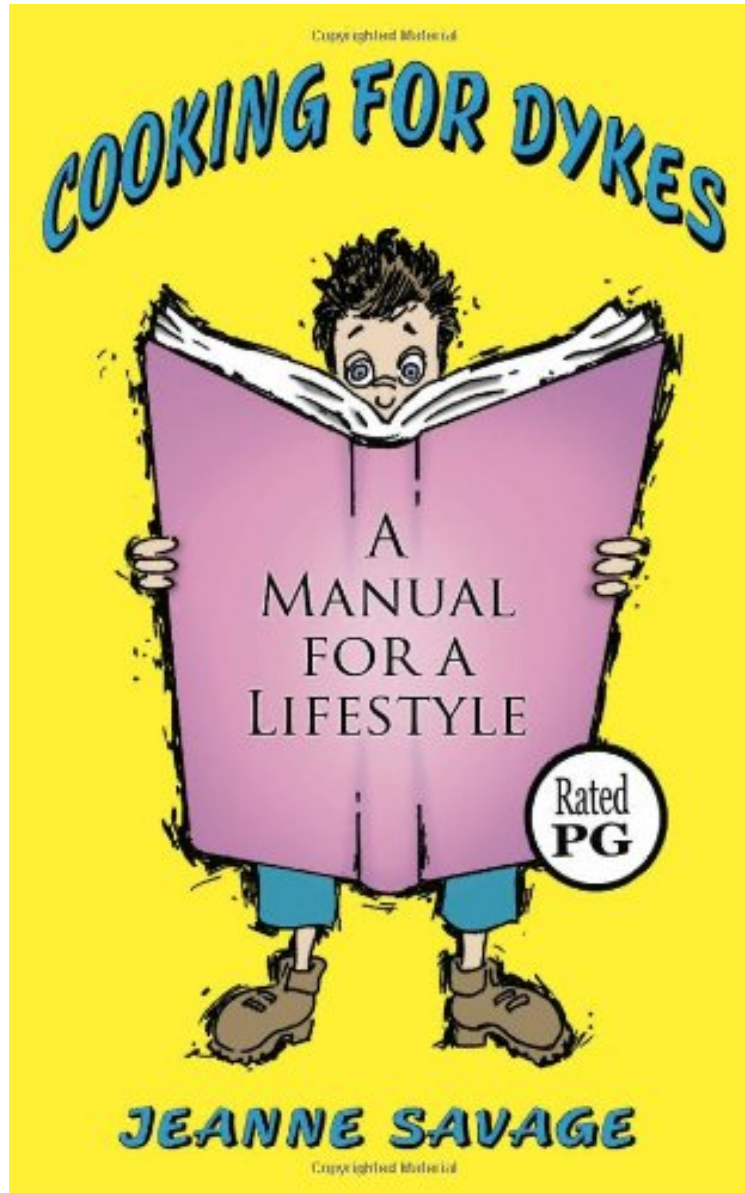


Cooking for Dykes: A manual for a lifestyle

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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Bellamy's baby has a sayBy Elizabeth MoisanA healthy and funny peak into both the gay lifestyle and the smart eating one, as well. I heard the author talk about her book, and she's very funny in person. In fact, she opened her talk by saying, with a "straight" face, "Don't worry" --pause -- "it's not a cook

book."This book is really healthy in several ways --- recipes, tips, ideas for growing your own food, how to food shop wisely, and some d-i-y plans for the house. But also proves, if proof were needed, that gay or straight, we're all alike --- even right down to choosing the best shoes for the ball.The author, also an artist, has illustrated her book with clever cartoons.

Be prepared for the use of gayspeak, innuendo and stereotypical hoo-ha to bring you into the fun. Is it a cookbook? Is it a memoir, An essay? A how-to book? A collection of short stories? Yes. With a mixture of fact and fiction and an I'll do-it-myself attitude, the author drew the cartoons, designed the cover and even rated it herself. Told they only rate movies, her response was, "Who says?" To jump start the neophyte in the kitchen, recipes like "Butchy-Femme Burger" are included in an assortment of cooking-from-scratch edibles. Was this book written to create a new category on library shelves? Not exactly. The format may look a little strange but you'll get used to it. As the author is quick to query, "Did you expect me to write straight?" Jeanne hopes you will enjoy *Cooking For Dykes* as much as she enjoyed putting it together. Jeanne Savage quit high school at age 16 and job hopped from switchboard operator to messenger, clerk, typist, artist, waitress and showgirl. It was when she worked as a nurse's aide on Long Island that she asked herself, "42 jobs later, have I learned enough?" When the answer came back "No," Jeanne enrolled in college, worked full-time and graduated at 53, becoming a registered nurse. For six years, the author was head nurse at a mental facility. She then retired and started chasing one of her first loves, art. She took a few courses, sold paintings and served on the board of directors of a Cape Cod art guild. Has she learned enough yet? Probably not, as Jeanne has joined writers' groups on the Cape. The critiquing has helped her considerably. She feels that with the help of folks at these gatherings, another author has come out of the closet.