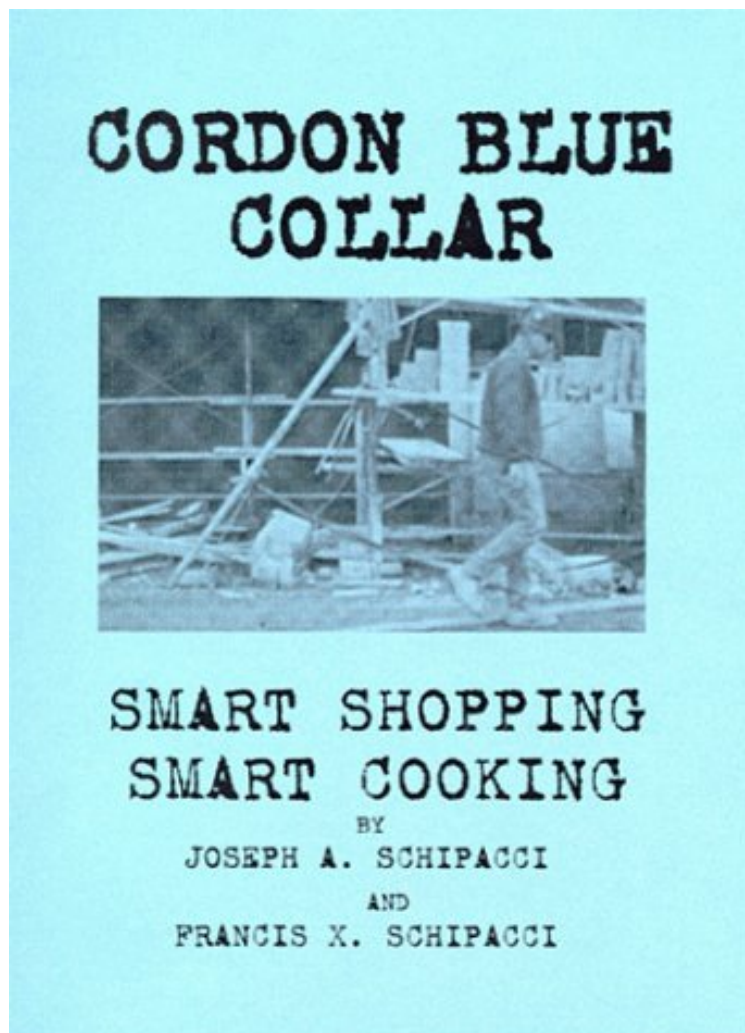


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felt like I learned something. There's tons of great pictures showing how to prepare the food and it's so well explained that anyone can do it. Now I can cut up a chicken! I could never do that before. And it is SO funny. The front of the book is all about Joe Schipacci's childhood in Baltimore and how he learned to cook and shop. There's lots of characters and jokes but the best thing about it is that Cordon Blue Collar is the only cookbook that I've ever really USED. Do yourself a favor and pick up this book.

In this funny, informative (and downright sexy) cookbook, Joseph A. Schipacci lets his time honored, top secret recipes, cooking and shopping philosophies out of the bag so that you, the teeming masses of cooking-impaired Americans can learn how to come home and put something together. Assisted by writer Frank Schipacci, Joseph details his tips, tricks and secrets in a mind-blowing, disturbingly explicit manner. The Schipacci boys debase, debunk and debone American food culture.

About the AuthorThe son of Baltimore Italians, Joseph was raised among the simmering pots and bustling activity of the family restaurant, Ristorante Strunzo. Joseph has food embedded in his soul and at the age of ten he could cook circles around the world's best French gourmets. But the industry was not for Joseph. He was a cook, not a chef. He didn't have time for garnishes. Joe didn't need no dots and squiggles of raspberry sauce on fifty dollar china. He dropped the restaurant business like a hot potato. Almost forty years later, Joseph grew more and more disgusted with the current state of cookbooks and cooking shows. The need to create his own was too great; the urge was like a hammer beating in his skull. But where could he start? He could cook, but he couldn't write. That's when he enlisted the help of his cousin, Frank Schipacci, and began collaborating on a book. And this is the result. A cookbook so powerful that it has changed the lives of millions of Americans and thousands more each day. It's a little bit Bombeck, a little bit Trillin, a little bit Terkel, and a whole lotta Schipacci. It's one wild culinary ride from the 50's to the 00's.