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Polish Chicago: Our History, Our Recipes



Synopsis

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Bought this for a table book for my father. He grew up in the old Chicago Polish neighborhood. He just couldn't put the book down! He was amazed at how every page of the book hit home. The author put into print all the words and stories Dad told. Would strongly recommend if you want to know about the Polish life in Chicago, IL.

My boyfriend loves to cook and grew up Polish-American in Chicago. He loved all the beautifully illustrated photos and recalled many places that were featured. It's a lovely, sturdy coffee-table like book. He was really thrilled to receive this and didn't realize there was any book out there such as

this one. I think it would be great for any Chicagoan. Really super recipes too!

Great Book

Purchased this as a gift for my Dad for his birthday. He is in his 80's and hard to buy for. I was a little worried because he doesn't read much, but he really loved this book. It brought him back in time to when he was a little boy growing up in Chicago in a Polish neighborhood. I keep borrowing it too, for the wonderful recipes!

I enjoyed this book...all my relatives lived in and around Chicago in the Polish communities. My grandparents came from Poland.

Amazing book with many pictures of Polish Chicagoans and important places. Great recipes.

My husband is from Poland. He loves it!

The book on Polish culture in the Chicago area was a big hit for my brother-in-law as a Christmas gift. His family is from the area and the recipes were very familiar to him. He has made several old Polish dinners and he really enjoys sharing the book with his family. Thank you, Eileen

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