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Cake Wrecks: When Professional Cakes Go Hilariously Wrong



Synopsis

Have your cake and laugh at it, too, with the sweet treat known as *Cake Wrecks: When Professional Cakes Go Hilariously Wrong*. From the creator of the ultrapopular blog *CakeWrecks.com*, here are the worst cakes ever, including the ugly, the silly, the downright creepy, the unintentionally sad or suggestive, and the just plain funny. With witty commentary and behind-the-scenes tidbits, *Cake Wrecks* will ensure that you never look at a cake the same way again. Since May 2008, Jen Yates has been blogging about such confectionery calamities at her popular Web site *CakeWrecks.com*, winner of the 2008 Blogger's Choice Award for Best Humor Blog, and three 2009 Weblog awards (Bloggies) for Best Writing on a Blog, Best New Blog, and Best Food Blog. Yates now offers up this inspired photo collection with over 150 *Cake Wrecks*, including 75 percent never-before-seen content. "I haven't laughed so hard in ages." --Mary Alice, from the Food Network's *Ace of Cakes*

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Customer Reviews

"Think of them as epic fails, with frosting" (David Hochman, *The New York Times*) "Mixed but tasty!"; messages" (Reader's Digest) "Here's a way to enjoy cake without eating a bite (*Cake Wrecks*) | will have you laughing so hard you'll forget to eat." (The Washington Post) "Now you can have your cake and laugh at it, too." (YahooVoices) "A cavalcade of baking hate crimes perpetrated in the name of celebratory desserts, *Cake Wrecks* takes creator Jen Yates' flawlessly written meme and advances it in book form." (Tampa Tribune) "A hilarious winner." (Oregonian) (AM New York) "For once a title doesn't exaggerate. This is a hilarious book." (The Advocate) "One big ol' pastry fail after another | hilarious photographs of what

were you thinking?" (Florida Times Union)

Jen Yates lives in Orlando, Florida, with her husband, John, and their two cats. She enjoys eating dessert first, quoting Ghostbusters, and reminding everyone that she used to be a Jungle Cruise skipper. When not writing for her blog *Cake Wrecks*, Jen can be found flaunting her flaming geekiness on her other blog, *Epbot*. www.cakewrecks.blogspot.com

Great book to read a few pages whenever you need an uplift of your spirits. Some of the cakes are just hilarious! Many professional cake decorators obviously are unfamiliar with English language or American Holidays/Culture, and their mistakes are extremely humorously exposed by the author. Pick up anytime you need a little humor injection and once you have had your humor battery recharged, put it down and save the rest for another time. Would recommend for anybody needing an intermittent humor injection.

I got two of these as Mothers Day gifts for relatives. They got as big a kick out of them as I got out of the website :D Great-grandma, grandma, mom...we all loved it.

Brilliant and original idea for a book, with hilarious results. I laughed so hard I cried at some of them (and not just the first time I read them). It is hard to believe that the "professionals" who decorate fancy cakes are so illiterate and bone-headed about content. Well, maybe not -- they are decorating cakes for a living and not sending rockets to land on asteroids. Also some of their "artistry" is a little bit on the sloppy side. Highly recommended. One of the best humor books to come out in a long time.

Whether you're a fan of the *Cake Wrecks* blog or have learned about this book some other way, this is a really fun look at some of America's most egregious, amazingly unrecognized-by-the-baker pastry accidents. The book is divided into chapters, with an introduction at the beginning, and the author, Jen Yates, provides some very funny commentary between pictures. And no, the pictures aren't all the same ones from the blog! Be forewarned, though: if you're a baker, or if you know someone who is, you may find this book offensive. Cake "wrecks" are defined not just as cakes featuring misspelled words, or with poorly drawn graphics - they also include ideas of all stripes that just didn't seem to work. Popular motifs such as many styles of bridal shower and groom's cake are featured, as are many ambitious designs that seemed to be just a bit out of the baker's reach. I

recommend this for laughs - awesome as a funny gift and sure to be a conversation-starter if displayed in your home. We've all made "wrecks" of one kind or another, so if you have a sense of humor about your kitchen creations, you'll get a lot of laughs from this book. Also, if you enjoy a certain blog and a print-version book comes out based on it, remember that purchasing the book is a great way to make sure the website stays around!

I've always enjoyed the Cake Wrecks website, so I knew that I would love this book. I've bought several and given them as presents, especially to people who are recovering from an illness, because laughter really does help. And this book makes everyone laugh out loud. The pictures of the professionally made cakes gone horribly wrong are great, and the accompanying descriptions are also hilarious.

I found this book in a bookstore one night and laughed so hard I was crying. I purchased this gift for a student who was graduating from a high school culinary program. Great for a good chuckle.

Does what it's designed to do

Definitely overrated. A few funny cakes, but super repetitive and not that funny overall. Could be condensed into 1/4 the length. Not worth the time to flip through each page. If you want laughs, get a book like Awkward Family Photos, Chinglish, etc.

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