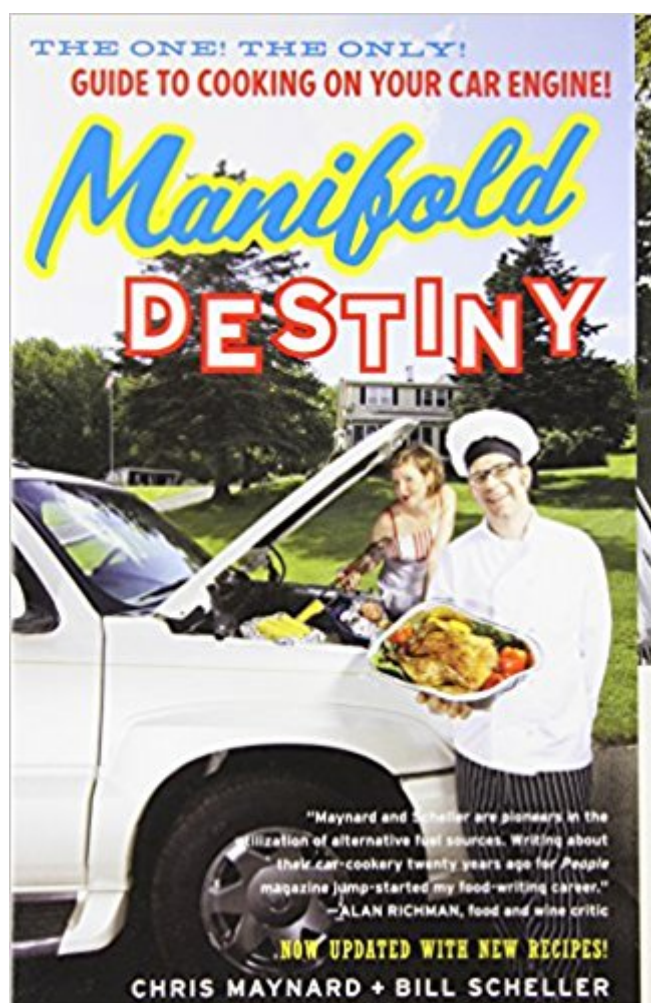


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Manifold Destiny: The One! The Only! Guide To Cooking On Your Car Engine!



Synopsis

Giving new meaning to the term "fast food" Rest-stop grade F meat patty? Nah. Nuggets of reconstituted poultry bits? Pass. Deep-fried fish discus? No, really, thanks all the same. It's time to bid farewell to the roadside meal as you know it. Nearly twenty years ago, Chris Maynard and Bill Scheller opened the world's eyes to the beautym of car-engine gastronomy in the original *Manifold Destiny*. And now that another generation of both drivers and eaters has emerged, the cult classic is due for an overhaul. In this shiny, spanking-new edition, learn how to make s'mores in your Scion, poach fish in your Pontiac, even bust out a gourmet snack from under the hood of your Escalade. With step-by-step diagrams, crowd-pleasing recipes, and thorough instructions, now you can turn your car into a kitchen without ever crossing any golden arches. Hilarious, bizarre, and ultimately (seriously!) useful, *Manifold Destiny* is and always will be an unparalleled original. So, slap a ham steak under the hood of your car, hit the gas, and drive until you reach delicious -- which is in approximately fifty miles, depending on traffic.

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Customer Reviews

Feeling a mite peckish on those long road trips? Pack along this humorous cookbook and whip up Cajun-style shrimp in your car or recreational vehicle. All you need are shrimp, pork fat, "whatever 'Cajun' seasonings you've seen advertised," a set of wheels and someplace to go. Cook on a medium-hot part of the engine for about 55 miles. If that's too much work, pick up several stuffed peppers (preferably from a backwater North Jersey Italian deli), wrap them in foil and pop under the hood. Maynard, a photographer, and Scheller, a travel writer, are as adept at roasting trendy

cooking as they are at warming pastrami sandwiches while they drive an auto rally. They teach drivers to view their vehicles in a new way, locating cooking surfaces via the "burn your finger" method of temperature verification. They may even change the way people select new cars: the Chevrolet Celebrity GL offers six servings, while the Camry has only three but sports a bun warmer, a feature seldom mentioned in Toyota ads. The authors sober up to serve a clear warning: carelessness under the hood can be dangerous to car and driver. Illustrations not seen by PW. Author tour. Copyright 1989 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"[A] witty, cleverly conceived and actually workable guide." -- Los Angeles Times
"You'll be the envy of everyone at the rest stop!" -- Missoula Independent
"[A] witty, informative paperback by Chris Maynard and Bill Scheller, a couple of fun-and-food-loving guys who first published in 1989 to let chefs and chauffeurs know they can cook up a right smart snack or meal using the heat of the engine while driving on a reasonably long trip." -- Chicago Tribune

An interesting blend of humor, practicality and information. I have always been intrigued with alternate methods of cooking and the idea of actually cooking a meal while en route to a destination was irresistible. I was a little disappointed that most of the recipes took under two hours to cook. I was hoping for some that would be useful on longer drives. Not having attempted any, I have no way of knowing if they would work. The info and instructions as well as the cautionary statements are encouraging and I do plan to cook dinner next time I drive to my mom's.

One of the few books in recent years that has rendered me laughing out loud uncontrollably! it is great and especially fun if you have any nostalgia for old cars plus a familiarity with regional character around the US. (Right up there with Red Green and Garrison Keillor in my reality.) These guys actually approached the subject quite scientifically--well, in a way any engineer or mechanic would appreciate although there is no need to have any technical background to appreciate their sense of fun. BTW, I am 65+ female, so not your typical target audience. The book is worth every penny!

My husband had a copy of this book in 1962-1963 when he was a truckdriver in the Marine Corps in Twentynine Palms, California. It disappeared and he has talked about that cookbook all these years. While watching American Pickers, one of the guys had purchased one of these and I was

finally able to get the correct name of it. It was a nice surprise for my husband when it arrived. I'm sure he will be trying some of the recipes.

This is the neatest book I have ever read. My Friend is a gourmet book and she also thought it was great. I am now really sorry I sold my Chevy van years ago which had a in-line six cylinder engine! (The Engine's Configuration Would Have Been Perfect) The book does a great job in regards to preparing & positioning the food under the hood. The recipes are also great! Also, one can prepare these tasty recipes in a conventional manner also, if the car is not available!

Hilarious, easy one hour read. Always wanted to try this. Wish I had more suitable cooking surface on my engine. One day!

This is a classic. A must-have for any motorhead

I had this book years ago, but several moves later it disappeared. My old Chevy S-10 had a great cooking place on the intake manifold... Anyway, I now have an older Subaru Impreza. I was tickled pink to see Subie recipes in the updated book! Too bad I'm in the hospital, learning to walk again (and drive), so I can't drive down to Medford or up to Vancouver to try the new recipes out, but the old ones worked shure-fine, gimme a fork! Buy the book. You don't have to stop at Carl's Jr, Black Bear Diner, or Subway for decent eats any more. Whip 'em up yourself! Yummmmm down the road we go!

I had heard an interview on NPR with the author and decided I needed to read this book. It is so much fun I have now ordered several copies. My nephew, who rebuilds old cars, was the first to receive a copy from me. He loved it too. The next copy went to a friend who had just purchased a truck to carry equipment across country. So, of course, he had to have a copy. What truck would be complete without a copy of this in the glovebox next to the owners manual? This is the funniest cookbook I have ever had the pleasure of reading. Who knew you would set the time of your dish by the miles between places?

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