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Combining reminiscences with more than sixty of her personal recipes, the acclaimed author of *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* reflects on important moments of her life that centered around the dinner table and presents Minnesota wild rice, biscuit

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Kathleen says

Some interesting stories, some not. Great little story about Oprah. Decent narration by author.

Cathy says

This is a delightful autobiography/ cookbook. Dr. Angelou knew that time spent with friends at table was sacred. She recounts many rich and even a few zany stories of her experiences dining with friends. At the close of each vignette, she has included the recipes for the dishes she shared.

Crystal says

This was a short but engaging work by Maya Angelou. She read the audio version, which I listened to, and it gave a lovely extra level of authenticity to the work, hearing her personal stories in her own voice as well as words. Some of the stories were more compelling than others, and I wasn't interested in most of the dishes mentioned (which is OK, since the audio version obviously abridges the recipes). But I thoroughly enjoyed the book and admired what more I learned about Angelou herself and her accomplishments in life. It makes me want to read more of her works, and to think more seriously about the role that food plays in each of our lives.

Katie says

What a GIFT it is to read Maya's memoirs (PLURAL) in her own voice. She lived a million lifetimes, and every one of her audiobook memoirs is like inviting your friend Maya over for an evening that you never want to end. In Hallelujah!, Angelou ups the ante by combining her amazing (first-person) storytelling with stories about food - another connector. Whoever suggested this idea for a book (Angelou or an editor) was brilliant.

There's a tiny anecdote at the end of the book where Angelou talks about how writing makes her a better chef and vice versa. It's very similar to how Murakami connects writing and running.

Belinda says

What a delightful book! I listened to the audiobook read by Dr. Angelou and I'm sure that added to my delight. This is a history of Dr. Angelou's life as it pertains to the eating and preparation of food. She has met so many interesting people and has gone to so many interesting places, I found myself engrossed by the sound her voice and her fantastic stories. She writes beautiful prose which sounds, amazingly enough, like

poetry. I don't often write down a quotes from books, but this one is so amazing, I must share it with you. "I rolled my trepidation into a pill and swallowed it." The woman is a genius with words!

Aunt Edie says

Narrated by Maya Angelou. The draw of this book was, of course, the narration by Maya Angelou herself. The stories included are short, interesting, and center around food. Unfortunately the recipes themselves aren't included in the audio version. Which I think is a missed opportunity because I am enchanted by the idea of that incredible voice keeping me company in the kitchen, telling me exactly how to make all those mouthwatering dishes. But I think those who read the book themselves instead of listening miss out on a great treat. So perhaps the only solution is to buy two versions? I'm only giving it 3 stars because it is an audio book missing half the content, a cookbook without recipes.

Adrian says

I listened to this book, read by Maya Angelou, herself, while I was cooking. I absolutely loved it.

Sophie says

I won't be making many of the recipes in this book as I'm vegetarian but this was an absolute pleasure to read! Angelou has such a passion for food and I loved reading all of the memories that are tied into the dishes she's presenting to you.

Katherine Bennett-wilson says

Book Club Selection

This book was chosen by my book club The African-American Women's Book Club as a selection for the month of October. Since we have an open spot it as decided that we do pot luck following the recipes from this delightful book. Each member brought a dish & we had some of the best food along with a lively discussion of different women's health issues. I think we honored Maya simply by following her advice because each of the recipes has a story attached. It was a great night .I would encourage book clubs to try this for their next gathering. I hoped she smiled down at us

Suzanne Fournier says

A cookbook filled with stories. Insightful, hilarious, heart warming. So much love for this woman.

Tanya b says

Maya Angelou is an idol of mine so I tend to be biased when I read anything of hers. This is full of wonderful, personal stories about Maya Angelou's relationship with others through the cooking, sharing, and celebration of food. The first story about her Mama's Lemon Meringue pie had me chuckling and smiling so much I had to read it again to savor it.

Her positivity and perspective always leave me refreshed and renewed which I find I need more and more as of late. I miss her tremendously and have her always in my heart when I read her work and life stories.

Donna says

Found this book in the cruise ship's library during our Panama Canal cruise and enjoyed it very much!

Betsy says

A great audio book to enjoy while in your kitchen cooking. Themes: the way food connects us across cultures, oceans and economies and brings greater understanding. Appreciation of flavors that take time and patience, just as in relationships. Conversation and listening as art when invited to a table. Bon Appetit!

Shelby *trains flying monkeys* says

I pick this book up every so often just because I love this woman so much. She is one of my personal heroes and I adore her. I think tomorrow night I'm making her fried meat pies.

Megan says

This is my favorite cook book I have ever read. I love the way the recipes are attached to beautiful memories and stories told with humor. Angelou really brings to life the joy and connection that comes from preparing a meal special for someone you love.
