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Jo-anne says

Time spent around the family table, favourite recipes and foods bring back such powerful memories of my own life. It was lovely to be part of this love story from a son honouring his mom, not as a Hollywood idol but as a caring, loving mom.

Becky says

Super fun- I didn't know all this about Audrey.

Jill Bagley says

My true rating so more like 3.5. The writing isn't spectacular, but it was an interesting read. I really enjoy reading the biographies written by Audrey Hepburn's sons. Reading them makes her more human and relatable. Since Luca Dotti was born later in her life this is a glimpse into her life that most biographies just skim over due to her not being involved in films much anymore. I liked seeing what she was like as a mom and not just what she's like behind a camera. There were a few recipes in here that I want to try, such as her flourless chocolate cake recipe. But there were many that I really have no desire to try. Although this was the 70s and 80s and many recipes from this time are not my type of food. I would recommend this book to any avid Audrey Hepburn fan.

Anna says

I adore all things Audrey Hepburn, and I love that this is both a biography of Audrey written by her son Luca and also a recipe book with some of Audrey's favorite dishes to make. Two for the price of one!

Barbara Lohr says

Anyone who admired Audrey Hepburn and appreciates simple but tasty food will enjoy this book. With her son Luca Dotti as author, the cookbook has interesting anecdotes and pictures. Who knew that she was good friends with Yul Brynner's wife? Good friends, good food.

Lori says

This book was a very enjoyable one to read. Audrey Hepburn has been one of my favorite actresses. I also

admired her as a person. This book is from her youngest son, Luca Dotti. It is part biography, and part cookbook. Luca Dotti offers an inside look of his memories of his beloved mother. She was not a "movie star" at home. She was just "mum". and a wonderful one at that. This book has snippets of Audrey Hepburn's. Life, her friends, raising her sons. and her love of food and cooking. I loved getting to read about Audrey in her home and her charity work with Unicef. There are a lot of recipes to try here. all of them dishes that Audrey Hepburn loved to eat. I really enjoyed getting the chance to read a bit more of this wonderful woman's life. I really appreciated that her son was willing to share with the readers what it was like to have her for his mum. anyone who is a fan of Audrey Hepburn may enjoy reading this book as much as I did.

Irka says

Có?, to ksi??ka inna ni? "Oczarowanie" bo jest wspomnieniami syna o matce, a do tego zawiera przepisy kulinarne. Dla mnie to 2 w 1 podane tak przyst?pnie, ?e ju? mam list? przepisów do spróbowania.

A book one of it's kind. It's a memoirs about mother and her cook book. After reading it I have a list of things to try.

Cynthia Buck says

I adore Audrey Hepburn, and this part biography/part cookbook is a wonderful look into the amazing life she led. It's filled with stories and photographs, and of course recipes, and I enjoyed learning things about her that I had not previously read in other books. Written by someone close to her, her second son Luca, I got a glimpse of Audrey and the kind of person she really was, and my admiration for her has grown.

If you love all things Audrey like I do, I highly recommend this book!

Elise says

I had this book on my shelf for a couple of months. I'm a huge Audrey Hepburn fan, there is nothing better on a Sunday morning to watch a good Hepburn movie with a cup of coffee, comfortably install in the couch with a big knitted blanket. I had my eyes on this book for a long time and finally got it after everyone, without the intention to read it at first. Then after I've discovered that this isn't only a cookbook, I thought I should read it. Plus it is written by her second son, Luca. This is first hand infos and I loved it before, I still love it now.

Usually when a book about her is written by her own sons, it is always more emotional for me. You really feel the feelings and like overtime I'm reading a cookbook I have a big urge to cook, so that's going to happen next week, just so you know.

I loved reading this book, the recipes, the stories behind it. Everything was perfect and I loved it.

Of course, this is recommended for every person in love with Hepburn. Just get it, we all know, us Hepburn fan, are collecting books ^^.

Tonia says

I love biographical recipe books, and this one was a joy to read! A sweet tribute from a son to his mother, the book is full of beloved recipes and stories.

FabAudrey says

Years and years ago, in the beginning of the 2000s, I was sitting in the offices of The Audrey Hepburn Children's Fund. I remember looking up at a shelf above Audrey's son Sean's desk, and seeing a white binder with the word RECIPES across the spine. Were those really Audrey Hepburn's recipes? Yes. Would they ever be released to the public? I think there was a look of puzzlement for a response.

Well, many years later, we finally have a collection of Audrey Hepburn's personal recipes. What's more, we get the stories that go with each recipe shared, and why they were special – not just to her, but to her younger son, Luca. This is not a formal cookbook; nor is it a formal biography. Instead, we get a more casual look at Mr. Dotti's dear mum, something he would share with you across his own kitchen table, sleeves rolled up.

I really appreciate that Luca has also shared recipes from the women Audrey employed to help run the house, and his fond memories of them. There is so much warmth in these pages, and even if there's only one recipe in some chapters, the memories and pictures that go along with them are an absolute treasure. (Personally, I loved Luca's stories of scandalous Nonna Paola. Is there a chance she could get her own book?)

In some ways, this book gives you the truest form of Audrey Hepburn: a doting and thoughtful person who would have been more than happy to spend all her days catering to others. From quitting glamorous film work to raise her children, to the secret comfort food she relished after returning home to Switzerland from her travels, to her greatest weakness (flourless chocolate cake), here is who Audrey was when the walls came down and she was safe at home. Here are the memories she left to her child, and they are wonderful.

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Audrey says

what a beautiful tribute to his mother in sharing many details of her life in stories and photos and food...lovely

Annie says

This book is an absolute delight. It's a beautiful, heartfelt tribute of Audrey by her son Luca. I can't wait to try her recipes for Chocolate Cake and Spaghetti al Pomodoro. But the most important recipe is the last recipe:

Oral Rehydration Therapy

8 teaspoons of sugar and 1/2 teaspoon of salt dissolved in 1 quart of drinkable water.

Audrey learned this recipe as Envoy for Unicef. Since its first use in 1968 it has saved over 50 million people most of them children.

Tracie says

A dear, witty, and poignant food-opic. I am rather a sucker for stories that intertwine life, love, and food.

Audrey Hepburn is one of my favorite actresses--this particular book shows a side of her life rarely seen. She loved being a mother, dinners with close friends in cozy spaces, and flowers.

She was a survivor, in the truest sense of the word, as she nearly perished in Holocaust, living in Holland as a young teenager.

Elegant. Classy. Fun. Loving.

Laura Harrison says

Charming book loaded with intimate family and friends photos. Wonderful, fairly simple yet often elegant recipes. My only problem with Audrey at Home is with the book design. I wanted to purchase one for myself and one as a gift. But this hardcover is created without a dustjacket and the cover is light colored. There were smudges covering every book in the store I picked up. Clearly a popular browse, but not many would spend \$35 on a dirty book.
