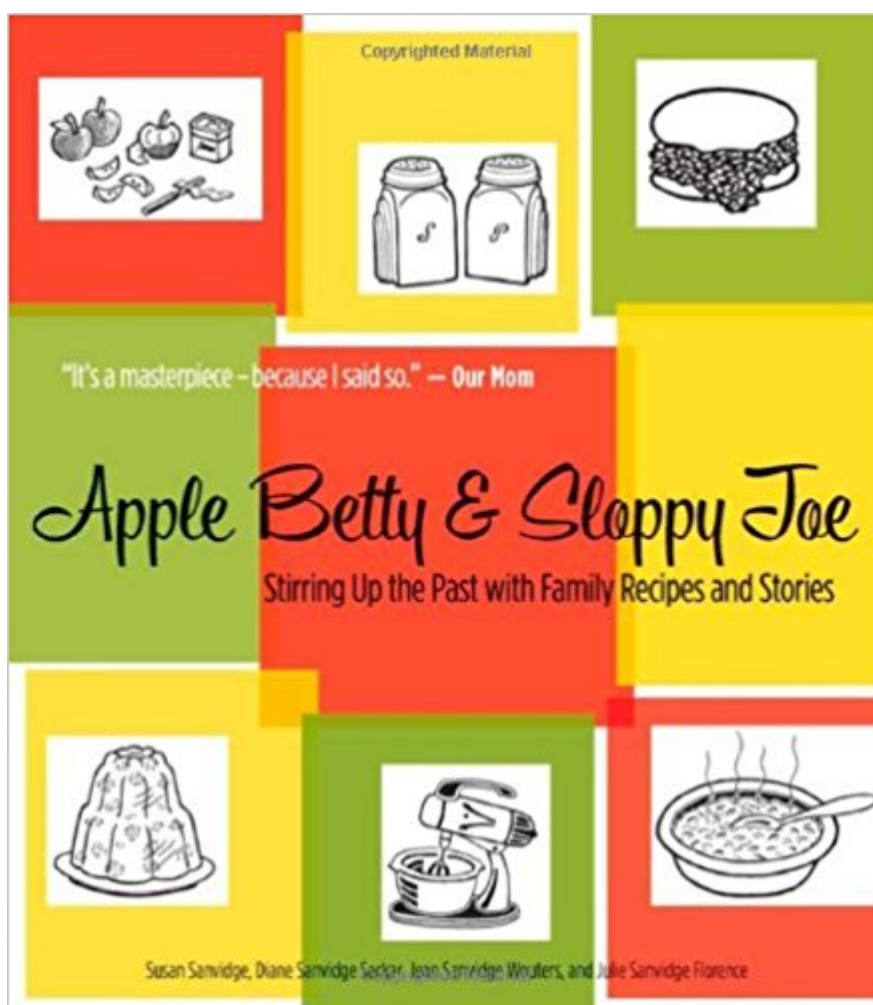


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# Apple Betty And Sloppy Joe: Stirring Up The Past With Family Recipes And Stories



## Synopsis

Compiled by four sisters and based on their recollections of their childhood in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, *Apple Betty & Sloppy Joe* captures the glow of memories formed while growing up in a midwestern kitchen. From Lemon Meringue Pie to Tomato Soup Cake, from Mom's Chicken Pie to Grandma Noffke's Sliced Cucumber Pickles, this charming book features hundreds of recipes (some classic, some quirky), plus dozens of food and cooking-related anecdotes, memories, humorous asides, and period photos that transport readers back to Mom's or Grandma's kitchen, circa 1950. The Sanvidges share a legacy of beloved dishes and food memories that resonate not just for their family, but for readers everywhere who grew up in a small midwestern town - or wish they had. Nostalgic, funny, and warmhearted, *Apple Betty & Sloppy Joe* celebrates the ways food and food memories link us to our past, and to each other. A delightful gift for food lovers of any generation.

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This curious collection is one part retro cookbook, three parts family scrapbook. Crammed with childhood photographs and fond family memories, this volume from the four Sanvidge sisters, who grew up in Wisconsin in the 1960s, feels uncomfortably similar to crashing someone else's reunion. Text accompanying a recipe for Ground Beef and Mashed Potato Casserole, for instance, reads, "Dad didn't like this one at first... so mom would make it only when he went hunting." Other commentary covers Julie's lousy singing voice, the family bus ("Red Rover") and vacations at the lake-sweet, but almost entirely irrelevant to any reader looking for background on a particular dish.

Not that most recipes invite close examination; the authors excavate largely musty, unadorned dishes like Spamwiches, Tuna Noodle Casserole, Meat Loaf and Twice-Baked Potatoes (the casserole requires a can of mushroom soup, the meatloaf is brushed with ketchup, etc.). Even more bizarre are non-recipes like Cereal in a Bowl ("Make sure there's milk in the refrigerator"). Anyone with a soft spot for mid-Century Midwestern cuisine, or a voyeuristic interest in other people's families, might enjoy this offbeat collection. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

"I chuckled all the way through this delightful book. I felt like I was spending a sunny afternoon visiting with the charming Sanvidge sisters as they tell their funny, warm, and wonderful stories about growing up in 1950s Wisconsin. Each recipe evokes family memories (which each sister remembers a little differently . . .) and conjures up a time and place that has become an American icon." (Judith Fertig, author of *Prairie Home Cooking*)  
"From the first page to the last, the mouthwatering recipes and the rich family reminiscences drew me in and kept me there, giving me a wonderful serving of the tastes and textures of growing up in Wisconsin." (Patty Pinner, author of *Sweets*)  
"The four Sanvidge sisters will take you back to a cozy childhood of canned soup casseroles, relish trays, and Crisco. From their Mom's lime Jell-O and cottage cheese salad to their Dad's applesauce, Apple Betty & Sloppy Joe is a charming paean to their Oshkosh family and the food we all grew up with." (Anne Dimock, author of *Humble Pie: Musing on What Lies Beneath the Crust*)  
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I am in love with this book. Four sisters who grew up in the 1950's and 1960's up to the 1970's share stories of their growing up years and so many recipes as well as information on shopping, holiday, and more. Since I was born the last year of the 1950's, all of this takes me back and I enjoy making these recipes and reading their stories. This book is one of my favorites.

Susan, where are you? I didn't know you wrote a cookbook. It's great, love the little stories along with the recipes...

I saw an article about this book in the *Reminisce* magazine, it sounded very interesting, so I ordered it and am glad I did. Good recipes and great stories about the times the authors had growing up.

Some really wonderful recipes and fun stories to go with them. Lots of fun for anyone who grew up

in Northeast Wisconsin!

Very good. Has a lot of things of interest in this book. I am from the area and can relate to many things this family seen and ate. Good job girls.

"Apple Betty & Sloppy Joe" is so fun. I'm from Oshkosh, WI so many of the stories take me back to the places mentioned. I bought one for myself and one as a gift. I know the recipient will love it. The family stories are reminiscent of home and the recipes familiar with many my Mom made in "the old days".

Excellent !! I've tried many of the recipes.

This cookbook is great. Easy to follow recipes which use everyday ingredients sprinkled with heartwarming stories. LOVE IT!!!

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