



***Cute Cupcakes* - edited by Kyle Cathie**

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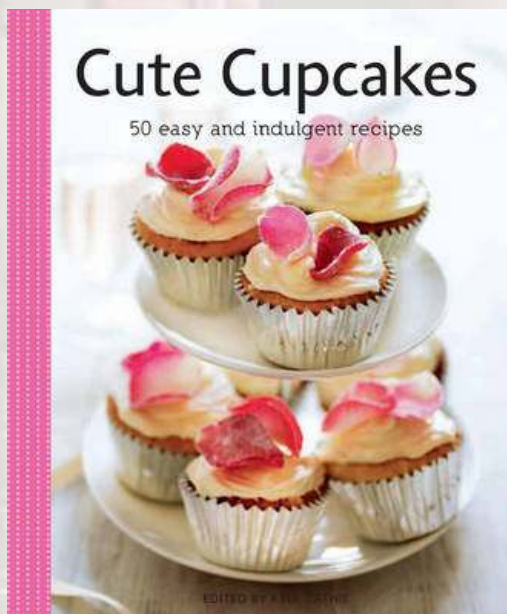
It's hard to believe there are so many different recipes for cupcakes. Yet, this attractive cookbook contains 50 recipes using a wide range of ingredients. The offerings range from the indulgent to the healthy lunchbox variety. Savoury or sweet, there's a recipe to suit all preferences.

Take your pick from the Truly Decadent chapter or the Festive recipes. Some names alone can set the mouth watering. Just imagine biting into a Muscovado Chocolate Cupcake with Cocoa Nibs and Mayan Spiced Syrup. Cappuccino Cupcakes or White Chocolate Butterfly Cakes are sure to be a hit at any celebration. The Afternoon Tea section includes a creative combination of flavours such as Rosemary and Apricot Muffins or Lime and Coconut Cupcakes.

People with food allergies are also catered for. For example, there's gluten-free Sweet Courgette and Saffron Butterfly Cakes or Blue Cheese Buttermilk Muffins. A good range of vegetarian, vegan and fat-free recipes are included.

Close-up photographs display the creations at their tantalising best. The friendly, home baking appearance should encourage novice cooks to have a go. Instructions are clear and easy to follow with basic ingredients used for many recipes. Plus, there's valuable hints on how to achieve the perfect result. Pretty muffin cases and garnishes such as real rose petals add the finishing touches. The divine little sponge cakes make a tempting treat for any occasion. Scrumptious!

Reviewed by children's book author, Jean Bennett.



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