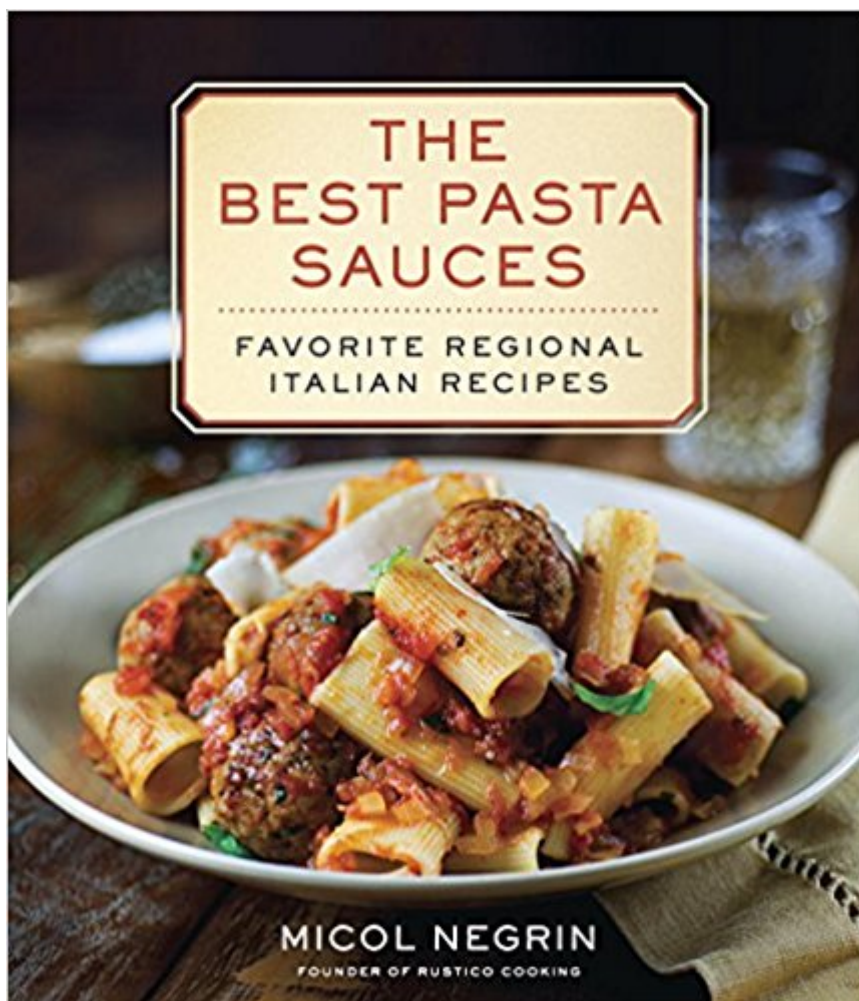


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# The Best Pasta Sauces: Favorite Regional Italian Recipes



## Synopsis

Food writer, cooking teacher, and Milan native Micol Negrin has written the first cookbook to explore the best, most authentic Italian pasta sauce recipes from a regional perspective. The culinary odyssey begins in northern Italy, where rich sauces are prepared with fresh cream or local cheese: Creamy Fontina Sauce with Crushed Walnuts and White Truffle Oil; Parmigiano Sauce with Fresh Nutmeg; Pine Nut and Marjoram Pesto. Central Italy is known for sauces made with cured meats, sheep's milk cheeses, and extra-virgin olive oil: Spicy Tomato, Onion, and Guanciale Sauce; Smashed Potato Sauce with Cracked Black Pepper and Olive Oil; Caramelized Fennel and Crumbled Sausage Sauce. In southern Italy, simple, frugal ingredients meld into satisfying and delicious flavors: Sweet Pepper and Lamb Ragù with Rosemary; Fresh Ricotta Sauce with Diced Prosciutto; Spicy Cannellini Bean Sauce with Pancetta and Arugula. The islands of Sicily and Sardinia take advantage of the bountiful seafood from the Mediterranean and game from the mountainous terrain: Pork Ragù with a Hint of Dark Chocolate and Cinnamon; Red Mullet Roe with Garlicky Bread Crumbs; Rich Lobster Sauce. Negrin also provides a primer on saucing the Italian way, the basics for handmade pastas, the key to cooking pasta al dente, vital ingredients for every Italian kitchen, perfect wine pairings, and the best food shopping sources around the United States. Complete with mouthwatering color photographs and detailed maps of the various regions, *The Best Pasta Sauces* lets you travel to Italy without ever leaving your kitchen.

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## Customer Reviews

Micol Negrin is the owner of Rustico Cooking, an Italian cooking school in Manhattan. She is the author of the James Beard-nominated *Rustico: Regional Italian Country Cooking and The Italian Grill*. For six years, she was the editor of *The Magazine of La Cucina Italiana*. She has written for major publications, including *Cooking Light*, *Fine Cooking*, and *Bon Appétit*. Micol Negrin lives on a small lake in New Jersey with her husband, Dino De Angelis.

Today, if you travel across Italy, you can still find echoes of the medieval and Renaissance sweet sauces, especially at Christmas, when nuts, sugar, and cinnamon frequently lend festive flavor to pastas. You'll also find echoes of the spice trade that fueled much of the Italian economy in centuries past in pasta sauces that call for nutmeg, cinnamon, poppy seeds, caraway seeds, and other spices. But what you'll find most of all is a tremendous variety of sauces that draw on the bounty of land and sea, on the ingenuity of the home cook, and on the imperative of letting the pasta itself be the star of the plate. No sauce is so intense as to mask the pasta it is served with. No sauce is so plentiful as to drown the pasta it is tossed with. The sauce is merely a vehicle for enjoying the pasta, and it is a vehicle that changes marvelously from region to region, depending on what local cooks can find in their gardens and on what has informed their cooking over the centuries.

The most amazing sauces ever, love pasta but tired of red sauce this is the book for you. My neighbors love my cooking thanks to this book.

This is the first time I shared a cookbook with my husband. We enjoyed going through the book together as if we were actually traveling from northern to southern Italy while being introduced to the foods native to that particular region. The recipes were appealing and mostly used few and basic ingredients. Each region had a brief introduction with tidbits of information. Sometimes the author described a region's basic staple or gave a brief economic history. My Sicilian husband chuckled when he read that bread crumbs were a 'poor man's cheese' as he recalled how delicious they tasted over 70 years ago in his grandmother's kitchen. I made one of the mushroom recipes last night and plan to try another this coming week. Finally, I'd say I just discovered that fewer ingredients and less time can result in a very satisfying meal.

Great book, I've learned a lot with it. So pretty adornments for my children

Very satisfied

Clearly explained. A must have for learning to cook authentic Italian pastas

It is absolutely fabulous. It is fun to try sauce from the various regions.

WONDERFUL sauces. You can make them ahead. I tried about 5 of them so far and they were absolutely delicious!!! Thank you, Micol, for this awesome book!!!

awesome cookbook! Micol Negrin has the best recipes for authentic Italian food. I have also taken several cooking classes at her school.... Rustico Cooking in New York City. Her recipes are my go to... when I entertain or for the Holidays.

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