

Iln "The Taste of Country Cooking: The 30th Anniversary Edition of a Great Southern Classic Cookbook," Miss Lewis (as she was almost universally known) shares the ways her family prepared and enjoyed food, savoring the delights of each special time of year.

From the fresh taste of spring - the first wild mushrooms and field greens - to the feasts of summer - garden-ripe vegetables and fresh blackberry cobbler - and from the harvest of fall - baked country ham and roasted, newly dug sweet potatoes - to the hearty fare of winter - stews, soups and baked beans - Lewis sets down these marvelous dishes in loving detail.

Here are recipes for Corn Pone and Crispy Biscuits, Sweet Potato Casserole and Hot Buttered Beets, Pan-Braised Spareribs, Chicken With Dumplings, Rhubarb Pie and Brandied Peaches. Dishes are organized into more than 30 seasonal menus.

In this seminal work, Edna Lewis - who died in 2006 - shows us precisely how to recover, in our own country or city or suburban kitchens, the taste of the fresh, good and distinctly American cooking that she grew up with.





