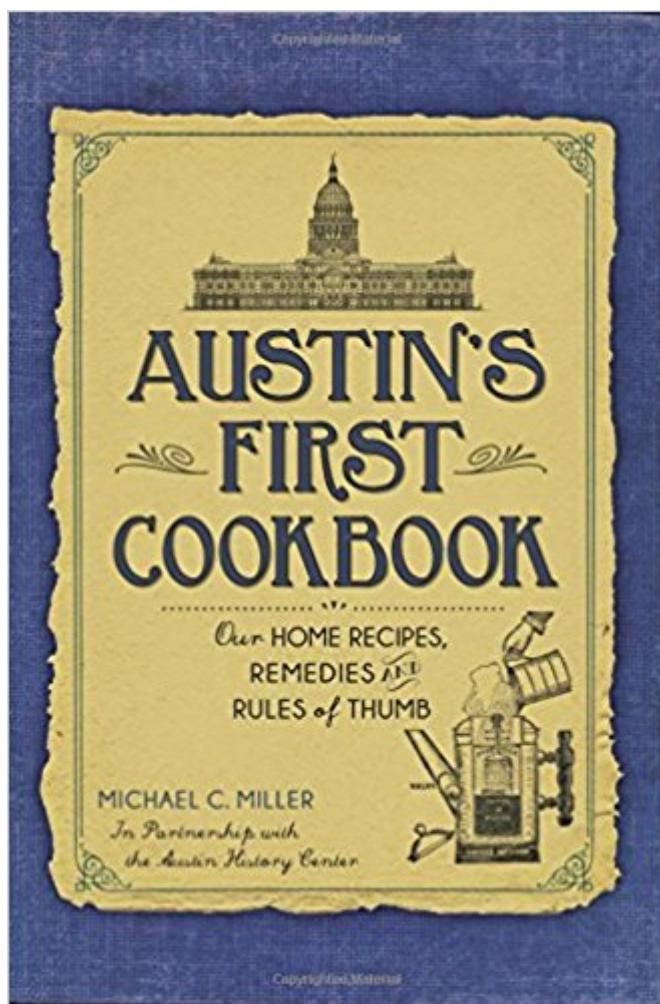


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# Austin's First Cookbook: (American Palate)



## **Synopsis**

Tacos and barbecue command appetites today, but early Austinites indulged in peppered mangoes, roast partridge and cucumber catsup. Those are just a few of the fascinating historic recipes in this new edition of the first cookbook published in the city. Written by the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in 1891, Our Home Cookbook aimed to cause frowns to dispel and dimple into ripples of laughter with myriad receipts from the early Austin community. From dandy pudding to home remedies worth knowing, these are hearty helpings featuring local game and diverse heritage, including German, Czech and Mexican. With informative essays and a cookbook bibliography, city archivist Mike Miller and the Austin History Center present this curious collection that's sure to raise eyebrows, if not cravings.

## **Book Information**

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Absolutely love it! Got it in the mail yesterday and I love reading the history. The section on useful

things to know was hysterical, although some are still around today like the soda and water paste for bug stings. If you love history or cookbooks this will satisfy either urge.

Love to read cookbooks....fascinating

In great shape, perfect gift for a native Austinite. Great history included as well as old Austin recipes.

So interesting and fun to read

This is not only a terrific look back at those days when ladies exchanged recipes that also included notes on what was going on in their lives at the moment, many of the recipes could be used today, although it might be hard to guess at which temperature one should bake the bread. Wood stoves never had temperature gauges. While most cooks can find recipes online today, there is something nice about having a book in hand, or on the kitchen counter, so I recommend adding this one to your bookshelf.

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