

Cathy Fisher joins the cadre of chefs who meet the demand for whole food plant based recipes without added salt, oil, or sugar. Instead of salt, she lets the natural flavors of the food and spices shine. Instead of oil, she uses broth (or water) for stir-frying and tree nuts (typically raw cashews) for dressings and desserts. Instead of sugar, she uses applesauce, bananas, dates, raisins, and other fruits to satisfy the sweet tooth. Cathy also tends to use nonglutenous grains (e.g., rice, corn, oats, millet) to support those who need to be on gluten-free diets.

In addition to her tasty recipes, Cathy provides information and resources to help home cooks transition to the whole food plant based cuisine – e.g., menu planning, shopping, reading food labels, dining out. She also provides nutritional data for all of her recipes, courtesy of the CRON-o-Meter web application.

Breakfasts

Though we tend toward quick-and-easy breakfasts, the Baked Oatmeal with Apples and Raisins and Potato-Veggie Scramble proved worthy of repeat performances. Her Blueberry Muffins will also find a place at our brunch table.



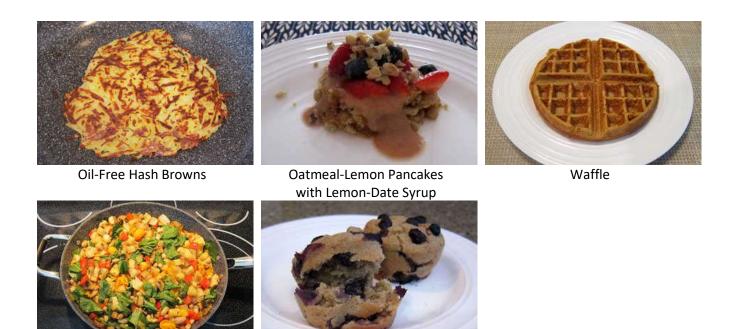
Baked Oatmeal with Apples and Raisins



Creamy Rice Cereal



Granola

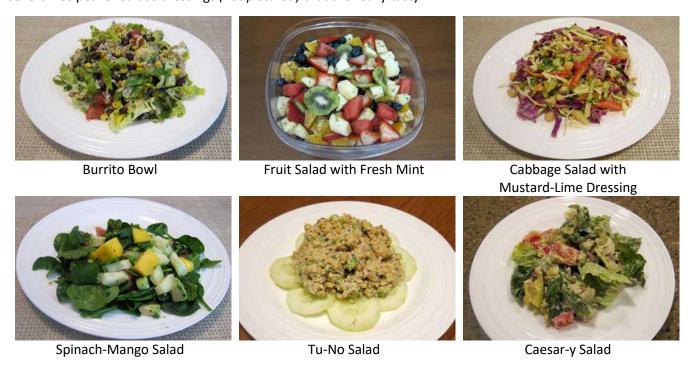


Potato-Veggie Scramble

Blueberry Muffins

Salads

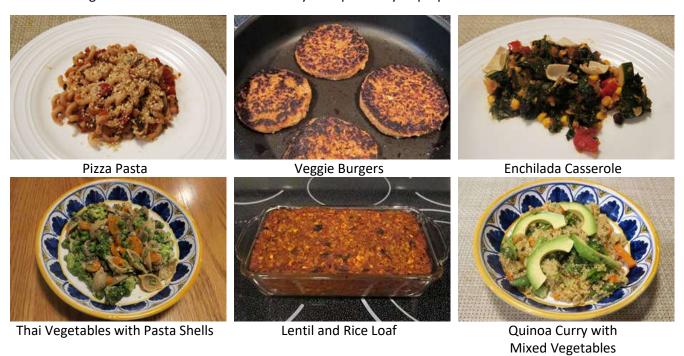
Cathy's Creamy Coleslaw recipe has become my new favorite. I've already made it several times and got rave reviews at potlucks. The Tu-No Salad and Macaroni Salad also deserve special mention. Cathy also provides several recipes for salads dressings (not pictured) that are really tasty.





Main Dishes

To date, Cathy's Veggie Burger recipe is the best one of its kind (and we've tried several)! The Quinoa Polenta with Mixed Vegetables and Barbecue Sauce is tasty and quite easy to prepare.





Pasta with Marinara Sauce

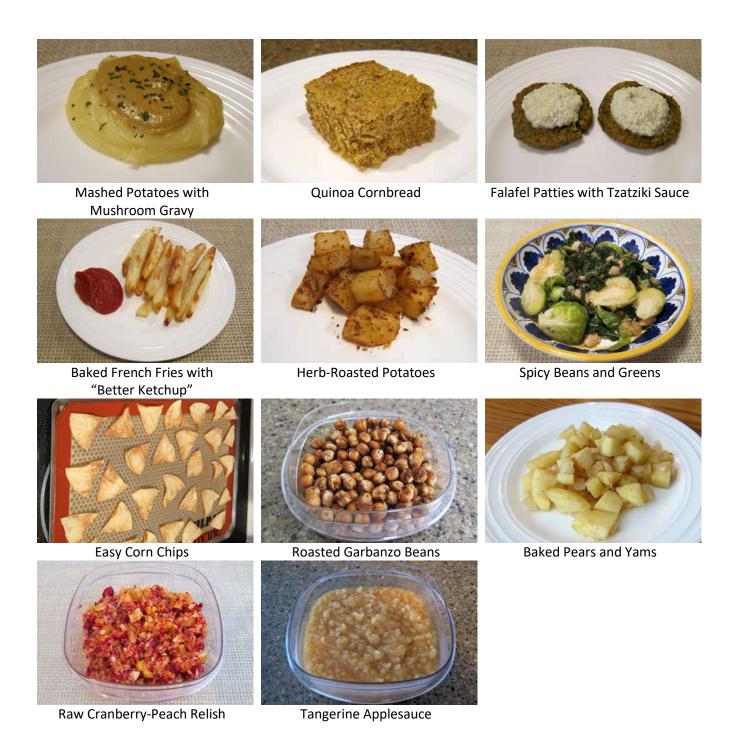
Soups and Stews

Soups and stews are always a good idea during Fall/Winter and make excellent leftovers for lunches. Stand-outs in this cookbook include: Beefless Stew, Minestrone Soup, and Southwest Stew.



Sides Dishes

If you love tubers, you'll be pleased with the Baked French Fries, Herb-Roasted Potatoes, and Mashed Potatoes with Gravy. Our favorite recipe was the Easy Corn Chips. We've made them several times with leftover corn tortillas.



Desserts

I'd planned to skip making the desserts as we've trying to cut back on sweets. But I decided to go ahead and explore this cookbook cover-to-cover, and I'm glad that I did! We gave the thumbs up to the Carrot Cake with Vanilla Frosting, the Raw Apple Crumble, the Banana-Walnut Bars, and the Pecan-Date Pie Crust. The latter has become my new "go to" pie crust recipe.

