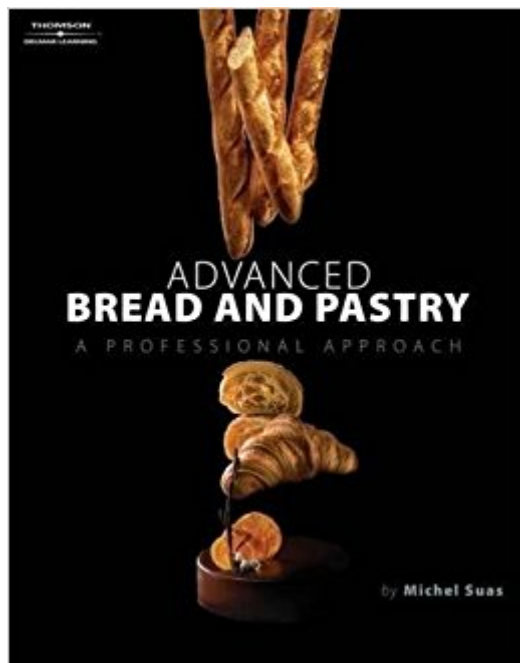


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Advanced Bread & Pastry has a unique approach to providing advanced level concepts, techniques and formulas to those aspiring to be professional bakers and professional pastry chefs. It is the only available resource covering complex bread making, viennoiserie and pastry into one book. Exquisite photographs are throughout to further inspire learners and professionals of the unlimited potential of the craft. Advanced Bread and Pastry provides in depth information and troubleshooting strategies for addressing the complex techniques of the advanced level of bread and pastry arts.

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This is one of the best baking books I own. I love the fact that its a text book. Its not just a book of recipes but a book that explains why you do something, how you do it, and has variations on the same type of pastry. I have read the whole book cover to cover and it has all this information that I never knew I didn't know. While reading the chapters I said, "That's why the last time I tried to make this it didn't work" more times than I care to admit. This book has brought my baking skills to levels I never thought possible. I use to think that making croissants and puff pastry from scratch would be a disaster. Now I can layer the dough in one evening, freeze it and have fresh baked croissants any time I want. Anyone who loves baking and would like to take it to the next level this book is a must.

A text book, and not at all for the casual baker. But if you really want to know what's going on (or going wrong) with your bread, this and Hamelman's Bread should fill the bill.

Just to note, I have only had the book for two days. I wish I had this book earlier in my pastry career. Of all the books I have, the bread section on this book is probably the most extensive. The book goes over autolyse as well as when to add preferments when autolysing, a question I have had for a while. The most common breads have recipes that uses different preferments. Sadly, the book does not talk about using freshly ground flour in bread baking. I wish there were more variations in some of the recipes in the book. For example, a few ways to flavor pastry cream and creme anglaise are mentioned, and measurements are given, but more creative flavorings are left out. The book is the most extensive baking book I have seen, but it does not cover using fruit purees in pastry cream or using custard powder or flour for pastry cream. The cakes in the book cover a few classics and a few idea, that to me, seem original.

Excellent training manual for the inexperienced or experienced chef. I have used this in a class and find the recipes and color illustrations to be more than helpful. If you are cooking at home and need smaller portions, consider using the "test batch" measurements. Don't forget to gather all the recipes for all of the components in the assembled cakes. Chef J, A Black Napkin

As noted it is a textbook and there is little concession to home bakers. But the information is so thorough that you don't need it to tell you how to translate recipes for the home kitchen, you'll be able to do it yourself. A challenging book but well worth the effort. If every book on bread and baking was like this or Hamelman's "Bread" I would be a very happy camper.

This book is truly a great source of practical informations. I am a professional baker but when all else fails, you can always look up in this book to find the right recipe for any bread, pastry or patisserie. The explanations are thorough. Definitely worth to buy. I would recommend bread bakers to buy Ken Forkish's book alongside it.

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