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Art of the Pie A Baker's Dozen Questions for Readers

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BOOK

1. Is pie one of your family traditions? What was the pie you grew up eating on special occasions?
2. What are your pie memories?
3. What is it about pie that seems to bring us together around the table?
4. Kate says that “pie is a meditation.” What do you think she means by that? Are there any other crafts or physical activities that feel like meditation for you?
5. What excites you about pie making? Is there something that scares or intimidates you about pie making? Did you feel differently about either of those things after baking a pie?
6. How do you think Kate’s childhood experiences with food and diet influenced her passion for pie today?
7. Do you agree with Kate’s three rules of pie-making and life: Keep Everything Chilled, Know Your Boundaries, and Vent?
8. When you bake a pie, do you follow the more precise instructions, that told you how many minutes to bake the pie, for example, or the ones that instructed you to pay attention to your senses, how the pie looks and smells, instead? Why do you think that is?
9. Has there been a baking or cooking mentor in your life? What did you learn from him/her?
10. If you could gift someone with a homemade pie, who would it be?
11. When you bake, do you focus on the way the finished product will look or how it will taste? Do you find yourself striving for perfection, or are you just happy to be serving something homemade?
12. If you generally try to eat a healthy, balanced diet, do you feel differently about eating store-bought baked goods versus homemade? DO you think homemade baked goods like pie feed the body, the soul, or both?
13. Pie or Cake?