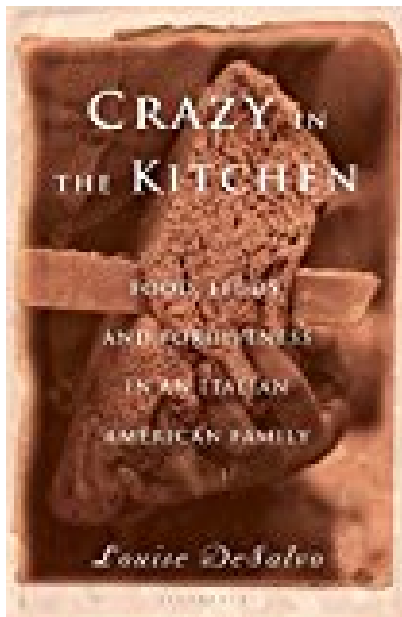


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During Louise DeSalvos childhood in 1950s New Jersey, the kitchen becomes the site for fierce generational battle. Louises step-grandmother insists on recreating the domestic habits of her Southern Italian peasant upbringing, clashing with Louises convenience-food-loving mother; Louise, meanwhile, dreams of cooking perfect fresh pasta in her own kitchen. But as Louise grows up to indulge in amazing food and travels to Italy herself, she arrives at a fuller and more compassionate picture of her own roots. And, in the process, she reveals that our image of the bounteous Italian American kitchen may exist in part to mask a sometimes painful history. Louise DeSalvo is a writer, professor, lecturer, and scholar who lives in New Jersey. Her many books include the memoirs *Vertigo*, *Breathless*, and *Adultery*; the acclaimed biography *Virginia Woolf: The Impact of Childhood Sexual Abuse on her Life and Work*; and *Writing as a Way of Healing*. Recently, she edited Woolfs early novel *Melymbrosia* and coedited *The Milk of Almonds: Italian American Women Writers on Food and Culture*. A *Book Sense* 76 pick in hardcover "Louise DeSalvo packs about six courses of emotional wallop into her slim memoir...[A] tough, courageous story, one of hard-won wisdom and memory."-*San Francisco Chronicle* "Illuminate[s] the difficulties of reconciling past and present...DeSalvo celebrates the table of her ancestors by savoring her own rediscovered history."-*New York Times Book Review*

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