

Book Reviews



A Cup of Comfort for Christians

These stories of inspiration and faith are told by people who could be your neighbors. People who deal with bosses, budgets, and the demands of growing families. If you think you know isolation and loss, the story by Larkin Huey will redefine waiting upon the Lord. Linda Darby Hughes tells of a mother's worst nightmare. You'll find out why Fort Collins business man Larry Baker is known as "The Miracle Man." From Easy-Bake Ovens to weight machines at the Y, everyday objects become instruments of blessing.

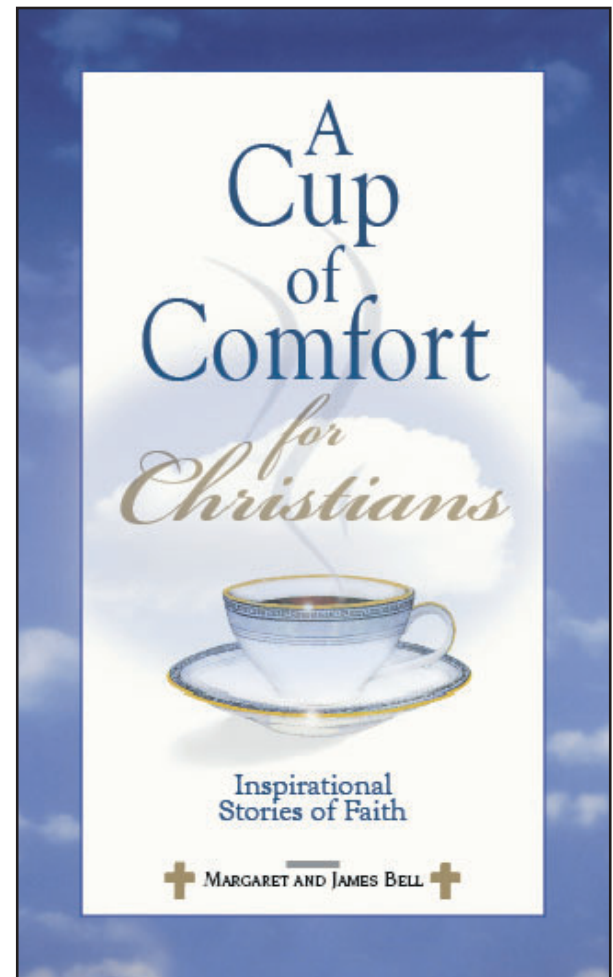
The heartwarming stories in this paperback uplift and encourage the world weary soul. Holding this little collection of true tales in your hand is much like trying to eat only one potato chip. You might say to yourself, "I have a few minutes until my next appointment, I'll read this next one about Christmas." You do. It is shorter than you expected, and you decide to read just one more before you return that phone call. Three stories later you close the cover, more aware of the abundance you that is yours. And so it goes, as each author takes your hand and for a brief moment personally shares with

you unexpected miracles and angels in disguise. You cannot help but wonder which events in life are coincidences, and which are God-incidents.

Contributor Maryjo Faith Morgan muses, "There are stories here that could set dear Job back on his heels. Even though the situations are different and the way people handle what comes their way is unique, a general theme of hope runs throughout, one that we desperately need in our world today."

Consider putting this collection of 56 adventures in Easter baskets this year instead of high calorie candy. It's better on your waistline and helpful in building spiritual muscles ~ by exercising attitudes of gratitude!

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Secret Recipes from the Corner Market - It's far more than a cook book!

By Maryjo Faith Morgan

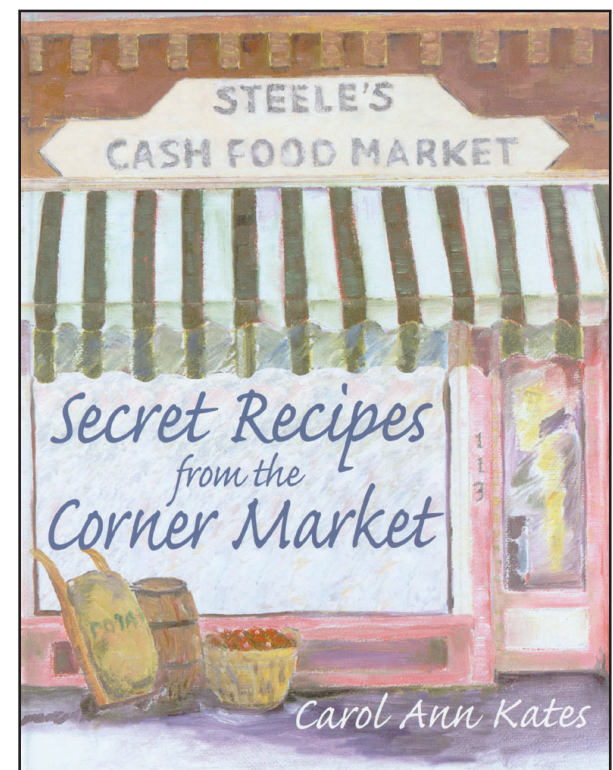
Reading this cookbook will give you a taste of what it is like to grow up within a slice of local history. Yes, you'll find yourself actually reading this delightful tribute written by Carol Ann Kates, daughter of grocer Merrill Steele and you'll certainly be enticed into trying any number of the tempting recipes later!

Author Carol Ann Kates gives a detailed view from inside the vanishing neighbor-owned corner market. The first Fort Collins store opened in 1940. The family-run operation reached its heyday in the 1980's with five stores along the Front Range, including locations in Eaton, Windsor, Fort Morgan, and Niwot. Kates shares a compilation of recipes cleverly published in local newspapers to coincide with weekly specials at the store. "It seems as if pork was always on sale!" Although Carol may seem exasperated, she has come up with twelve different ways to serve up pork chops, each with some unique flavor or serving suggestion sure to please. "These are kid-tested and husband-approved recipes all. Cooked right in my own kitchen." You will nonetheless find gourmet twists for lobster, fish and pasta. There are also "how to buy" tips and storing instructions.

The cover promises good old fashioned favorites, and does not disappoint. "Company Meatloaf" is to die for. When asked which meal she most often preferred to prepare for her own family, Kates does not hesitate. "Chicken Enchiladas ... oh, and 4th of July Hamburgers."

Whether you are looking for something worthy to serve company, or are tired of the same old, same old, treat yourself to this cookbook. Kates is planning an e-mail newsletter featuring tips, new recipes, and updates on seasonal produce. Send an e-mail to sign up: katescarol@aol.com.

Secret Recipes from the Corner Market by Carol Ann Kates; Published by Penny Lane Press, Publication date: December 2006; Price \$26.95; ISBN 0-9773485-0-4. Available from most local booksellers, in Greeley at Cottonwood Cupboard, Johnston and Berthoud at Hays Market, Loveland at A Taste of Glass, Anthology Booksellers, Barnes and Noble Centerra, in Fort Collins at Jax, Al's Newsstand, CSU Bookstore, Barnes and Noble, at the Niwot Market, and in Denver at Barnes and Noble and The Tattered Cover.



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