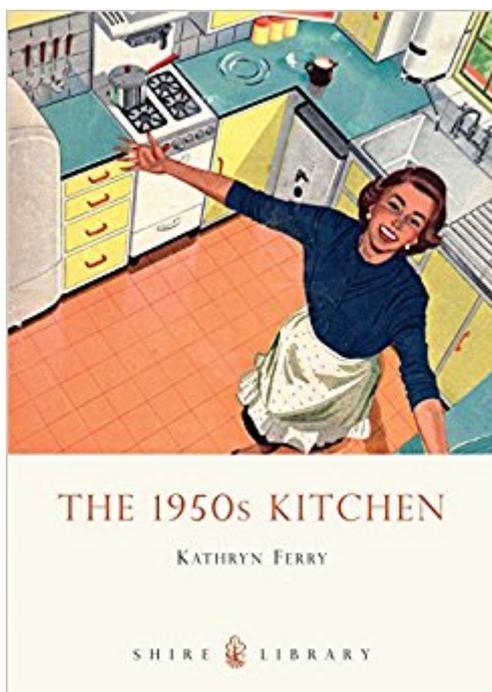


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Synopsis

The 1950s was the first great age of the modern kitchen: labor-saving appliances, bright colors and the novelty of fitted units moved the kitchen from dankness into light, where it became the domain of the happy housewife and the heart of the home. Formica - a new space-age material - decorated with fashionable patterns topped sleek cupboards that contained new classic wares such as Pyrex and 'Homemaker' crockery, and the ingredients for 1950s British staples: semolina, coronation chicken and spotted dick. Electricity entered the kitchens of millions, and nowhere in the home was modern technology and modern design more evident. Bold color, clean lines and stainless steel were keynotes of the decade, and it is no surprise that 1950s kitchen style is now the height of fashion once again, with names like Cath Kidston picking up on the best of '50s kitchen kitsch, and manufacturers like Dualit, Kitchen Aid and Aga doing healthy business with retro appliances. This book - a celebration of cooking, eating and living in the 1950s kitchen - is a feast of nostalgia, and a mine of inspiration for anyone wanting to recreate that '50s look in their own home.

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This small book is full of pictures and information about British kitchens of the 1950's. Occasionally there are comparisons to American kitchens of that time, but the best part is the historical progression shown from the kitchens of the pre-WWII era to the "modern" kitchens of the mid-twentieth century.

This is a quick read but has lots in it that I didn't know about the subject. For example, kitchen counters have a toe space at the bottom to prevent back aches. When rations of sugar and butter ended mid-50s there was a boon to baking, especially cakes. Lots of neat tidbits. The book is British so many references are about England. There are comparisons to America at the time too.

Remembering kitchen items from my childhood, even though I was more a child of the sixties than fifties. Informative and nostalgic.

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