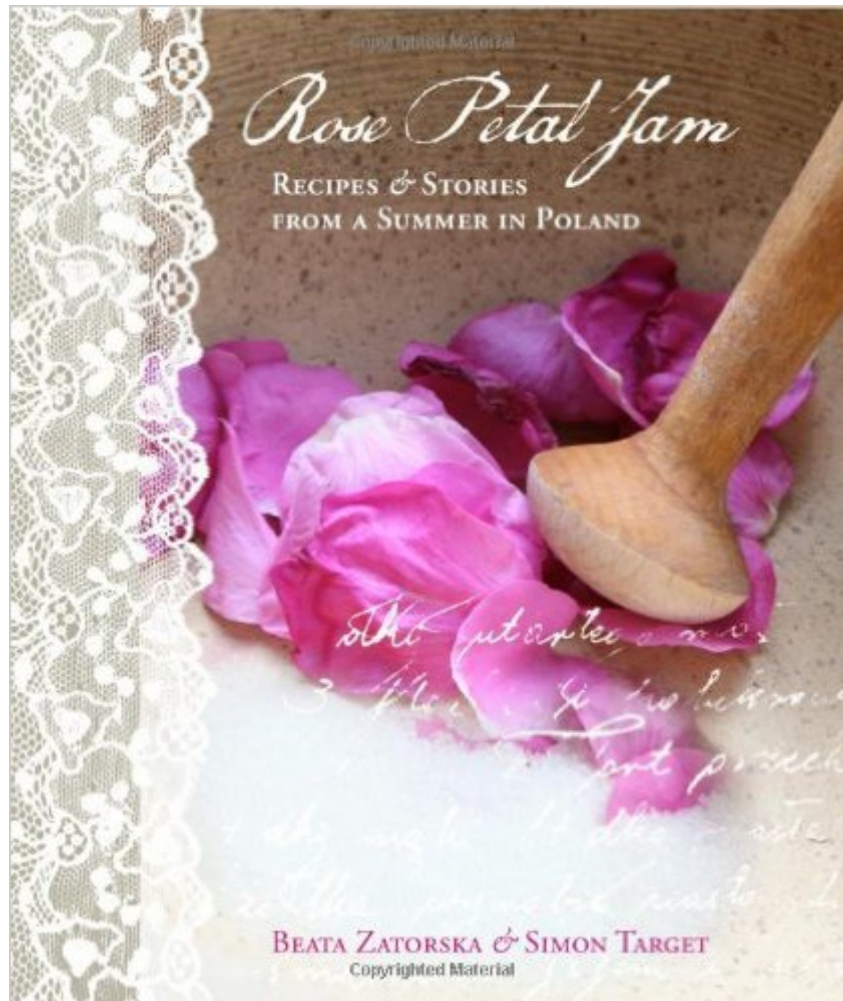


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# Rose Petal Jam: Recipes And Stories From A Summer In Poland



## Synopsis

Part memoir and part travelogue, this unique cookbook tells the story of Beata Zatorska's childhood in rural Poland, mixing stories of her youth and her grandmother's handwritten recipes with stunning photos of Poland in summer. Included are more than 60 recipes for traditional Polish home cooked meals, from poppyseed cake and pierogi to fruit-flavored summer liqueurs. The photography—ranging across locales such as Warsaw, Poznan, the Tatra Mountains, and the Baltic Sea—showcases the Polish landscape and its influence on the country's distinct cuisine.

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Although I first found this book while browsing cookbooks, I must say that this is more of a memoir and travelogue than a true recipe book. Yes, there are some recipes included, but there are not that many and some instructions and measurements are vague. I'm not saying this is a problem, but if you buy this book for its recipes, you might very well be disappointed. Buy it for the lovely feelings that come over you as you read the words and look at the pictures. I think this is a very nice book for gifting to someone of Polish descent; someone who cherishes their Polish heritage. And, it is very much a "coffee table book": It is artistically laid out; there are very many photographs, both new and old; the writing is thoughtful and thought-provoking, with the stories, history and information very interesting to read; the content of the book—the combination of the pictures and the words—is often very poignant. There are even ribbons woven into the binding—of course, a red ribbon and a white one! About the recipes: As an example of the flexible instructions: The recipe for rose petal jam

is to gather 3-4 large handfuls of the wild rose â œRosa caninaâ • and place them in a stone mortar, slowly pour in about a pound of sugar and crush with the pestle to create a paste. In a way, that â œlooseâ •, open attitude is exactly whatâ™s wonderful about Babciaâ™s (Grandmaâ™s) recipes, but in another way, it wonâ™t be helpful to a new cook. There are 53 recipes in this book of 320 pages, and they are not arranged in any particular order. About the pictures: The new photos are vibrant and sharp. The very old photos are exactly what you would expect.

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