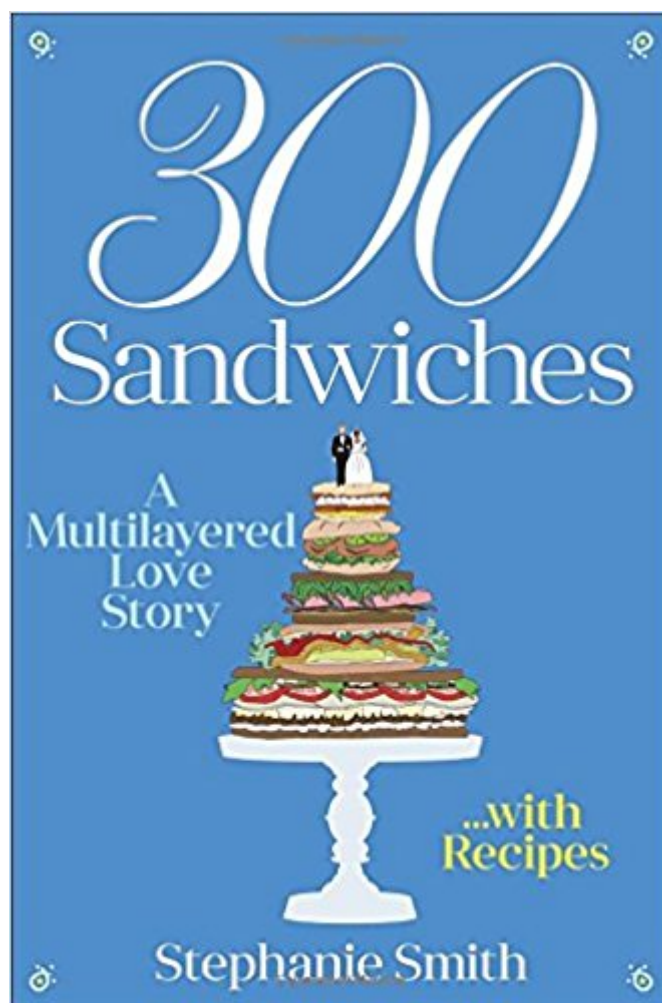


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300 Sandwiches: A Multilayered Love Story . . . With Recipes



Synopsis

“Honey, you are 300 sandwiches away from an engagement ring.” When New York Post writer Stephanie Smith made a turkey and Swiss on white bread for her boyfriend, Eric (aka E), he took one bite and uttered those now-famous words. While her beau’s declaration initially seemed unusual, even antiquated, Stephanie accepted the challenge and got to work. Little did she know she was about to cook up the sexiest and most controversial love story of her generation. *300 Sandwiches* is the story of Stephanie and E’s epic journey of bread and betrothal, with a whole loaf of recipes to boot. For Stephanie, a novice in the kitchen, making a sandwich—or even 300—for E wasn’t just about getting a ring; it was her way of saying “I love you” while gaining confidence as a chef. It was about how many breakfast sandwiches they could eat together on future Sunday mornings, how many summers might follow family snowboarding trips, how many silly fights would end in makeup sandwiches. Suddenly, she saw a lifetime of happiness between those two slices of bread. Not everyone agreed. The media dubbed E “the Internet’s Worst Boyfriend”; bloggers attacked the loving couple for setting back the cause of women’s rights; opinions about their romance echoed from as far away as Japan. Soon, Stephanie found her cooking and her relationship under the harsh glare of the spotlight. From culinary twists on peanut butter and jelly to “Not Your Mother’s Roast Beef” • spicy French Dip to Chicken and Waffle BLTs, Stephanie shares the creations—including wraps, burritos, paninis, and burgers—that ultimately sated E’s palate and won his heart. Part recipe book, part girl-meets-boy memoir, *300 Sandwiches* teaches us that true love always wins out—one delicious bite at a time.

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You could almost buy Stephanie Smith's "300 Sandwiches" for the recipes alone. Guaranteed you will find many sandwiches you've never thought of before that will arouse your palate. I liked the "On the Mend-Roasted Tomato and Grilled Cheddar Cheese," which I'm sure will cure the common cold and please your tummy at the same time. Cheese figures prominently in the recipes, which is fine by me! Try the "Brie and Pear Grilled Cheese" for a delicious and healthy sandwich treat. I was also pumped at the thought of "Candied Bacon and Honey Dijon Chicken Wraps." That's one of those sandwiches whose ingredients may not appear to mesh on first hearing, but, oh boy! do they ever! However, the prose is not as palatable. It is pedestrian and a bit plodding, as if Smith were giving a report instead of talking casually to a friend. Not every page is like that, but too many of them are. At times the writing seemed forced, as if she had to do her "300 words" that day or else! And, of course, there is that other thing: the (to some) humiliating idea of a modern, smart, talented, healthy, pretty woman working hard for a proposal from her boyfriend. A few times she almost blows it because there is no "movement" in that direction that she can see from E, her boyfriend. Her friend tells her, "Stop. You're about to wreck everything. . . ." She ponders her predicament and comes up with the decidedly torturous and "woman-in-captivity" mentality as she concludes, "He held all the cards." Oh? But, my dear, who gave him all those cards? In this day and age it still surprises me how many girls/women politely "wait" for that proposal.

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