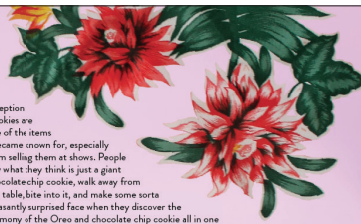


# INCEPTION COOKIES



18

COOKIES



Inception Cookies are one of the items I became known for, especially from selling them at shows. People buy what they think is just a giant chocolate chip cookie, walk away from the table, bite into it, and make some sorta pleasantly surprised face when they discover the harmony of the Oreo and chocolate chip cookie all in one package. Then, they turn around, point at the cookie, and give me a thumbs up. Make these cookies for your friends and don't tell them what's inside.



COOKIES

19



Truth be told, for a long while I stayed away from making coconut flavored anything. I always thought coconut cake was such a vegan cop-out, but I got over that when I realized coconut cake is a classic flavor across the whole dang board. I don't know how, but coconut products have a way of imbuing any dessert with a melt-in-your-mouth quality. This recipe is coconut packed. I found using only coconut milk results in basically a white cake flavor. This recipe uses coconut vinegar, coconut oil, coconut milk, and toasted coconut flakes. All your hard work will pay off when a friend eats a slice and says, "I love this coconut cake!" Instead of, "Yummy white cake!" Can you imagine? Luckily you won't have to!

102

CAKES



# COCONUT CAKE



CAKES

103

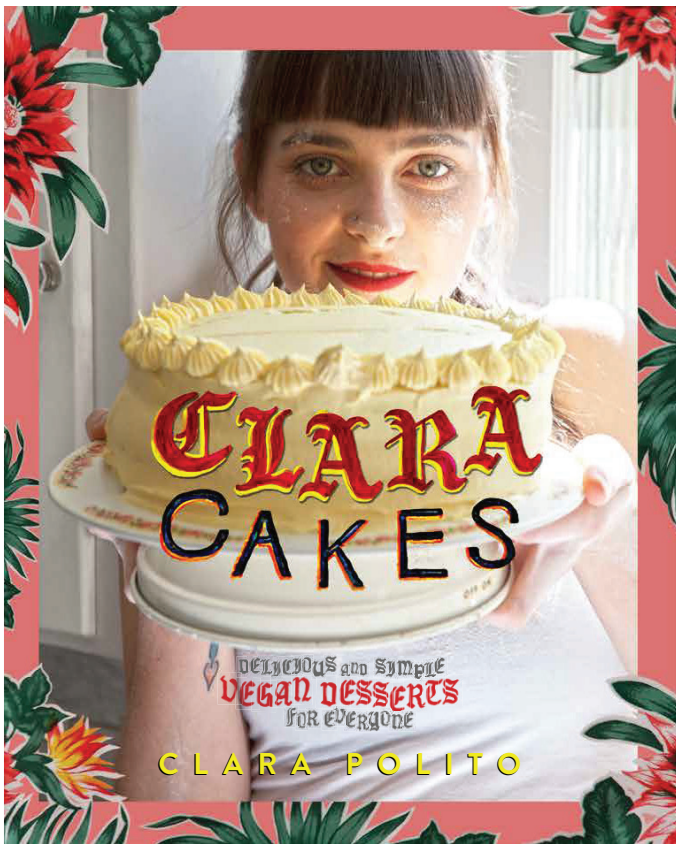
# STRAWBERRY BLOOD ORANGE BAR



# BARZ CHAPTER 2



Bars are always one of the first things I sell out of when I bring them to an event. They're very portable and very delicious. You can take a crazy cookie idea, throw it into a pan, and call it a bar. They're practically cookie casseroles! So many of these bar recipes were made based on me going to a cafe, looking at their vegan pastry case, and wanting them so much that I'd go home and make them my way.

**COOKING - METHODS - BAKING - VEGAN**

HARDCOVER, 160 PAGES, 7.25 X 9 INCHES, OVER 100 PHOTOS

ISBN 978-1-57687-823-1 **\$24.95 US/CAN**

**Clara Polito** runs the Los Angeles based vegan baking business, Clara Cakes. She started baking when she was 12 years old, shortly after becoming vegan. Presenting her latest creations at shows throughout Los Angeles, she eventually gained customers and attention while charming the taste buds of everyone from crust-punks to lawyers, uniting them one sweet tooth at a time. Now 19, Clara hosts pop-up brunches and dinners throughout LA, sells at food and music festivals, and has made hundreds of custom birthday cakes all along her vegan way. When not baking, she enjoys cooking Italian food from scratch, and when she is just completely out of the kitchen, she's honestly a little lost. She loves to dance.

## CLARA CAKES

### Delicious and Simple Vegan Desserts for Everyone!

By Clara Polito

*Clara Cakes*, the brainchild of Los Angeles-based teen baker Clara Polito, is packed to the brim with easy and delicious vegan dessert recipes to make at home. Clara began baking at age 12, selling her cakes at DIY punk shows and baking competitions. Now, as a teenager, her self-run company Clara Cakes is all over town—catering events, providing sweets and treats to stores across the city, and still popping up at punk shows!

Clara's personal sweet tooth has led to the creation of amazing and unique recipes such as:

- \* Inception Cookie: An Oreo cookie secretly baked inside of a chocolate chip cookie. Mind blowing!
- \* Breakfast Cake: Banana cake, maple frosting, and caramelized corn flakes. The most important cake of the day.
- \* Sexy Cake: A zesty lime cake topped with tangy lime frosting and spicy, salty blueberry sauce. XXX.
- \* S'mores Bars: The name says it all. Who needs a campfire when you have a bag of vegan marshmallows and an oven?

*Clara Cakes* is the sweetest vegan cookbook to hit market, and a peek into Clara's world. There are playlists and personal stories along the way, dessert haikus, and even some advice on how to turn your hobby into a business. Baking is not always neat, so sometimes you gotta make a mess before you make it big. But whether making music, running a business, or baking delicious, ethical desserts, it's always the best when you Do It Yourself. Take a look inside and let Clara be your guide!

