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A holiday-themed follow-up to the New York Times best-seller *Cake Wrecks*, *Wreck the Halls* features over 150 all new four-color, what-were-they-thinking cake wrecks from author and award-winning blogger Jen Yates. *Cakewrecks.com* receives over 4.6 million page views per month and is ranked one of the top humor blogs on the web.

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## Wreck the Halls: Cake Wrecks Gets "Festive" Details

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# From Reader Review *Wreck the Halls: Cake Wrecks* Gets "Festive" for online ebook

## Stella says

Good for a few laughs, if you are in the right mood. Kinda gross and just plain wrong in places. I feel bad for some of the cake makers...you can see what they were trying to do. Others...I'm guessing their give-a-darn was broken that day. And then there are the ones that make you think humans are just plain stupid. Sigh...

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## Mayda says

If you are in need of a laugh, just hie yourself to your nearest bookstore or library and obtain a copy of *Wreck the Halls*. You will be amazed at what passes for "cake art." Some of these bakers could have make serious use of an icing eraser – if such a thing existed – but others really needed some help in the construction and perspective aspect. The pictures would be enough to want to own this book, but the author's witty captions – dare I say it – are the icing on the cake.

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## Evanston Public Library says

Have you been assigned to bring dessert for your holiday gathering? Need some novel ideas for festive cakes and cookies? Jen Yates's collection of unbelievably misbegotten, mouth-dropping examples of poor taste, and over-the-top decorating disasters should not be your source of inspiration (or, if it is, let me know, and I'll send my regrets for that party). However, if you want a good laugh at the ridiculous, gross, mildly offensive (without meaning to be, I suppose), creepy, and inscrutable ideas that folks confronted with a blank cake come up with, this is the book for you. I don't know what's best--the full-color, garishly presented photos or the snarky commentary by the author. Both are guffaw-producing.

And for all of you out there who have dear friends who bake, I cannot think of a sweeter way to say "Happy Hole Days," assuming, that is, they can take a joke.

But wait, there's more! If you can't get enough of this kind of thing, check out Yates's other book *Cake Wrecks: When Professional Cakes Go Hilariously Wrong*, and visit her website [cakewrecks.com](http://cakewrecks.com). And finally...happy holiday baking!

(Barbara L., Readers Services)

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## Alexandra says

I read this in the waiting room at the doctor and I was laughing so hard that I had to shield my face. I was *shaking*. It. Was. Awesome.

Jen Yates, you are one funny bitch.

I love the fact that she lives in Orlando and was a skipper on the Jungle Cruise. Page 158, I see what ya did there ;)

Page 50 ♥ Page 12 also has a Disney reference. All of these made me happy ^-^

But aside from all the Disney World love, this book was fucking hilarious. Possibly funnier than the first one. I can't tell.

I really want cake. Like a lot.

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## **karen says**

okay, so remember when you were planning on spending your friday night being a total loser and writing a paper while everyone else was out having pre-halloween shenanigans? and then you got home and decided to take a moment to "decompress" from work before getting into schoolwork and you ended up reading this entire book, a wonderful gift, and laughing -HOWLING- into the empty apartment, frightening the cat (okay, not *totally* empty) and gasping for breath, amazed at how much hilarity poorly-made and thematically misguided cakes could cause? because these were not giggles. i was guffawing. shrieking. i have switched from second to first-person seamlessly. SEAMLESSLY. but seriously - pentagrams on hanukkah cakes? stars of david on cakes that say "merry christmas?" cakes that have the starship enterprise *and* storm troopers on them? (it is totally a holiday, shut up) reindeer with swastika horns? and it's not just the cakes themselves - i love her commentary - she can come to my house any day. i loved the crap out of *cake wrecks* when it came out, and this follow-up book is just as good. i am a little embarrassed at how funny i find this shit. and now i will go write a paper, i swear.

but what's a goodreads.com review without pictures?

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## **Kirsti says**

This one made me laugh out loud four or five times. I especially liked the attempts to repurpose specialty cake and cookie pans. We have a football that looks like an Easter egg, a snowman that looks like an Easter egg, a Christmas stocking that looks like a whale, and several Santa faces that are clearly upside-down Valentine hearts (Buttface Santa?). Season's Greedings! Happy Holadays! Move! Vov!

(What kind of person orders a sheet cake with the message "Stay Thin"? Even worse, what about a beautifully decorated cake that says "Happy Last Birthday Patrice"?)

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**Shanna says**

Made me laugh and feel better about my baking lol

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**Stacy Fetters says**

Never knew people could be this stupid. A laugh out loud book of how cakes can go wrong. Evil Santa's, misspellings and poop cakes. Marry Christmas..... Hahahaha

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**Megan says**

My family laughed so hard while we looked at this book. The author found professional cakes that were misspelled, weird, ugly, and creepy. Our favorite one was the "Super Bowel- Go, go, go!"

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**Dani Shuping says**

Cake Wrecks is one of my favorite blogs to check throughout the day. Jen (and John's) commentary keep me howling and make the day brighter. And this book? Even better! It's a portable version of Cake Wrecks! It includes almost all new material of holiday wreckage (and some special appearances of fan favorites) and Jen's witty/snarky commentary that will brighten up even the darkest day. Be amazed at the cakes "professionals" get away with creating and selling. See cakes in a whole new way after Jen reveals what those cupcake and cake wreckages really are. I guarantee that your trips to the bakery will never be the same after looking at this book.

If you've never read the blog (why the heck not???) you can still pick up the book and enjoy it just as much as fans of the blog. A must have for those times when you're feeling down and the sky's are gray.

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**Rachael says**

This is not high literature. This is a book of disastrous holiday cakes made by professionals with moderately funny commentary by Jen Yates. I needed something funny and light to read after the emotional wringer that was The Handmaid's Tale. This fit the bill nicely. Does contain some language and suggestive images made of frosting. (This is as I recall, writing this review more than a month after reading the book.)

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**Sarai says**

This book had me laughing so hard the first time I read it that I think I might have started to hyperventilate. I can't believe these things were actually out there, for sale. Was there no manager around? Really?

Good for some laughs. :)

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#### Amy says

I think if you asked Arthur to review this book, he would say: "It makes Amy really obnoxious because it causes her to laugh really hard and annoyingly." I don't care. You take a look at "Candy Fun Cake" and see if YOU can hold it together.

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#### Hayley says

Pretty much like sitting down and reading some holiday-themed Cakewreck blog posts. So, exactly what it says on the tin.

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#### Jessi says

This has been hanging out in my Kindle app for *months*. How appropriate to finally read it a few days before Christmas! There are an assortment of cakes from birthdays to Thanksgiving to Christmas to Mardi Gras. Let me tell you...there are so many bad cakes out there, and some scary Santa ones that will haunt your dreams. This book is a quick but very entertaining read! Also, for even more disastrous baking hilarity, I highly recommend *Nailed It!* on Netflix. You will not be disappointed!

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