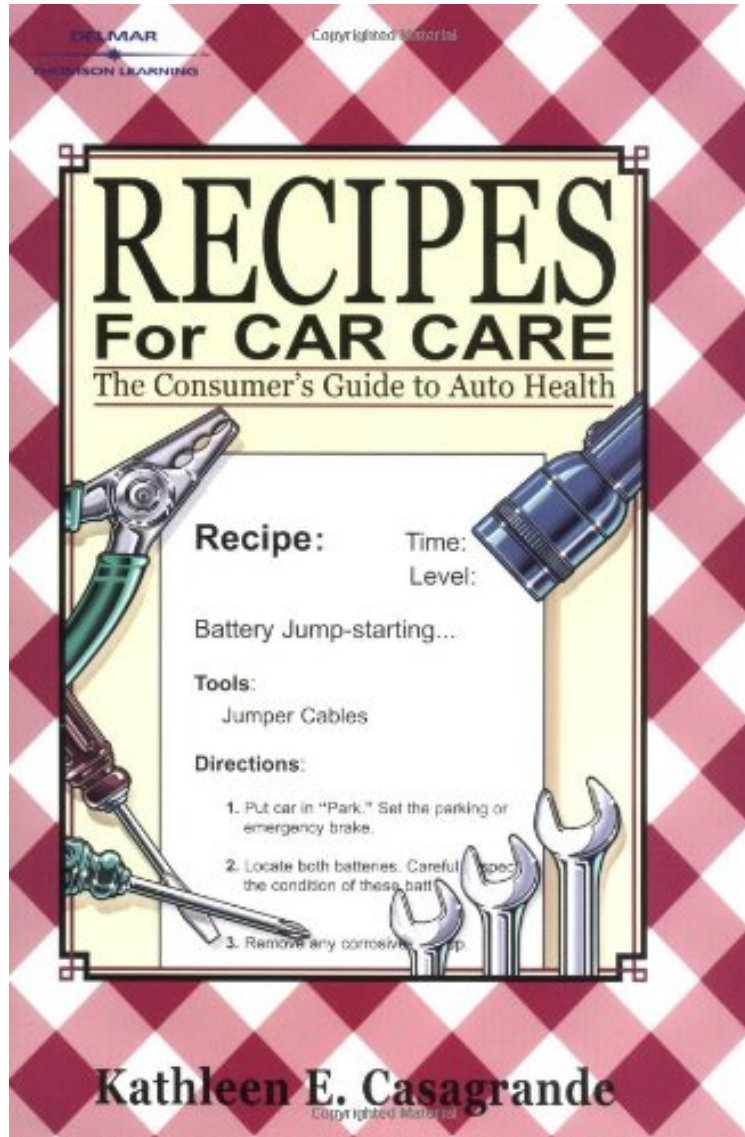


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. the best book of it's kind By Daniel Ginensky This book contains a wealth of information, with each sub-section descriptively labeled according to whether it is background, maintenance, diagnosis, or repairs. I have read 16 books on car care, and "Recipes" was the easiest to read and offered the most useful information. This book is a real stand out in the car DIY category. "Recipes" is appropriate for rank beginners,

who will find summaries of car principals as well as step-by-step guides to performing simple diagnosis, service, and repairs. More advanced readers will appreciate the in-depth explanations of how to troubleshooting literally dozens of hard to diagnose problems. My only quibble with this excellent book is the use of the kitchen metaphors to explain the workings of a car. It did not take away from the book, but in my opinion, it did not add anything either. You may find the comparison to cooking more useful than I did, but even if you don't this book is a gem for learning about cars. 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Order Comments By Rick Good News: Great selection of books. Book was in excellent condition. The price was very reasonable. Enjoyed the convenience of shopping at home. Delivery was quick. Bad News: The shipping cost was twice the cost of the book. Otherwise, I have no complaints. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Yes! By mothhead If you know nothing about cars, this is the perfect book to start with! It doesn't teach you how to do complicated repairs; mainly it gives you a thorough explanation of how cars work, and it also shows you how to test how well certain car parts are functioning and how to do simpler procedures like replacing filters and valves. All I knew before reading this was how to open the hood (and you don't even need to know that--it tells you how.) Now I can scan the mechanics' sights on the internet and see terms like "EGR system" and "oxygen sensor" and not even blink an eye--I know what they are and what they do and it actually makes sense! The best feature of this book is definitely the way it's written. The author doesn't use analogies to other machines that you don't understand either. She compares different car parts to everyday things like rolling pins and tuna cans to help you understand what they look like and what they do. It makes things infinitely less intimidating and easier to understand. Everything is explained step-by-step and system-by-system, and technical terms are introduced slowly enough that you can absorb them. (You definitely need to have enough patience to start reading at the beginning and work your way through, though, because she builds on previous explanations.) There are also diagnosing sections in the book to help you figure out what's wrong with a sick car and a maintenance chart to give you an idea when to replace things before they break anyway and cause more expensive problems. A couple of things this book didn't have that I wished it did were price estimates for commonly replaced parts, photographs of parts (it has drawings instead), and a guide on how to negotiate a good deal when buying a car. A good book to get for those features is *Auto Upkeep: Basic Car Care*. *Auto Upkeep* is more the kind of book you can flip through. It has a lot of little tips on diagnosing problems and car maintenance separated from the main text in little boxes. It isn't nearly as thorough in its explanations as *Recipes...*, though, and even though it has photographs that help a lot in locating parts, I think the drawings in *Recipes* are a lot more helpful in figuring out the big picture of how the parts actually work. In other words, *Auto Upkeep* makes a good supplement, but definitely get *Recipes for Car Care* if you want an excellent, understandable explanation of how cars function!

Preventive care isn't a mystery known only to professional auto mechanics, but rather a set of simple steps you can do yourself if you understand the "ingredients" that go into making your vehicle run. *Recipes for Car Care* is designed to enable you to perform preventative maintenance on your vehicle to lengthen its life while saving you money. This book covers everything from locating the hood latch to performing basic maintenance tasks such as oil changes to dealing confidently with professional mechanics and car manufacturers. Whether you are a novice at do-it-yourself automotive care or an experienced home mechanic, *Recipes for Car Care* will show you how to complete necessary car maintenance as easily as you would follow the "recipes" of a cookbook.