

ONE BITE WON'T KILL YOU: MORE THAN 200 RECIPES TO TEMPT EVEN THE PICKIEST KIDS ON EARTH AND THE REST OF THE FAMILY TOO, by

Ann Hodgman (Houghton Mifflin, \$15), may not be the funniest cookbook on planet earth since Peg Bracken's *I HATE TO COOK BOOK* but it's a close second. This fat friendly little cookbook is graced with outlandish illustrations by Roz Chast as well as recipes for folks like me who consider a fire extinguisher to be an indispensable kitchen utensil. In addition to great kid-appeal recipes (like *Stab Your Own Meatballs*, *Breakfast 'Za* and *Spinach Frisbees*) you'll find stories about food that will make you laugh out loud. I guess if Anne Lamott (author of **Operating Instructions**, the funniest book on childcare ever published) were to write a cookbook, this is what it might be like. It's practical, it's funny, it's got pictures that will make even the crabbiest cook smile, and it's got stories about kids and food. Please don't read it while you're drinking milk or you'll end up shooting milk out of your nose.

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