

Dinner and A Book Episode #713

Menu:

Food and drink as seen through the eyes of several authors

Recipes:

Classic Jack Daniels
Ian Fleming's martini
Patricia Cornwell's Bloody Mary
Bev's No-fuss Crab Cakes
Homemade Coleslaw

For Sam Spade: Classic Jack Daniels

Muddle 1 slice of orange and 1 cherry
A muddle is a handle used to mash things
Add 1/2 cup ice
Fill a short cocktail glass half full with Jack Daniels

Ian Fleming's martini (shaken, not stirred) for James Bond

In a shaker, add 1 cup ice.
Splash with 1/2 cup vodka (Smirnoff)
Shake vigorously. Strain into a lovely martini glass.
Top with a toothpick with either 1 or 3 olives. 2 olives means bad luck

Patricia Cornwell's Bloody Mary

In a shaker add ice, Bloody Mary mix, Woostershire sauce, a splash of Tabasco sauce, 1/2 t. of fresh horseradish and a teaspoon of bitters.
Ssssssshake and pour into a tall cocktail glass. Garnish with a small stalk of celery or a small link of smoked sausage.

Bev's No-fuss Crab Cakes

Inspired by Patricia Cornwell in her book Unnatural Exposure

1 pound crabmeat, fresh or canned
1 egg slightly beaten
1/2 t. dry mustard
Dash Worcestershire sauce
4 unsalted soda crackers, crushed
1 yellow onion, finely chopped

1 green pepper, finely chopped
1 to 2 teaspoons fresh parsley, finely chopped
Salt and pepper to taste
1 T. olive oil

If using canned meat, drain well. Mix all the ingredients well in a large bowl, and shape meat mixture into patties. In a large frying pan, sauté the patties in olive oil over medium heat until each side is evenly cooked and lightly browned. Serve with sliced lemon and coleslaw. Makes 6-8 Servings.

Homemade Coleslaw

1 cup sour cream
1/2 cup white vinegar
1/2 cup vegetable oil
3 T. sugar
1/2 T. celery seed
1/2 T. salt
7 cups green cabbage, finely shredded
5 carrots, rinsed, peeled and grated

Combine the sour cream, vinegar, oil, sugar, celery seed, and salt in a large bowl. Add the cabbage and carrots and toss until the cabbage is well coated. Chill for at least 1 to 2 hours before serving. Makes 10 to 12 servings.

A HOUSE WITHOUT BOOKS IS A ROOM WITHOUT A SOUL.