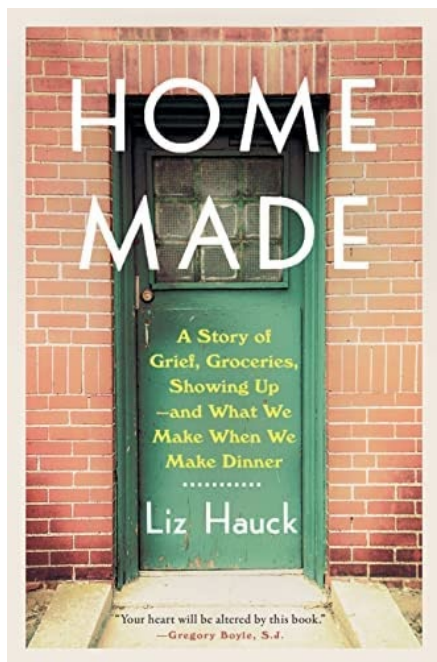


Bergen CASA Book Club!!

Home Made: A Story of Grief, Groceries, Showing up — and What We Make When We Make Dinner



Join us for a discussion of
HOME MADE by Liz Hauck
on Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 7pm
via Zoom

RSVP to lauren@bergencasa.org

Liz Hauck and her dad had a plan to start a weekly cooking program in a residential home for teenage boys in state care, which was run by the human services agency he co-directed. When her father died before they had a chance to get the project started, Liz decided she would try it without him. She didn't know what to expect from volunteering with court-involved youth, but as a high school teacher she knew that teenagers are drawn to food-related activities, and as a daughter, she believed that if she and the kids made even a single dinner together, she could check one box off her father's long, unfinished to-do list. This is the story of what happened around the table, and how one dinner became one hundred dinners.

"The kids picked the menus, I bought the groceries," Liz writes, "and we cooked and ate dinner together for two hours a week for nearly three years. Sometimes improvisation in kitchens is disastrous. But sometimes, a combination of elements produces something spectacularly unexpected. I think that's why, when we don't know what else to do, we feed our neighbors."

Capturing the clumsy choreography of cooking with other people, this is a sharply observed story about the ways we behave when we are hungry and the conversations that happen at the intersections of flavor and memory, vulnerability and strength, grief and connection.

NEW YORK TIMES EDITORS' CHOICE • An "extraordinary" (*The New York Times Book Review*) tender and vivid memoir about the radical grace we discover when we consider ourselves bound together in community, and a moving account of one woman's attempt to answer the essential question *Who are we to one another?*

"Your heart will be altered by this book."—Gregory Boyle, S.J., *New York Times* bestselling author of *Tattoos on the Heart*