



Hello, Everybody! Welcome to Edenville!

I am happy to share with all my readers another delicious recipe from Millie's diner. You may recall reading about it in *Mothers of Pine Way*. On page 66, it describes every luscious detail of her special apple pie: "...lattice-work crust, brushed with a secret mixture, making it crunchy, buttery, and sweet."

Here it is: [Millie's Apple Pie](#)

Double 9-inch pie crust, or use two, store-bought pie shells

Filling:

- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 5-6 cups sliced Granny Smith apples

Mix together the dry ingredients. In a large bowl, stir to coat apple slices with mixture. Place in pie crust. Dot with 1 1/2 tablespoon butter. Place top crust over apples or make a lattice-work top crust. Pinch dough around rim to seal the two crusts together. If you made a full top crust, place a few slits in it to form a decorative pattern.

Brush top crust with a mixture of melted butter, brown sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Want to know how much to use? Sorry, but that's Millie's secret!

Place in a preheated 450-degree oven for 10 minutes. Lower heat to 350 degrees. Bake until bubbly, crust is browned, and pie juices form a thickened syrup, about 40 minutes. When cooled, crust should be crunchy, buttery, and sweet!

Remember to check out my website from time to time. I'm always adding new things, stories, essays, and poetry, too! So, take a peek at the Writings page at: corrine.ardoin.us.

People often ask me, "Where can I buy your book?" So, I thought it would be helpful to give an update on where all my books can be found.

- A Natural History of the Nipomo Mesa Region
- Fathers of Edenville
- Mothers of Pine Way
- A Place Called the Way (coming July 2022)

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Well, that's about it! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and have a happy new year. Wherever you are in the world, stay safe, stay dry, stay warm or cool. Get out into nature and don't be a fool. Say hi to your neighbor whenever you can. Take the time to smile or wave your hand!

Bye!
Sincerely, Corrine Ardoin