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Granted this book is a bit outdated, the information is very useful and it will give you a solid foundation to start with by pointing out specific restaurant management points. If you've been in the industry for a while this book may not help you but if you're new to the industry or want to further your knowledge for perhaps a management job then this book is a good start.

I wish I'd had something like this when I was working in the food service industry. This book, with brief bullet points that still manage to spell out the practical details as necessary, gives the seasoned restaurateur hundreds of tips on how to cut costs--everything from trimming energy expenses (run the water supply for your ice machine through the refrigerator or freezer to pre-cool it) [...] It seems like it would be very practical to copy pages out of the book and include them in your employee training packets or post them in the kitchen. I've found that the more employees understand the reasons behind your policies--and the big differences they make on profit margins and customer satisfaction--the more likely they are to follow them. The book has tips for all parts of the food service industry, from fast food to fine dining, and states the reasoning behind each tip in a way that would be easy to explain to others. The book is well written, clearly organized, and includes a helpful index. If you're looking for something specific, you should be able to find it in moments. I would recommend this to any food-service business looking to increase its profit margins and willing to do the planning and work necessary to make it happen. This is not a quick fix book (although quite a few of the tips would take little time or money to implement), but a thorough and honest guide on how to cut costs over the long run.

I did not buy this book because the Look Inside pages put me off. In the table on page 61 the food cost made no sense relative to the menu price and the profit margin was shown in dollars instead of as a percentage. If the author doesn't know the difference between profit margin and mark-up he should not be writing a management book.

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