



...Recipes To Die...

PEANUT BUTTER SOUP

Soon after my first book, *Dead Girls Don't Blog* was released, I was thrilled to be asked to submit a couple of my favorite recipes for a cookbook featuring recipes from cozy mystery writers by Nancy Lynn Jarvis, author of the *Regan McHenry Real Estate Mysteries*.

Cozy Food: 128 Cozy Mystery Writers Share Their Favorite Recipes

I adapted this delicious Peanut Butter Soup recipe from Carolyn J. Rose, author of the *Subbing Isn't For Sissies* Book Series and featured in the recipe book. Although the soup doesn't taste like peanut butter, it adds a delicious richness.

Chop into very small chunks:

2-3 carrots

3 ribs of celery

1 small-medium onion

1 zucchini

A couple of cloves of garlic (more if you love garlic)

Chopped Fresh Spinach

Boiled or steamed red, white, or gold Potatoes cut into small chunks

Saute in a little olive oil until tender and then add:

2-3 cans of chicken stock – or vegetable stock

Simmer for about an hour, then add:

½ cup peanut butter – or more for a nuttier taste – use creamy or chunky*

1 - 15.25 oz can of diced tomatoes and the juice

Optional - in original recipe:

4 (or more) Jalapenos

1/2 cup Black Beans

Cook, stirring occasionally over medium heat until the peanut butter is melted and blended in.

Turn down low and simmer for an hour or more.