

Old-Fashioned & New-Fashioned

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Synopsis:

Mrs. Old-Fashioned has been the county champion baker for 24 years in a row. She has her eyes set on winning her 25th Blue Ribbon at the Fall Festival Bake-Off. When a fancy new neighbour moves in next door, she isn't quite sure whether they're going to get along because he reminds her of someone from her past who was more concerned about looks than people.

Mr. New-Fashioned is inspired by the wonderful aroma of his new neighbour's apple pies and wants to try his hand at baking. As for meeting his new neighbour, he's not sure how to approach Mrs. Old-Fashioned. She seems much too busy and he doesn't want to bother her by asking for baking lessons. He decides to teach himself.

Summer passes and both are turning out pies left, right and centre.

Mr. New-Fashioned fails at first but tries and tries again. Mrs. Old-Fashioned isn't keen on her new-fashioned neighbour baking pies. Though confident his pies will never be as good as hers, she sees him as competition. Mr. New-Fashioned is completely oblivious to his new neighbour's discontent. He's just happy his pies are getting better and better. Things get spicy when Mrs. Old-Fashioned's special secret, her trusty vintage oven, goes kaput and she can't bake anymore pies. She has a decision to make. Maybe never bake another prize-winning pie again or ask her neighbour for a favour. Can she borrow his fancy new oven?

The new neighbours finally meet when Mrs. Old-Fashioned rings Mr. New-Fashioned's doorbell. They soon discover they have more in common than either imagined. They work together to help Mrs. Old-Fashioned find a way to bake an award-winning pie in a fancy new oven. They discover that Mrs. Old-Fashioned's special baking secret might not be her oven at all. In the process, lots of preconceived notions fall to the wayside. A new friendship is born.

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