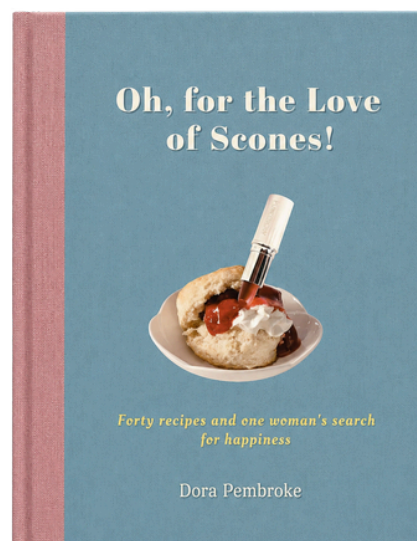


## oh, for the Love of Scones!

**A narrative cookbook about love, marriage, and what really happens in the kitchen.**

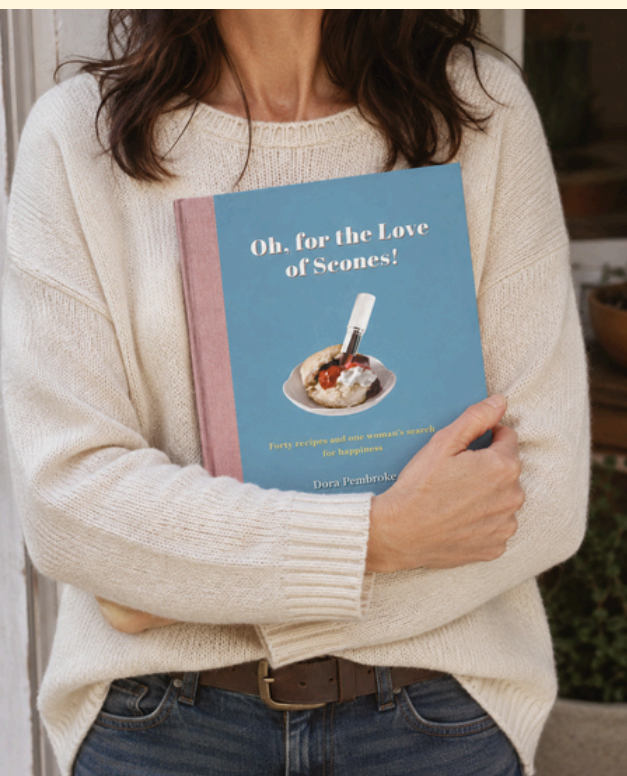
A parody in three acts:

- Humble Beginnings : a breakfast menu which documents the book's protagonist, Hattie Birdsmith's, struggles with dating.
- Husband Dinners: easy mains section, and the first years of her marriage.
- Family Sweets : cakes and biscuits section detailing the ups and downs of motherhood.



Oh, for the Love of Scones! is a narrative cookbook that uses recipes as a framework for storytelling. The book pairs food with moments from a woman's life, from romantic expectation to domestic reality.

Written with dry humour and affectionate irreverence, the book explores the belief that happiness will arrive fully formed. Instead, it explores the idea that joy, frustration, longing, often coexist at the same kitchen bench. The recipes are practical and cookable; the story is comical, and occasionally inappropriate.



*“Witty, honest, and unexpectedly good food. This isn’t a cookbook you skim, it’s one you read, laugh at, and recognise yourself in more than once.”*

**Story and Recipes by  
Dora Pembroke**

**Tattered Apron**  
[www.tatteredapron.shop](http://www.tatteredapron.shop)

Price: \$39.00 AUD

Hardback | 140 pages | Adult

ISBN: 978-0-6455312-0-6

**Previously published by Happy Sloth Press**



## Themes

- Love, marriage, and domestic expectation
- The mythology of “happily ever after”
- Food as metaphor as well as instruction
- The invisible labour of domestic life
- Humour as survival, not decoration

## Suggested Audiences

- Readers who enjoy narrative nonfiction and memoir
- Home cooks who also like to read
- Gift buyers looking for something original
- Fans of dry humour and observational writing
- Readers interested in domestic life as subject matter

## Author Bio



Dora Pembroke is interested in examining the world around her from slightly unexpected angles. She often uses humour, metaphor, and everyday rituals as a way into larger conversations about meaning.

Her debut narrative cookbook, *Oh, for the Love of Scones!*, combines storytelling and recipes.

After the book’s initial launch, it became the foundation for Tattered Apron, an ongoing body of work spanning writing, design, and small-run objects. Alongside this, she documents her creative practice through *Diaries of a Tattered Apron (DOTA)*. She is also currently at work on her first novel.

When she’s not writing, Dora enjoys cooking, designing, yoga, and making things by hand, usually with her French Bulldog, Teo, close by.