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One of the best ways to make a house into a home is to invite some friends over for a meal. If you try this recipe, let me know how it turns out for you. And if you have a favorite recipe of your own, send it my way.

## Laurie's Chocolate Nemesis Cake

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup water 1 cup sugar, split 1 lb good bittersweet chocolate (70% cocoa or more), shaved or crumbled 2 sticks unsalted butter, cubed 7 large eggs

- 1. Grease bottom & sides of a 9" springform pan. Dust sides only with flour and line bottom with parchment paper. Preheat oven to 325°.
- 2. In a large saucepan, heat water & ½ cup sugar over medium heat until sugar completely dissolves. Add chocolate and butter, stirring constantly until melted. Remove from heat and cool for 15-30 minutes.
- 3. In a large bowl, beat eggs with other ½ cup sugar using electric mixer until mixture thickens and triples in volume (at least 8 minutes). With wire whisk, fold chocolate mixture into egg mixture until completely blended.
- 4. Wrap springform pan with tin foil to prevent water from leaking in. Pour batter into pan. Place filled pan in a large roasting pan, and add enough boiling water to cover springform pan halfway up the side. Bake 30-35 minutes, until edge begins to set & thin crust forms on top.
- 5. Remove from water bath and cool on wire rack until cake is at room temperature. Cover and chill overnight in refrigerator.
- 30 minutes before serving, remove cake from pan, running a sharp blade around edge to loosen cake. Turn it upside down on a plate to remove parchment paper, then turn right-side up on cake plate. Garnish with fresh whipped cream and sliced fruit or berries. Makes 12 or more servings.



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