# Sourdough Bread

Flour + Water + Salt...How hard could it be?

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# **Bread Basics**

# Main Ingredients:

- Flour
- Water
- Salt
- Yeast

### Method:

- Mix everything
- Let rise
- Shape
- Rise again
- Bake!







# **Not Sourdough:**

Made with commercial yeast



# Sourdough:

Made with natural yeast



# Boris the Sourdough Starter



### To start a starter:

Day 1: Mix equal weights of flour & water in glass container

Day 2: Discard half of mix, add equal weights of flour & water to the container

Days 3 - 7: Repeat Day 2 procedure

Day n: When the starter rises and falls predictably, it's ready to bake with!

## **Focaccia**

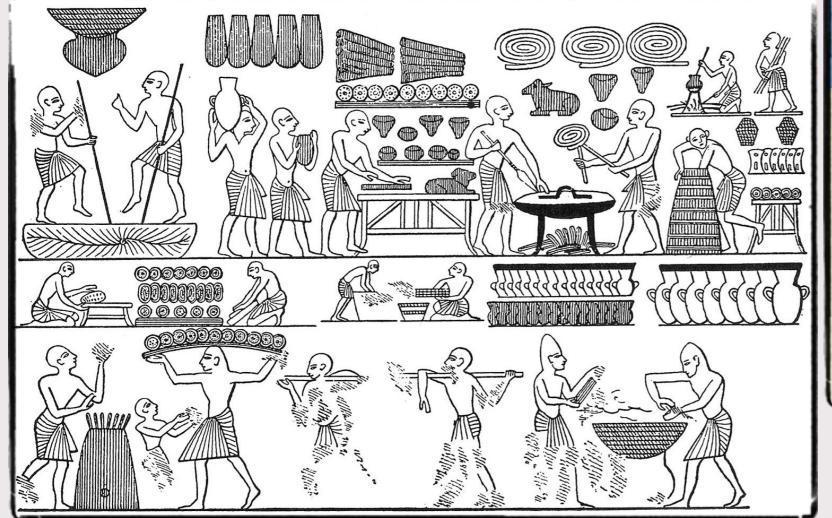
- King Arthur All Purpose Flour
- Barton Springs Mill TAM 114 flour
- Water
- Sea Salt
- Natural Yeast (whole rye flour, bread flour, water)
- Rice flour
- Optional Topping: Salted Honey Butter

# Loaf

- King Arthur All Purpose Flour
- Barton Springs Mill Rouge de Bordeaux flour
- Water
- Sea Salt
- Natural Yeast (whole rye flour, bread flour, water)
- Rice flour
- Toppings: Roasted garlic, sun dried tomatoes
- Optional Topping: Pesto







# It began in Ancient Egypt



### The New York Times

# Ancient Egyptian Yeast Is This Bread's Secret Ingredient

A self-professed "bread nerd" extracted yeast from 4,000-year-old artifacts to make a loaf of sourdough. "The aroma and flavor are incredible," he said.



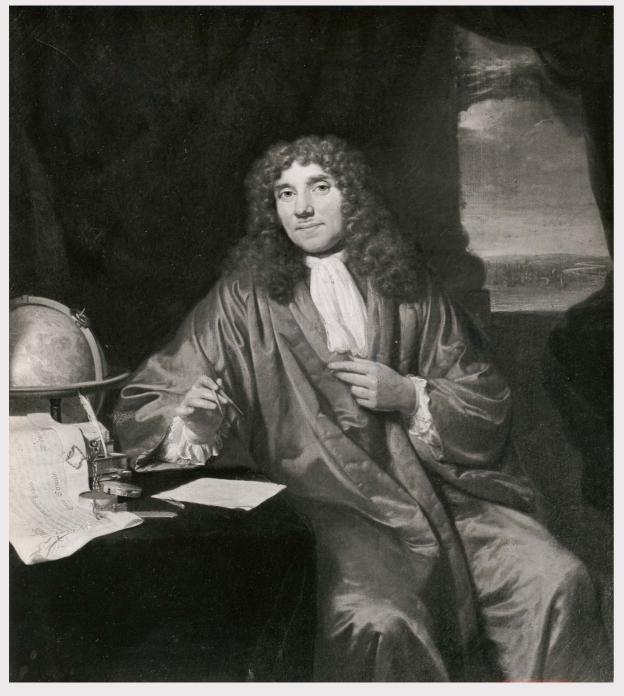


# Roman bread - Preserved in Pompeii



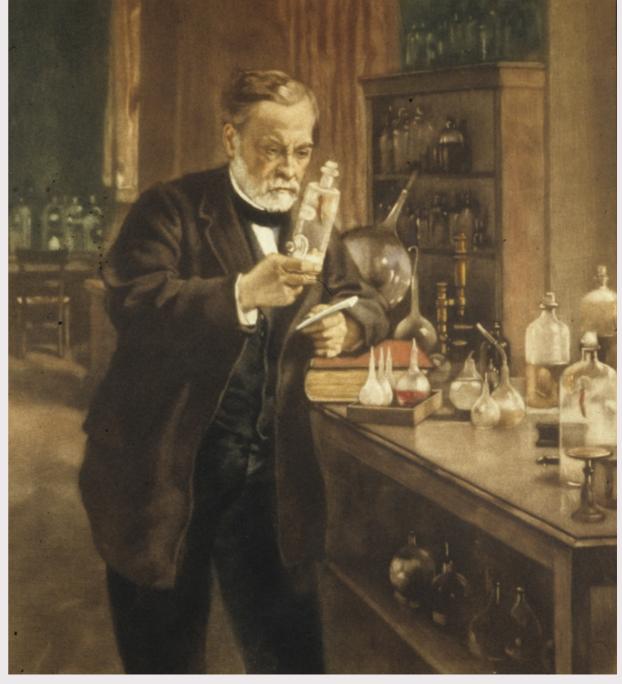


### **Anton Van Leeuwenkoek**



Invented microscope in 1676

### **Louis Pasteur**



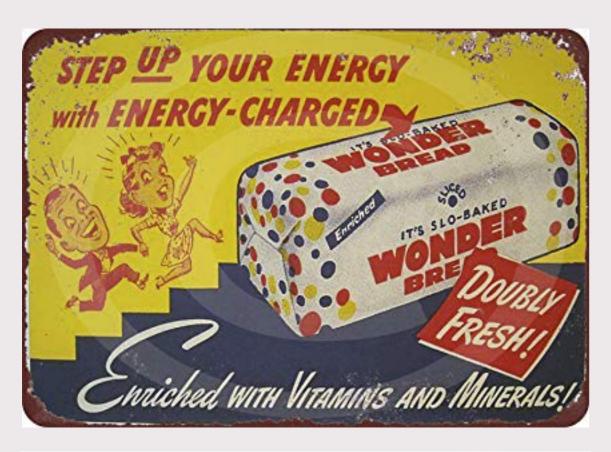
Figured out how yeast worked in 1859

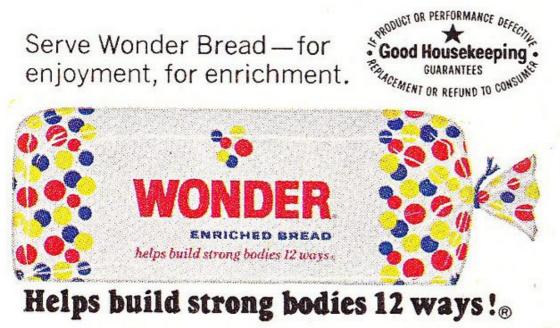


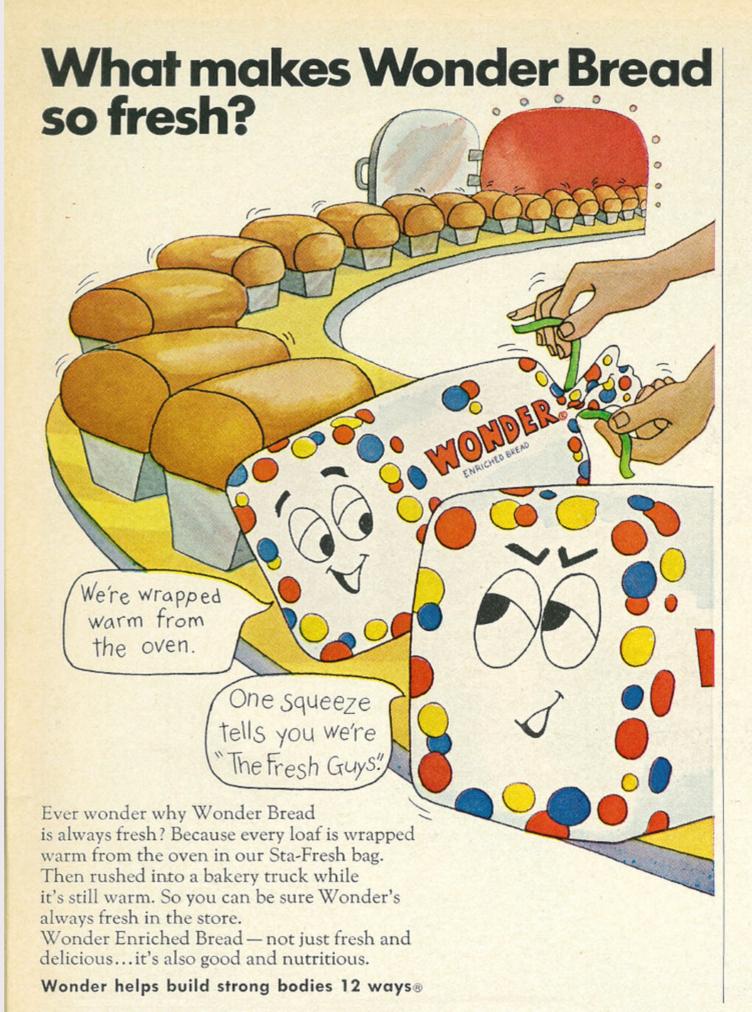
1868 - Fleischmann's Yeast begins selling varieties of shelf-stable yeast, originally as a compressed yeast cake, then as dried yeast activated with water

Before 1868, ALL leavened bread was made with some form of sourdough culture!

















# **Unbleached Unbromated**









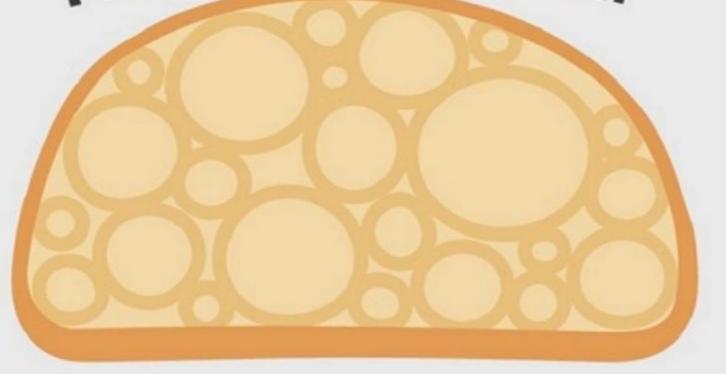
Bleached and/or Bromated





# SAY NO TO SOURFAUX!

FLOUR WATER SALT







# SOUT duck MARKET

UPPER CREEKERY-CAFE





# If you'd like to read more about bread...

- https://www.atthemummiesball.com/baking-ancientegyptian-bread/
- <a href="https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/08/science/egyptian-yeast-bread.html">https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/08/science/egyptian-yeast-bread.html</a>
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