## Fried Green Tomatoes

Green tomatoes were popular in the New England colonies, where they were often picked right before the first frost. The New Englanders liked their green tomatoes baked into a pie with a little sprinkling of sugar and spice and a splash of vinegar. Down south, green tomatoes were usually fried up with a crunchy commeal coating. Often served at bountiful plantation breakfasts, fried green tomatoes became a tradition that continues today.

| 6   | Slices bacon   |
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| 1   | Large egg white  |
| 1/4 | Teaspoon salt  |
| 1/2 | Cup cornmeal   |
| 1/4 | Teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper                                      |
| 3   | Medium green tomatoes (1 pound), cut into scant 1/2 -inch-thickness slices |
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- 1. In 12-inch skillet, cook bacon over medium heat until browned. With slotted spoon, transfer bacon to paper towels to drain; crumble. Set aside skillet with drippings.
- 2. In pie plate, beat egg white and salt. On waxed paper, combine cornmeal and pepper. Dip tomatoes in egg mixture to coat both sides, then dip into cornmeal mixture, pressing so mixture adheres. Place on waxed paper.
- 3. Heat bacon drippings in skillet over medium-high heat. Cook tomatoes, in batches, until golden brown, about 11/2 minutes per side, transferring them to paper towels to drain.
- 4. Transfer tomatoes to platter; top with bacon.
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