RASPBERRY RICOTTA CHEESE CAKE

INGREDIENTS

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

1 cup sugar

2 teaspoons baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

3 eggs

1 1/2 cups whole milk ricotta

1 teaspoon vanilla

1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, melted and cooled slightly

1 1/2 cup fresh* or frozen raspberries, divided

powder sugar, to garnish

* frozen raspberries actually work better in this recipe, as they are so fragile and fresh ones tend to disintegrate while mixing them in. Even though I used fresh berries, I suck them in the freezer for an hour before making this recipe.

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350F. Generously grease a 9 inch round cake or spring form pan.

In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, sugar, baking powder and salt together. In another bowl, combine eggs, ricotta, melted butter and vanilla. Mix dry into wet. Gently fold in 1/2 of the raspberries. Pour batter into the prepared cake pan and press the remaining berries into the cake.

Bake for 60-70 minutes or until a knife inserted into the center comes out clean and the cake is golden brown. Let cool completely in the pan on a wire rack. Before serving, dust with powdered sugar.