Ricotta Cheesecake

Unsalted butter (for pan)

9 inch cake

INGREDIENTS

¾ cup sugar (+ more for pan)
1 ½ lbs fresh ricotta (puree until smooth)
6 eggs (separated)
¼ cup all-purpose flour
¼ tsp salt
Finely grated zest of 1 orange





DIRECTIONS

- Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Generously butter and sugar a 9-inch springform pan. Whisk together ricotta, egg yolks, flour, 6 TBSP sugar, the zest, and salt in a large bowl.
- Whisk egg whites with a mixer on low speed until foamy. Raise speed to high, and gradually add remaining 6 TBSP sugar, whisking until stiff, glossy peaks form, 3 to 4 minutes. Gently fold a third of the whites into ricotta mixture using a rubber spatula until just combined. Gently fold in remaining whites until just combined.
- Pour batter into pan, and bake until center is firm and top is deep golden brown, about 1 hour. Let cool on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Run a knife around edge of cake; release sides to remove from pan, and let cool completely. Sprinkle with confectionery sugar