

Fine Chocolates Great Experience

Forget milk chocolate molded into childish candy bars. Today's chocolate candies use chocolates with high cocoa content and less sugar than previously available and are molded into highly decorated pieces of art. Once only accessible to pastry chefs and candy makers, home cooks can now purchase high-end domestic and imported chocolates in their local specialty stores. The recent availability of bittersweet chocolates coupled with our access to a global food market and unique ingredients has created an increased interest in artisanal chocolates. Drew Shotts has been at the forefront of this renaissance because of his daring use of unique flavor combinations not typically associated with chocolates, such as chili peppers, maple syrup, and spiced chai tea. Making Artisan Chocolates shows readers how to recreate Drew's unexpected flavors at home through the use of herbs, flowers, chilies, spices, vegetables, fruits, dairies and liquors.

Intoxicant, comforter and the ultimate sweetener: no other food exercises such an irresistible attraction on young and old as chocolate. Moreover, chocolate lends itself excellently to the preparation of all kinds of sweet treats such as milkshakes, truf

Chocolates & Confections, 2e offers a complete and thorough explanation of the ingredients, theories, techniques, and formulas needed to create every kind of chocolate and confection. It is beautifully illustrated with 250 full-color photographs of ingredients, step-by-step techniques, and finished chocolates and confections. From truffles, hard candies, brittles, toffee, caramels, and taffy to butter ganache confections, fondants, fudges, gummies, candied fruit, marshmallows, divinity, nougat, marzipan, gianduja, and rochers, Chocolates & Confections 2e offers the tools and techniques for professional mastery.

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This expert and irresistible book for everyone who loves chocolate is packed with amazing stories, tasting notes, history, myths, recipes, and "chocolate philosophy." Learn how to differentiate between good chocolate and bad, how to select a chocolate that reflects the day's "mood," and more.

A sumptuous array of chocolate confections and treats presents more than sixty sinfully delicious, original recipes for dipped and molded chocolates, brownies, cookies, soufflés, cupcakes, and truffles--from Chocolate Shortbread Cookies with Truffle Cream Filling to Rocky Recchiuti Brownies and Double Dark Chocolate Soufflés.

100+ beloved recipes proving that Southern baking is American baking—from the James Beard Award-winning chef and owner of the New Orleans bakery Willa Jean. “Kelly Fields bakes with the soul of a grandma, the curiosity of a student, and the skill of a master.”—Vivian Howard, author of Deep Run Roots: Stories and Recipes from My Corner of the South NAMED ONE OF THE BEST COOKBOOKS OF THE YEAR BY The New York Times Book Review • Bon

Appétit • The Atlanta Journal-Constitution • Garden & Gun Celebrated pastry chef Kelly Fields has spent decades figuring out what makes the absolute best biscuits, cornbread, butterscotch pudding, peach pie, and, well, every baked good in the Southern repertoire. Here, in her first book, Fields brings you into her kitchen, generously sharing her boundless expertise and ingenious ideas. With more than one hundred recipes for quick breads, muffins, biscuits, cookies and bars, puddings and custards, cobblers, crisps, galettes, pies, tarts, and cakes—including dozens of variations on beloved standards—this is the new bible for Southern baking.

100 imaginative vegan recipes showing home confectioners how to make artisan-quality sweets from the country's premier (and feminist/punk rock/bad-ass) vegan chocolatier At her East Coast confectionery shops, Lagusta Yearwood takes vegan sweets to the next level, going beyond cookies, cupcakes, and pies. Sweet + Salty features over 100 luscious recipes for caramels, chocolates, bonbons, truffles, and more for anyone looking to make their own vegan confections at home. With everything from the most basic caramel to bold, arresting flavors incorporating unexpected spices and flavors such as miso caramel sauce, thyme-preserved lemon sea-salt caramels, matzo toffee, and more, Sweet + Salty is a smart, sassy, completely innovative introduction to vegan confections.

Belgium is well-known for its delicious chocolate. Jean-Pierre Wybauw expresses in clear, concise language how to create and shape your own chocolates.

This book, written by global experts, provides a comprehensive and topical analysis on the economics of chocolate. While the main approach is economic analysis, there are important contributions from other disciplines, including psychology, history, government, nutrition, and geography. The chapters are organized around several themes, including the history of cocoa and chocolate — from cocoa drinks in the Maya empire to the growing sales of Belgian chocolates in China; how governments have used cocoa and chocolate as a source of tax revenue and have regulated chocolate (and defined it by law) to protect consumers' health from fraud and industries from competition; how the poor cocoa producers in developing countries are linked through trade and multinational companies with rich consumers in industrialized countries; and how the rise of consumption in emerging markets (China, India, and Africa) is causing a major boom in global demand and prices, and a potential shortage of the world's chocolate.

In the spirit of Michael Pollans *The Omnivores Dilemma*, *Raising the Bar: The Future of Fine Chocolate* tells the story of what that next movement in the fine flavour chocolate symphony might hold.

"This book is another must-have for experienced amateur cooks, chocolate lovers and professional chocolatiers, especially those wishing to investigate extending the shelf life of their pralines" *Cakes and Sugarcraft*, Spring 2011 The chocolate industry

The melting point is where it all comes together...or makes a big mess. San Amaro Singles, Book 1 Corey Fenwick keeps her bitter past as hidden as the sweet centers inside the handmade chocolates she sells to a growing list of upscale customers. Experience has taught her the only person she can rely on is herself, so her best-friends-with-benefits relationship with Matt is perfect—no strings attached. After his last girlfriend deemed him “boring”, Matt Ferber watched her ride off on the back of a Harley with a rock musician. Figuring he’s doomed to “let’s just be friends” with the women he cares about, the arrangement with Corey

suits him fine too. Until his old friend Dylan Schell rolls into town to hang out while recovering from a surfing injury. The sexy bad boy makes Corey's mouth water, and she figures a harmless fling won't hurt, especially when Dylan suggests she come between him and Matt—in bed. It's a win-win-win situation...until somehow there are strings attached. And too late they realize they're getting all tangled up. Warning: This book contains an independent woman, two hot guys, some trash talking, a little jealousy, a few beers, chocolate body paint and scary stuff like falling in love.

A high-school freshman who refuses to participate in the annual fund-raising chocolate sale is forced to defend his convictions.

Today's chocolates have gone upmarket, mixing flavours such as chile peppers, caramel or wasabi with high-quality bittersweet or imported chocolate. Luckily creating such mouth-watering confections at home no longer requires a cooking degree - Making Fine Chocolates will teach you all the inside tips, techniques and methods for making chocolates like a professional chocolatier at home. Once only available to pastry chefs, the techniques shown here will help you create chocolates to rival those found in upmarket retail shops and specialist chocolate shops. Forget milk chocolate bars - the recipes in this book combine daring and unusual flavours to create truly unique creations. Using ingredients such as vanilla bean, mint and fresh raspberries, Andrew Garrison Shotts will teach you how to create one-of-a-kind homemade chocolates, truffles and confections that will dazzle your friends and family.

Author Megan Giller invites fellow chocoholics on a fascinating journey through America's craft chocolate revolution. Learn what to look for in a craft chocolate bar and how to successfully pair chocolate with coffee, beer, spirits, cheese, or bread. This comprehensive celebration of chocolate busts some popular myths (like "white chocolate isn't chocolate") and introduces you to more than a dozen of the hottest artisanal chocolate makers in the US today. You'll get a taste for the chocolate-making process and understand how chocolate's flavor depends on where the cacao was grown — then discover how to turn your artisanal bars into unexpected treats with 22 recipes from master chefs.

From nationally-lauded San Francisco chocolate maker, Dandelion Chocolate, comes the first ever complete guide to making chocolate from scratch. From the simplest techniques and technology—like hair dryers to rolling pins—to the science and mechanics of making chocolate from bean to bar, Making Chocolate holds everything the founders and makers behind San Francisco's beloved chocolate factory have learned since the day they first cracked open a cocoa bean. Best known for their single origin chocolate made with only two ingredients—cocoa beans and cane sugar—Dandelion Chocolate shares all their tips and tricks to working with cocoa beans from different regions around the world. There are kitchen hacks for making chocolate at home, a deep look into the nuts, bolts, and ethics of sourcing beans and building relationships with producers along the supply chain, and for ambitious makers, tips for scaling up. Complete with 30 recipes from the chocolate factory's much-loved pastry kitchen, Making Chocolate is a resource for hobbyists and more ambitious makers alike, as well as anyone looking for maybe the very best chocolate chip cookie recipe in the world.

The Ultimate Guide to All Things Chocolate Calling all chocoholics—come satisfy your sweet tooth, indulge in your all-time favorites and discover new ways to get your fix with 75 diverse chocolate-based desserts from Sabine Venier, the founder of Also The Crumbs Please. Sabine shares standout takes on classic

fudgy desserts as well as creative, interesting twists on treats that readers know and love, including: • Cherry Cheesecake Swirl Chocolate Brownies • Chocolate-Covered Tiramisu Truffles • Mind-Blowing Chocolate Fudge Birthday Layer Cake • Chile Chocolate Lava Cakes • Glazed Bacon Chocolate Donuts • The Ultimate Mississippi Chocolate Mud Pie • No-Bake White Chocolate–Mango Cheesecake • Earl Grey Chai–Poached Pears Dark Chocolate Cake • Ultraflaky Chocolate Croissants (Pain au Chocolat) Perfect for bakers looking for that next great chocolaty recipe or as a gift for the chocolate addict in your life, this book will satisfy every craving.

Preparing your own traditional, handcrafted chocolates is an amazing experience! The author, Adi's, first exposure to the art of making handmade Candies was in a boutique factory in rural England - and she was blown away! Since the confectioner would not agree to share his secrets, and there were few books available on Candy making, she had to figure things out on her own. She realized that this is what she wanted to pursue in her life, so she created her own brand, "Handmade Candies." Enjoy mouth-watering recipes for every kind of candy imaginable! Adi learned to prepare a broad range of quality, handcrafted chocolates with unique textures and surprising flavors. Her candies are created using traditional methods and contain no gluten, preservatives, or artificial flavors or colors! This book features 25 of her recipes for chocolates that anyone can prepare at home. It is also a great opportunity to get the children into the kitchen. No need to go to workshops! It is Adi's hope that you will enjoy preparing chocolates as much as she does. Scroll up now to get your copy of Handmade Chocolate!

Paris Breathtakingly beautiful, the City of Light seduces the senses, its cobbled streets thrumming with possibility. For American Cade Corey, it's a dream come true, if only she can get one infuriating French chocolatier to sign on the dotted line. . . Chocolate Melting, yielding yet firm, exotic, its secrets are intimately known to Sylvain Marquis. But turn them over to a brash American waving a fistful of dollars? Jamais. Not unless there's something much more delectable on the table. . . Stolen Pleasure Whether confections taken from a locked shop or kisses in the dark, is there anything sweeter? Praise for Laura Florand and her novels "Charming and laugh-out-loud funny."--New York Times bestselling author Deborah Smith "Readers will be happy to live vicariously in Laura's French fairytale."--Booklist "Frothy, French confection of a novel."--Publishers Weekly "Both sensual and sweet. . .a story that melts in your mouth!" –USA Today bestselling author Christie Ridgway

The Pralin contains gastronomic recipes for the professionals, written by Stphane Leroux, who traces the history of praline and explains the fabrication, the different basic praline recipes (with almonds, nuts, dark, white, with sesame...) and their us

* In this book for skilled amateurs and professionals, 13 chocolatiers talk about their work and share their favorite recipes* Includes technical references (origin

of the beans, installation, machines, technical sheets) useful to the chocolatier in the making* Pierre Marcolini is one of Belgium's best-known chocolatiers, and is a pioneer in the bean-to-bar movement Pierre Marcolini has selected 13 chocolatiers who work according to the bean-to-bar principle, an artisanal approach that focuses on the quality and source of the cacao beans and how they are prepared. These enthusiasts (plus Pierre Marcolini himself) explore their calling, describe how they work, and share three favourite recipes. Whether working for well-established companies or starting in the business, all these chocolatiers share the love of their work, the desire to transmit their know-how, the importance of values such as authenticity and quality, and the aspiration to innovate. Chocolatiers include Cédric De Taeye; Chocolatoa (Mario Vandeneede); Chocolatier M (David Maenhout); Darcis (Jean-Philippe Darcis); Deremiens (François Deremiens); Legast (Thibaut Legast et Patricia Forero); Marcolini (Pierre Marcolini); Mi Joya (Nicolas et Caroline de Schaetzen); Mike & Becky (Björn Becker and Julia Mikerova); Millésime Chocolat (Jean-Christophe Hubert); The Chocolate Line (Dominique Persoone); Van Dender (Herman Van Dender); Zuut (David Van Acker and Pieter De Volder). Technically advanced instructions for professionals are included.

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Guaranteed to bring warmth and comfort into your life, *The Little Book of Hygge* is the book we all need. Denmark has an international reputation for being one of the happiest nations in the world, and hygge is widely recognised to be the magic ingredient. Hooga? Hhyooguh? Heurgh? It is not really important how you pronounce or even spell it. What is important is that you feel it. Whether you're cuddled up on a sofa with a loved one, or sharing comfort food with your closest friends, hygge is about creating an atmosphere where we can let your guard down. The definitive, must-read introduction to Hygge, written by Meik Wiking, CEO of the Happiness Research Institute, this book is packed full of original research, recipes and ideas to help you add a touch of hygge to your life. 'The best qualified author . . . cosy and engaging' Sunday Express 'Infectiously positive . . . the best beginner's guide' Mail on Sunday 'This book explains everything you need to know about the Danish art of living well' Metro

From chef and online baking star Gemma Stafford, you can get more than 100 accessible, flavor-packed recipes that anyone can make—anytime, anywhere—in her very first baking cookbook. Gemma Stafford—chef and host of the top online baking show *Bigger Bolder Baking*—has worked as a pastry chef at a monastery in Ireland, a Silicon Valley tech startup, and a Michelin-starred restaurant in San Francisco, and now brings her incredible desserts to life every week for millions of viewers via YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, and her popular website, *BiggerBolderBaking.com*. Gemma hopes to restore baking as an everyday art, and this dessert cookbook is your guide. **BAKE WITH CONFIDENCE** 100+ sweet and simple dessert recipes for maximum deliciousness with minimal effort Use

just a few common ingredients and basic kitchen tools for bold twists on cakes, cookies, pies, ice cream, and more Every recipe has gorgeous color photography and step-by-step instructions that anyone can follow with ease ANYTIME BAKING An approach unique among baking cookbooks, the chapters are organized by the basic tools you'll need—such as Wooden Spoon & Bowl, Rolling Pin, or No Oven Needed—so you can choose the recipes that are most convenient for you during any spur-of-the-moment craving BOLD NEW RECIPES & CLASSICS Surefire hits include Chocolate Lava Pie, Baked Cinnamon-Sugar Churros, Gemma's Best-Ever Chocolate Chip Cookies, "In Case of Emergency" One-Minute Mug Brownie, Raspberry Swirl Cheesecake Ice Cream, and many more BONUS: A chapter on Bold Baking Basics includes essential techniques, tips, and in-a-pinch substitutions so you can whip up Gemma's irresistible desserts with confidence

* A comprehensive and complete work about chocolate; the international best-selling titles *Fine Chocolates 1, 2, 3, and 4* are united here in one volume* Written by one of the world's most renowned chocolate confectioners with dozens of original recipes and professional tips* Create your own chocolates and work your magic Belgium is well-known for its delicious chocolate. In *The Fine Chocolates: Gold*, Jean-Pierre Wybauw expresses in clear, concise language how to create and shape your own chocolates. How do you make ganache? How can you extend the shelf life of fine chocolates? He also takes a closer look at the different flavorings you can use and combine. Various mouth-watering and original praline recipes are described in detail. The interesting background information and superb photographs will invite anyone to indulge in this sweetness. This book is another must for the kitchens of professional chocolatiers, experienced amateur cooks and chocolate lovers.

Do you have a real relationship with God, or do you just have a religion? Do you know God, or do you just know about God? In *How Big Is Your God?* Paul Coutinho, SJ, challenges us to grow stronger and deeper in our faith and in our relationship with God—a God whose love knows no bounds. To help us on our way, Coutinho introduces us to people in various world religions—from Hindu friends to Buddhist teachers to St. Ignatius of Loyola—who have shaped his spiritual life and made possible his deep, personal relationship with God.

A food journalist tackles one of the world's most popular narcotics--chocolate--in search of the biological, historical, and social reasons why this substance has so tantalized humans the world over.

A compact connoisseur's guide, with recipes, to today's cutting-edge array of chocolates and chocolate makers from former *Chez Panisse* pastry chef David Lebovitz. In this compact volume, David Lebovitz gives a succinct cacao botany lesson, explains the process of chocolate making, runs through chocolate terminology and types, presents information on health benefits, offers an evaluating and buying primer, profiles the world's top chocolate makers and chocolatiers (with a whole chapter dedicated to Paris alone!), and shares dozens of little-known factoids in sidebars throughout the book. *The Great Book of Chocolate* includes more than 50 location and food photographs, and features more than 30 of Lebovitz's favorite chocolate recipes, from Black-Bottom Cupcakes to Homemade Rocky Road Candy, Orange and Rum

Chocolate Mousse Cake to Double Chocolate Chip Espresso Cookies. His extensive resource section (with websites for international ordering) can bring the world's best chocolate to every door. A self-avowed chocoholic, Lebovitz nibbles chocolate every day, and with *The Great Book of Chocolate* in hand, he figures the rest of us will too. The founder and CEO of Askinosie Chocolate, an award-winning craft chocolate factory, shows readers how he discovered the secret to purposeful work and business ? and how we can too, no matter what work we do. Askinosie Chocolate is a small-batch, award winning chocolate company widely considered to be a vanguard in the industry. Known for sourcing 100% of his cocoa beans directly from farmers across the globe, Shawn Askinosie has pioneered direct trade and profit sharing in the craft chocolate industry with farmers in Tanzania, Ecuador, and the Philippines. In addition to developing relationships with smallholder farmers, the company also partners with schools in their origin communities to provide lunch to 1,600 children every day with no outside donations. Twenty-five years ago, Shawn Askinosie was a successful criminal defense lawyer trying his first murder death penalty case that would later go on to become a Dateline special. For many years he found law satisfying, but after several high profile trials he reached a breaking point and found solace in the search for a new career. In this inspiring guide to discovering a vocation that feeds your heart and soul, Askinosie describes his quest to discover more meaningful work – a search that led him to volunteering in the palliative care wing of a hospital, to a Trappist monastery where he became inspired by the monks focus on “being” rather than “doing,” and eventually traipsing through jungles across the globe in search of excellent cocoa bean farmers to make award winning chocolate. Askinosie shares his hard-won insights into doing work that reflects one’s values and purpose in life. He shares with readers visioning tools that can be used in any industry or field to create a work life that is inspired and fulfilling. Askinosie shows us that everyone has the capacity to find meaning in their work and be a positive force for good in the world.

Want your children to eat healthy foods instead of just candy? *Chocolate Bear* is about a bear cub who only wants to eat chocolate. Chocolate for breakfast, lunch and dinner! When he runs out of his favorite food he just cries and cries. What will *Chocolate Bear* do? Where will he find more chocolate? Will he ever learn to eat other foods? This beginner reader's eBook will inspire your children to try new foods, and to solve basic problems. Your children will enjoy full-color illustrations of *Chocolate Bear*, his mother and their neighborhood. *Chocolate Bear* is a delightfully illustrated children's book for you and your children to read together. With simple text, this story is suitable as a read aloud book for preschoolers or a self-read book for beginner readers.

In this zany twist on the legend of King Midas and his golden touch, a boy acquires a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch into chocolate! Can you ever have too much of your favorite food? *John Midas* is about to find out.... *The Chocolate Touch* has remained a favorite for millions of kids, teachers, and parents for several generations. It's an enjoyable story that pulls in even reluctant readers.

Friends are the chocolate of life. They're rich, satisfying, deep, delicious, addicting, and at times even bittersweet. Like chocolate, they cover our imperfections with grace, making us beautiful and palatable, loveable and forgivable. This book is a celebration of the friends who walk beside us-- and a celebration of chocolate, the irresistibly delicious artistic medium and a girl's most satisfying dessert.

The bestselling phenomenon and inspiration for the award-winning film. Earthy, magical, and utterly charming, this tale of family life in turn-of-the-century Mexico blends poignant romance and bittersweet wit. This classic love story takes place on the De la Garza ranch, as the tyrannical owner, Mama Elena, chops onions at the kitchen table in her final days of pregnancy. While still in her mother's womb, her daughter to be weeps so violently she causes an early labor, and little Tita slips out amid the spices and fixings for noodle soup. This early encounter with food soon becomes a way of life, and Tita grows up to be a master chef, using cooking to express herself and sharing recipes with readers along the way.

How sweet it is! More than 100 recipes plus terrific tips and tricks Explore the art of cooking candy and create sweet masterpieces! If you want to concoct irresistible treats for your friends and family, this book gets you cooking! You'll discover proper techniques and use them to create incredible candies. Recipes range from fondues to fondants, simple meltaways to decadent truffles, fun kids' treats to cream-filled delicacies. Indulge! Discover how to * Choose the proper utensils and ingredients * Melt, temper, and mold chocolate * Fine-tune your skills with professional secrets * Create special holiday treats * Bag, box, or wrap candies for gifts

"Extraordinary." --Stephen King "This book is not simply the great American novel; it's the great novel of las Americas. It's the great world novel! This is the international story of our times. Masterful." --Sandra Cisneros También de este lado hay sueños. On this side too, there are dreams. Lydia Quixano Pérez lives in the Mexican city of Acapulco. She runs a bookstore. She has a son, Luca, the love of her life, and a wonderful husband who is a journalist. And while there are cracks beginning to show in Acapulco because of the drug cartels, her life is, by and large, fairly comfortable. Even though she knows they'll never sell, Lydia stocks some of her all-time favorite books in her store. And then one day a man enters the shop to browse and comes up to the register with a few books he would like to buy--two of them her favorites. Javier is erudite. He is charming. And, unbeknownst to Lydia, he is the jefe of the newest drug cartel that has gruesomely taken over the city. When Lydia's husband's tell-all profile of Javier is published, none of their lives will ever be the same. Forced to flee, Lydia and eight-year-old Luca soon find themselves miles and worlds away from their comfortable middle-class existence. Instantly transformed into migrants, Lydia and Luca ride la bestia--trains that make their way north toward the United States, which is the only place Javier's reach doesn't extend. As they join the countless people trying to reach el norte, Lydia soon sees that everyone is running from something. But what exactly are they running to? American Dirt will leave readers utterly changed. It is a literary achievement filled with poignancy, drama, and humanity on every page. It is one of the most important books for our times. Already being hailed as "a Grapes of Wrath for our times" and "a new American classic," Jeanine Cummins's American Dirt is a rare exploration into the inner hearts of people willing to sacrifice everything for a glimmer of hope.

The best-selling cookbook with delicious and healthful recipes from the beloved blog NoCrumbsLeft.com—fully endorsed by Whole30 As millions of people know, one of the toughest things about completing the Whole30 is figuring out what to eat next, the other 335 days of the year. Teri Turner, creator of No Crumbs Left, has healthful and great tasting answers. Food is Teri's love language, and her approach to getting people into the kitchen, rolling up their sleeves, and cooking is contagious. "Don't be afraid to fail: it's just food," is one of her mantras. Teri's passion is evident on every page of her first cookbook, as she leads readers through a discovery of new flavors and spice combinations and teaches people to trust their cooking instincts. Teri's recipes, most of which are gluten-free, grain-free, dairy-free, and Whole30 compliant, are what makes No Crumbs Left so unique. Simple and incredibly delicious dishes such as Pistachio Pesto Chicken Breast, Shrimp Pad Thai, and Spicy Pepperoncini Beef are on the dinner table quickly. The impossibly easy Sugar Snap Pea Salad features two of Teri's signature Magic Elixirs, Green Goddess Dressing and Smoky Pepitas, which are both made in advance and kept on hand to elevate countless meals. Her signature Marinated Red Onions, 999 Island Dressing, Gomasio, and Spicy Almond Sauce are true secret weapons. The Family chapter features the special recipes her own children grew up with and evoke home, love, and motherhood. Teri considers this book a love letter to her mother, and woven throughout are tips and favorite quotes to bring you right into her kitchen, where there is always an extra seat at the table.

It tells you everything you need to know about chocolate and sugar processing, rheology and shelf life.

Award-winning journalist Simran Sethi explores the history and cultural importance of our most beloved tastes, paying homage to the ingredients that give us daily pleasure, while providing a thoughtful wake-up call to the homogenization that is threatening the diversity of our food supply. Food is one of the greatest pleasures of human life. Our response to sweet, salty, bitter, or sour is deeply personal, combining our individual biological characteristics, personal preferences, and emotional connections. Bread, Wine, Chocolate illuminates not only what it means to recognize the importance of the foods we love, but also what it means to lose them. Award-winning journalist Simran Sethi reveals how the foods we enjoy are endangered by genetic erosion—a slow and steady loss of diversity in what we grow and eat. In America today, food often looks and tastes the same, whether at a San Francisco farmers market or at a Midwestern potluck. Shockingly, 95% of the world's calories now come from only thirty species. Though supermarkets seem to be stocked with endless options, the differences between products are superficial, primarily in flavor and brand. Sethi draws on interviews with scientists, farmers, chefs, vintners, beer brewers, coffee roasters and others with firsthand knowledge of our food to reveal the multiple and interconnected reasons for this loss, and its consequences for our health, traditions, and culture. She travels to Ethiopian coffee forests, British yeast

culture labs, and Ecuadoran cocoa plantations collecting fascinating stories that will inspire readers to eat more consciously and purposefully, better understand familiar and new foods, and learn what it takes to save the tastes that connect us with the world around us.

Praise for *Chocolates on the Pillow Aren't Enough* "Jonathan recognizes that in today's Internet-fed, savvy-consumer world, it is the people-to-people connections, regardless of price point, that differentiate a customer's experience. Gimmicks come and go, but without sincere and caring people delivering the overall experience, from start to finish, well, it's true--chocolates on the pillow are not enough. A great read!" —David Neeleman, founder and CEO, JetBlue Airways Corporation "If you don't work for your customer, you're not doing your job. Who better to turn to for lessons in great customer experiences than Jonathan Tisch? He has long been one of the most respected leaders in travel and hospitality, and when it comes to treating all customers like guests, to put it simply, he gets it. And then some." —Millard S. Drexler, Chairman and CEO, J. Crew Group "What brings customers back to my restaurants? Why do viewers watch my TV show? It's more than Bam! It's delivering a kicked-up customer experience. Tisch is the guy who knows how to do this best. His book gives the inside scoop on how to excite your customers and bring 'em back for more." —Emeril Lagasse "Attention to detail, passion, and dedication are a few of the things that made me successful as an athlete. Jonathan knows that by doing the same in business, you maximize the customer's experience and outscore the competition." —Tiki Barber

International Association of Culinary Professionals (IACP) 2010 Award Finalists in the Culinary History category. Chocolate. We all love it, but how much do we really know about it? In addition to pleasing palates since ancient times, chocolate has played an integral role in culture, society, religion, medicine, and economic development across the Americas, Africa, Asia, and Europe. In 1998, the Chocolate History Group was formed by the University of California, Davis, and Mars, Incorporated to document the fascinating story and history of chocolate. This book features fifty-seven essays representing research activities and contributions from more than 100 members of the group. These contributors draw from their backgrounds in such diverse fields as anthropology, archaeology, biochemistry, culinary arts, gender studies, engineering, history, linguistics, nutrition, and paleography. The result is an unparalleled, scholarly examination of chocolate, beginning with ancient pre-Columbian civilizations and ending with twenty-first-century reports. Here is a sampling of some of the fascinating topics explored inside the book: Ancient gods and Christian celebrations: chocolate and religion Chocolate and the Boston smallpox epidemic of 1764 Chocolate pots: reflections of cultures, values, and times Pirates, prizes, and profits: cocoa and early American east coast trade Blood, conflict, and faith: chocolate in the southeast and southwest borderlands of North America Chocolate in France: evolution of a luxury product Development of concept maps and the chocolate research portal Not only does this book offer careful documentation, it

also features new and previously unpublished information and interpretations of chocolate history. Moreover, it offers a wealth of unusual and interesting facts and folklore about one of the world's favorite foods.

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