

ADULT BOOKLIST

Culinary Fiction

2020

Colgan, Jenny

The Café by the Sea

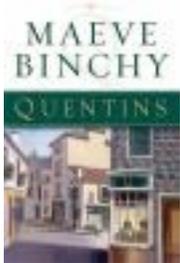


Flora relishes her life in London, where she can blend in with the crowd and be anonymous. Reluctantly returning to her family's tiny Scottish island village in the aftermath of her mother's death, she discovers a love for cooking and opens a café. Will Flora come to terms with her past, her boisterous brothers and her place in her family?

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Binchy, Maeve

Quentin's

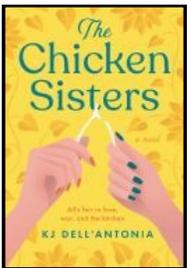


Wouldn't it be interesting to tell the history of a community through the impact a restaurant has had on its patron's? Ella Brady thinks so, and decides to make a film about iconic Dublin landmark Quentin's. Quentin's has a thousand stories to tell: tales of love, of betrayal, of revenge; of times when it looked ready for success and times when it seemed ready to shut down in failure. But as Ella uncovers more of what has gone on at Quentin's, she begins to wonder whether some stories should be left untold.

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Dell'Antonia, K.J.

The Chicken Sisters



Three generations, two chicken shacks and one recipe for disaster. In tiny Merinac, Kansas, Chicken Mimi's and Chicken Frannie's have spent a century vying to serve up the best fried chicken in the state--and the legendary feud between their respective owners, the Moores and the Pogociellos, has lasted just as long. No one feels the impact more than thirty-five-year-old widow Amanda Moore, who grew up working for her mom at Mimi's before scandalously marrying Frank Pogociello and changing sides to work at Frannie's. Tired of being caught in the middle, Amanda sends an SOS to Food Wars, the reality TV restaurant competition that promises \$100,000 to the winner. But in doing so, she launches both families out of the frying pan and directly into the fire.

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George, Nina

The Little French Bistro



Marianne is stuck in a loveless, miserable marriage. After forty-one years, she has reached her limit, and one evening in Paris she decides to take action. Following a dramatic moment on the banks of the Seine, Marianne leaves her life behind and sets out for the coast of Brittany, also known as the end of the world.

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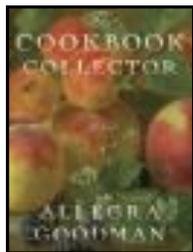
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Goodman, Allegra

The Cookbook Collector

Polar opposites: twenty-eight-year-old Emily is the CEO of Veritech, twenty-three-year-old Jess is an environmental activist and graduate student in philosophy. Pragmatic Emily is making a fortune in Silicon Valley, romantic Jess works in an antiquarian bookstore. Emily is rational and driven, while Jess is dreamy and whimsical. Emily's boyfriend, Jonathan, is fantastically successful. Jess's boyfriends, meh.... as her employer George points out in what he hopes is a completely disinterested way. Though completely different, the sister's lives intertwine around a collection of rare cookbooks.

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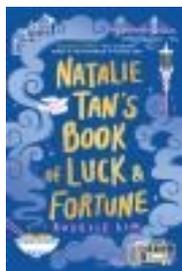


Lim, Roselle

Natalie Tan's Book of Luck and Fortune

Natalie Tan returns home at the news of her mother's death and is shocked to discover she has inherited her grandmother's restaurant. Natalie left in anger many years ago, when her agoraphobic mother refused to support her desire to become a chef. She finds the once vibrant Chinatown that she remembers faded and sad, but resentments make Natalie reluctant to take on the challenge of turning things around. When the neighborhood seer reads the restaurant's fortune and future in the tea leaves, Natalie must cook three recipes from her grandmother's cookbook to help her struggling neighbors and ensure the success of her restaurant.

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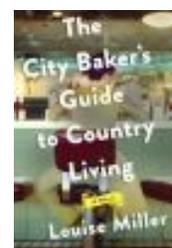


Miller, Louise

The City Baker's Guide to Country Living

When pastry chef Olivia Rawlings sets her place of employment on fire, she escapes to a small town in Vermont to hide and recover from the shame. She takes a job at the local Sugar Maple Inn and soon realizes she has been hired to help win back bragging rights for best apple pie at the county fair. Life gets a little brighter when she meets Martin McCracken and realizes she might not be as big a failure as she thinks.

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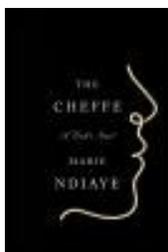


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The Cheffe : a cook's novel

Told from the perspective of her assistant, this is the story of a great French chef : celebrated as one of the best in a world dominated by men. It is the story of how her pursuit of love, pleasure, and gustatory delights helped shape her life and career. On her journey to the front of the kitchen she experiences harassment, injustice, sexism and bad luck as well as support, love, friendship and fame.

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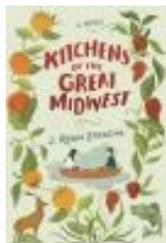


Shipman, Viola

The Recipe Box

When her efforts to pursue a professional culinary life away from her family's northern Michigan orchard end in disappointment, Sam spends a summer working for the family pie shop. As she prepares beloved ancestral recipes, she begins to learn about and understand the women in her life, her family's history and her passion for food.

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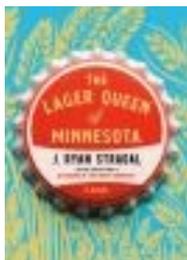


Stradal, J. Ryan

Kitchens of the Great Midwest

Raised with a sophisticated palate by her single father, Eva learns the culturally rich stories behind a series of Midwestern dishes while becoming the star chef at a legendary restaurant.

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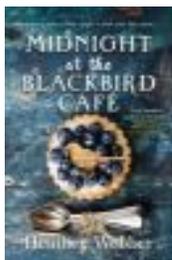


Stradal, J. Ryan

The Lager Queen of Minnesota

Lives are set to reconnect in this sharp, funny, well-crafted novel that follows the lives of two estranged sisters divided when the family farm is left solely to one sister. Younger sister Helen takes the entire inheritance and pours it all into her husband's dying beer company. Edith scrapes by cooking and baking award winning pies at a local nursing home. Meanwhile Edith's smart but troublesome granddaughter Diana works off the hours of an unofficial probation at a local microbrewery. When Diana develops a passion for IPA's and the talents of a master beer brewer, the stage is set for a surprising family reunion.

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Webber, Heather

Midnight at the Blackbird Café

Anna Kate returns to the Alabama hometown her mother ran away from years ago to bury her beloved Grandmother. Intending to quickly close the Blackbird Café and settle her Granny Zee's estate, Anna reluctantly finds herself drawn to the quirky southern town and the stories of the famous blackbird pie. As Anna uncovers clues to the mystery of her past, she starts a journey of self-discovery and healing. Full of charm, secrets and a touch of magic.

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