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Bon Appetit! The Delicious Life Of Julia Child



Synopsis

In a starred review, Publishers Weekly raves, "Chef and TV personality Julia Child likely would have delighted in and hooted over this wide-ranging picture-book biography.... Readers young and old will devour this fete pour les yeux." Follow Julia Child — chef, author, and television personality — from her childhood in Pasadena, California, to her life as a spy in WWII, to the cooking classes she took in Paris, to the publication of *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*, to the funny moments of being a chef on TV. This is a comprehensive and enchanting picture book biography, told in many panels and jam-packed with lively, humorous, and child-friendly details. Young chefs and Julia Child fans will exclaim, "ooooh la la," about this book, which is as energetic and eccentric as the chef herself.

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Age Range: 6 and up

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 12

Customer Reviews

Jessie's Choice Top-10 Julia Recipes

1. Gallantine. Illustrated step-by-step in my book. Get out the minced calf's udder and the pickled tongue! Ambitious cooks will follow it with the recipe just below.
2. Chocolate log cake (*bûche de Noël*). An edible crafts project with the kids that calls for making meringue mushrooms and marzipan leaves.
3. Bouillabaisse. Say "boo-ya-BESS". See the Marseille page in my book for the last word.
4. Baked Alaska. Oohs and aahs all around. Save time and construct it with store-bought cake and ice-cream but coat it with home-made meringue. What to do with all the leftover egg yolks? Make....
5. Mayonnaise. Julia

developed her own special technique and before publication in "Mastering the Art of French Cooking", guarded her secret recipe with skills learned in the OSS. 6. Boeuf Bourguignon. Classic beef stew. 7. Calf's brains in brown butter sauce (cervelles au beurre noir). Does eating brains make one brainier? I'll not be the guinea pig. 8. Rabbit stew (rabbit ragout). After the pet bunny has chewed through yet another electrical cord: a solution. 9. Plain French bread (pain FranÃ§ais). Hundreds of pounds of flour and thousands of hours of experimentation went into perfecting this recipe. "How can a nation be called great if its bread tastes like Kleenex?" asked Julia. 10. CrÃªme brÃªlÃ©e. Rich custard dessert with crispy melted sugar crust. As Julia liked to say, "Every woman should have a blow torch!" A Look Inside Bon AppÃ©tit! [Click here for a larger image](#) [Click here for a larger image](#) [Click here for a larger image](#)

Chicago Tribune, June 27, 2012: "Hartland deftly portrays in both word and drawing the awkward grace, the passionate personality and the spunky gusto of her subject. At times, you can practically hear Julia's trademark trill leaping cheerily out of the pages." New York Times, June 15, 2012: "...bursting with exuberant urban-naïf gouache paintings and a hand-lettered text that somehow manages to recount every second of Child's life." Wall Street Journal, August 4, 2012: "A charming introduction to the woman and her career, told in cluttered-yet-delightful illustratinos and exuberant hand-lettered text." Boston Globe, August 14, 2012: "Author Jessie Hartland chronicles Child's rise to fame in a unique way. The book has the look and feel of a scrapbook, with handwritten text and numerous doodles that make it a fun read." Epicurious.com, July 13, 2012: "Visually, it's just delightful; Hartland captures the boundless energy, the joie de vivre that I imagine Julia exuded in person. And just in time for Bastille Day, there's a crÃªpe recipe for you to try." Starred Review, Publishers Weekly, March 19, 2012: "Chef and TV personality Julia Child likely would have delighted in and hooted over this wide-ranging picture-book biography. Readers young and old will devour this fÃ¢te pour les yeux." Starred Review, Booklist, July 1, 2012: "...achieves a feel that is a perfect match for Child's personality and cooking style: exuberant, messy, gangly, and charming." Kirkus Reviews, April 1, 2012: "Lively tableaux deliver an affectionate tribute to this strong-minded woman. While these stories may be familiar to adult readers, they are here perfectly pitched to introduce the determined woman who became synonymous with French cooking in America." School Library Journal, May 2012: "Books for young foodies are very popular, and this is one that any library embracing the trend should have...Hartland's style makes for a quick but informative read that portrays Child as a fascinating, groundbreaking, but still grounded person. Children interested

in food and cooking will get a lot out of the book."

This book so adorable and unique! I really enjoyed the Julia Child biography "My Life in France," and this book brings that story to life with such charming detail, illustrations, and joie de vivre! I am an adult, and bought this book for myself, but would recommend for children maybe 10 to 12 years old and up. The text is sophisticated, yet playful, and older children will have fun learning geography, recipes, new words in French, and, of course, about an inspiring and pioneering woman and chef. I just LOVED this incomparable and wonderful book- highly recommend!!!!PS: The illustrations are so charming, I am purchasing a second copy to frame a few pages as 'prints!'

I ordered this book for my ten year old daughter who wanted to do a school project on Julia Child. I was nervous that this one would be too simple for her, but I was so, so wrong. This is an absolutely beautiful book that helped peak my little girl's interest in an incredible woman. It is very informative, but the information is presented in such a creative and artistic manner that you're too busy having fun reading to realize how much you're learning. The art work is beautiful and the writing seamless. I would recommend this book to readers of all ages.

Great book for kids to learn her real story in a simplified way with pictures. Hard to find any kid friendly book on Julia Child. Had a lot more too it than it first appears. Used this along with internet articles for my 2nd grader to learn about Julia for a school project. And I learned a thing or two as well.

The actual story was very interesting. However, the writing style was AWFUL. My 3rd grader could not read it on her own. Half was in cursive & the other half wasn't (sometimes in the same word). It was VERY messy. The words were sometimes written from the left side of the page to the right but sometimes it was vertically. It was pretty much chaos and extremely frustrating for my daughter. I did learn some new stuff about Julia Child though. I probably would not recommend it.

What a charming little book this is. Not only am I amused by the naive illustrations and the print---I love the whole concept. Probably this is not a book for small children, but it is thoroughly accessible for an older kid, particularly if it is read and discussed with an interested adult (what a concept). Julia Child far outshines any of the personalities on the Food Network, and she would have been appalled at the plethora of timed cooking competitions that invade the TV waves nightly. She is in a

class by herself, and Jessie Hartland's "Bon Appetit!" adds yet another star to the firmament. Buy the book. You'll love it.

Love the topic, but this book is very difficult to read. While writing the review, I can't remember if the listing shows pictures of the inside of the book or not. If so - be sure to check those - to see if it is something up your alley. Otherwise, I can post some later if needed by anyone.

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This is one of the best books I have read about Julia Child. I have always admired her cooking but this book let me know her as a person and it made me love her even more. She really had some struggles in her life. I wish they had talked about Jamie West who was the chef at the Stonehouse in Monticeito and drove Julia around the last four years. The book was also a kind of history lesson. Julia really comes alive in this book

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