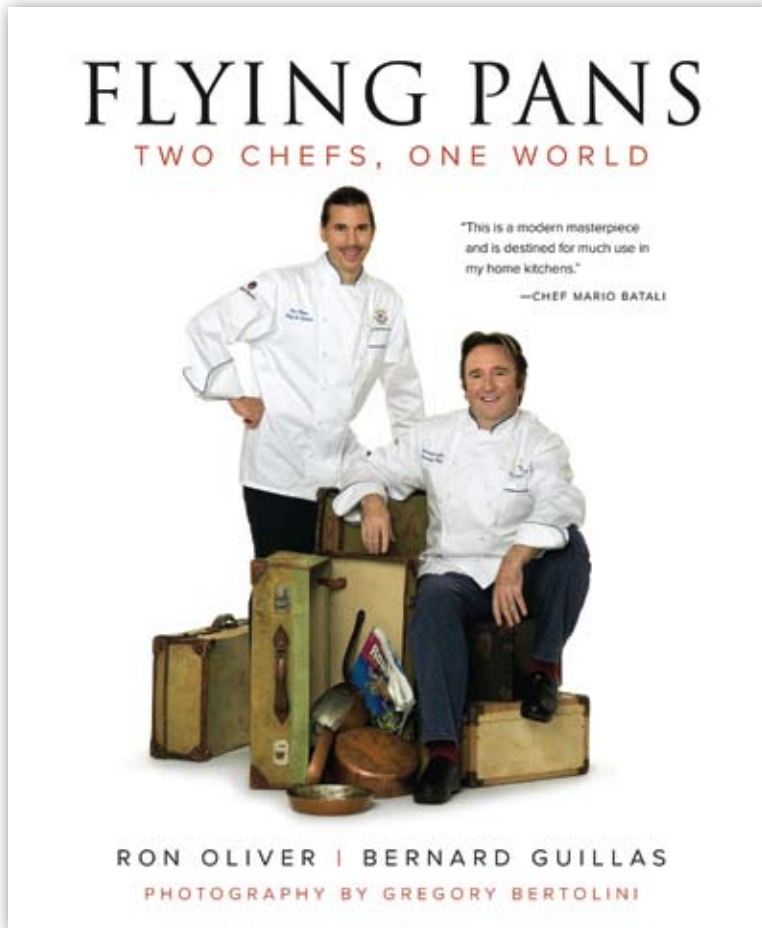


Meet Your New Best Friends

It is rumored diamonds are a woman's best friend. However, if that special lady in your life is an avid hostess, she will find these titles worth their weight in gold.



"When you cook with boundaries or the fear of failure, and are guided by your passion for food and sharing it with those you love, that passion is contagious. Your guests will feel the warmth and the care in the final product. No ingredient is as delectable and effective as your good intentions."
 –Chefs Bernard Guillas and Ron Oliver

FLYING PANS-TWO CHEFS, ONE WORLD

Some say a woman's place is in the kitchen, but chances are many women would love to have these dashing San Diego-based master chefs land in their kitchen and transport them to exotic culinary ports of call, from Brazil to Thailand and 38 other points in between. These global-but-accessible recipes (including extraordinary cocktail creations) are brought into magnificent detail by photographer Gregory Bertolini (whose martini photo from this book graced our previous issue's cover). Besides being beautiful, the book is also smart, providing traveler's insurance in the form of such chapters as Kitchen Drawer, exploring the authors' top 20 favorite tools, Out Of A Bind for ingredient substitutions, and Stock Options for sauce making basics.

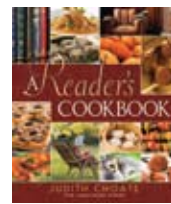
BERNARD GUILLAS & RON OLIVER, www.twochefsoneworld.com, \$28.75



BON APPETIT DESSERTS

Mother's Day and wedding season are around the corner, and desserts will be a focal point. Plan ahead with this scrumptiously substantial volume, cultivated by Barbara Fairchild, former Bon Appetit

editor and one of America's most inspirational women in food media. In addition to recipes, she also provides a thorough ingredient glossary including a primer on dessert wines, spirits, and liqueurs. **BARBARA FAIRCHILD**, *Andrews McMeel Publishing*, \$40



A READER'S COOKBOOK

If your greatest passion in life is curling up with a great book and exceptional spirit or wine, has Judith Choate got a book for you! Chapters entitled, Reads, Drinks & Nibbles and Literary Tea or Sweet Ending

pair seventeen classic cocktail recipes with appetizers, deserts, and perfectly corresponding literary passages. Just as a good book challenges a reader, so should a great companion cocktail.

JUDITH CHOATE, *Red Rock Press*, \$29.95



100 PERFECT PAIRINGS -MAIN DISHES

Thanks to this perky volume, you no longer have to choose between bringing home the bacon and figuring out what wines to pair it—or any other food—with. Busy people will appreciate this no-fail guide to pairing a variety of main

dish and appetizer fare with one's favorite wines. Recipes ensure the reader can share and pair with ease and confidence. **JILL SILVERMAN-HOUGH**, *Wiley Publishing*, \$16.95



THE BASIC ART OF ITALIAN COOKING: HOLIDAYS AND SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Former supermodel turned celebrity chef Maria Liberati is widely regarded as 'the Italian Martha Stewart' for making fabulous homespun Italian fare accessible via her blog and web site. This book commits her knowledge of food and wine into a more permanent format, making it a practical year-round gift for any mom or would-be domestic goddess who wants to bring the joys of Italian hearth and home to her backyard.

MARIA LIBERATI, *PrimaMedia, Inc.*, \$19.95