

## Chapter 1 : Tracing history of Indonesian culinary fare - Books - The Jakarta Post

*My husband is Dutch Indonesian, and I've been looking for a long time for an Indonesian cookbook that has recipes that are truly like he grew up with. Most Indonesian cookbooks that I've found are similar to 'gourmet' cookbooks, not truly like 'home cooking'.*

First of all, you have to admire Pisani for sheer guts and fortitude. And in exchange she made hundreds of friends and learned enough to share her enthusiastic and positive version of that country with us. One vision of Indonesia that comes alive is the land where people have figured out their life-work balance. In some parts of the countryside acquiring enough eating takes an absolute minimum of effort, leaving time to enjoy life: Now that the rains had started, it was planting time. We each took a sharpened stick, stabbed it into the ground in the most easily accessible spots, tossed in a couple of dried maize kernels, kicked the earth over it with our feet, moved on. It seemed impossible to me that the earth would reward our paltry effort with something edible, but Mama Lina texted me a couple of months later to report that she was cooking the maize I had planted. On a nearby page she describes a grandmother-and-grandchildren hike to obtain casava root for hog food, interrupted by bites of mango or rose-apple plucked from convenient trees and frequent rest breaks. A few days of work can result in enough food for the year. In other places, Pisani meets pieceworkers who make false eyelashes or peel onions all day long to earn a pittance. Tuna fishermen who hope the fuel and ice hold out long enough to catch enough fish to make a dollar or two. Entrepreneurs scrambling to build a small local empire. Pisani has lived off and on in Indonesia as a reporter and public health advisor since This time she traveled purposely to collect material for this book. She speaks Indonesian, the common language born of trading talk that is the *lingua franca* of the nation, so she could move independently. And she must be uncommonly engaging, to have gained entree to so many lives. She certainly had to be adaptable, because she was traveling in a country where there are thousands of *adat*, or sets of rules and customs that make up a local culture. Pisani inserts sufficient doses of Indonesian history as she move among the islands to provide context for her story of the moment, without bogging down. She certifies our expectations of corruption, environmental damage cleared jungle, poisoned reefs and sectarian violence. But generally she puts the violence down to underlying economic issues, not ideology or religion itself. And in fact, she claims the corruption is one of the things, along with the webs of personal networks, that knits the country together. Most of all, Pisani communicates her delight at the people and customs she finds. She attends funerals and weddings, celebrates old customs and smiles at youthful rural attempts at Jakarta hip, and delights in the landscape. She hears from local activists and unofficial historians about massacres, elections, the tsunami, illegal logging. But she also sees widespread resourcefulness, community cooperation, and a generosity of spirit, a tolerance of difference. And concludes, the country is all right. Not perfect, not without challenges, but with resources to thrive.

## Chapter 2 : Four great Indonesian cookbooks for your kitchen shelf - Food - The Jakarta Post

*The Complete Indonesian Cookbook [Agnes De Keijzer Brackman, Cathay Brackman] on [www.nxgvision.com](http://www.nxgvision.com) \*FREE\* shipping on qualifying offers. To partake in a rijsttafel, the famed Indonesian rice table, is a rich and satisfying experience indeed.*

Some of it is recent writing, some is almost two hundred years old - but it is all relevant to our understanding of cooking today. We need to carefully explain how we have chosen our favourite books. First, they are books that fall into the category of cookbooks or recipe books. We have then made a judgement about the impact the book has had throughout the world. Obviously, Escoffier has had an enormous effect on chefs from many countries over a very long period of time. And so we came up with our list. So our list lies below. This book is now regarded as the masterpiece and the reference for French classical recipes in the post-Careme era. They are precise, clear, accessible and able to be implemented by chefs and home cooks alike. Be wary of editions containing only recipes as much of the richness of the original book is difficult to capture with these editions. This a serious and thoughtful book which should be in the collection of every serious cookbook collector. Read a detailed review 2 - French Provincial Cooking by Elizabeth David The classic tour de force of regional French food through the eyes of one of the greatest food writers of the 20th century. We believe that French Provincial Cooking is one of the most important cookbooks ever published. It is Elizabeth David at her best. Her broad culinary knowledge, her evocative writing style, her forensic research skills and her humanity all shine through. Elizabeth David was no ordinary person. She developed her taste for food while studying French history at the prestigious Sorbonne in Paris. She became obsessed with French food and developed a desire to learn how to cook it well. She was a leader in the publication of modern food books with her first offering being in ! The recipes are well worth trying even though the book was written in the late nineteenth century. We strongly believe that we can all learn a lot from history. This is just as important in cooking as it is in all other areas of human endeavour. Therefore we like to turn to the classic cookbooks to hone our knowledge and skills. Read a detailed review 4 - La bonne cuisine de Madame E. Saint-Ange is an enigma. Little has been written about her in the English language and we can find very few accounts of her life in the French language either, although it is clear that she was a French woman by the name of Marie Ebrard who, for many years, wrote a cooking column for the magazine Le Pot au Feu. La bonne cuisine de Madame E. Saint-Ange is a beloved classic of the French cooking literature. We are lucky that Chez Panisse co-founder and lover of all things French, Paul Aratow, decided to take on the mammoth and exacting task of translating her extraordinary work into English. The Time Life Series is still as relevant today as the day it was released. The series was edited by Richard Olney who was assisted by a litany of future stars of the food writing firmament. A feature of these books is the melding of superb photography with clear explanatory text and precise, clear recipes. The techniques and recipes cover most of the essential repertoire for chefs and home cooks alike. The series is timeless and endearing and is the perfect gift for any budding cooks who want to master the basics as well as more advanced techniques. The Art and Science of Cooking is a revolutionary series of cookbooks that explore the science of cooking and the techniques required to reveal that science. The series is as groundbreaking as the Time Life Good Cook series was all those years ago. The books were produced as a project of polymath chef Nathan Myhrvold who worked as the Chief Technology Officer for Bill Gates at Microsoft until he resigned to concentrate on his first love - cooking! Read a detailed review 7 - Thai Food by David Thompson Thai Food catapults straight into the pantheon of greats because it brilliantly captures the essentials of an entire cuisine. And this is not a minor regional cuisine, but one of the most complex and wide-ranging cuisines of the world. It is also one that is understood by very few Western authors or chefs. Thompson is a master of both writing and cooking -we have enjoyed his complex cooking for many, many years and continue to do so. Read a detailed review 8 - Modern Cookery for private families by Eliza Acton Eliza Acton was one of the first British cookbook authors to codify recipes of the early nineteenth century. Her classic Modern Cookery for Private Families was one of the first European books to provide quantities and timings rather than just general descriptions. She even provided a separate list of ingredients,

something common today but unheard of at that time. Modern Cookery for Private Families is a classic that has influenced many cookbook writers ever since its publication in it was first published under the title Modern Cookery, in all its Branches. Even the venerable Elizabeth David lists this book as the one that influenced her thinking the most. Read a detailed review 9 - Simple French Food by Richard Olney Simple French Food is a thoughtful, erudite and compelling book from one of the greatest food writers of the last century. Richard Olney deserves his place as one of the great food writers of the twentieth century. There are two great cookbooks that were written at similar times and within a short distance of each other for a very similar purpose. The purpose, clearly stated in each book, was a concern about the disappearing culinary traditions of the region. We love the fact that the book represents a complete departure from the worrying trend among so-called fashionable cookbooks of reducing all recipes to a few lines of description and only two or three ingredients. Instead, the recipes are accompanied by thoughtful, erudite and often witty dissertations that tell you why she does things and why the combinations of ingredients are necessary. Read a detailed review 11 - Cooking by Hand by Paul Bertolli Cooking by Hand by Paul Bertolli has entered the pantheon of great cookbooks because of his deep understanding of food products and the clarity with which he sets out his ideas. He is also one of our favourite chefs. This is a classic book with practical guidelines for everything from charcuterie making to the art of perfect pasta. Rather than being organised along traditional lines, this book is, instead, a collection of essays that explore a number of topics in depth. One topic is ripeness - it almost goes without saying that ripeness is desirable, but in these days of supermarkets manipulating fruit and vegetables to suit the demands of long-haul travel many items are certainly either not ripe or have ripeness induced artificially. Each of his publications has become a classic in its own right. We have chosen his wonderful book on the food of the Middle East to represent his writings in this collection of great cookbooks. It is a thoroughly researched, clearly written classic that is worth returning to again and again whenever you feel inspired to cook any of the great dishes of this region. The author is an interesting character. He was born in Aleppo in Syria and therefore was lucky enough to be initially raised in one of the great food centres of the world, in fact the home of the famous Muhammarah walnut and pomegranate sauce among many other fabulous dishes. Marcella Hazan is a feisty character who is highly opinionated in a very nice way. Read a detailed review 14 - Japanese Cooking: He also was a graduate of the Waseda University in Tokyo where he gained a degree in French Literature. Many people write about food, but there are few true food writers. Only a handful combine a deep understanding of and appreciation for food and at the same time are able to convey a clear and concise message. Stephanie Alexander is one such writer. After running a succession of highly acclaimed restaurants in Melbourne, Stephanie Alexander gradually moved into food communication, writing a classic cookbook and making personal and media appearances to spread her messages about the importance of food and wine in daily life. Read a detailed review 16 - Land of Plenty: The fiery dishes have not been dumbed down for timid Western palates. Her writing is both scholarly yet engaging and we love the stories that she has to tell about the region, the people and the highly addictive food. Read a detailed review 17 - The Art of Natural Cheesemaking by David Asher This book might just qualify for the longest title for a food book. The full title is "The Art of Natural Cheesemaking: However, despite this the book is an absolute treasure for setting a path to the future of cheesemaking by returning to the past. Asher describes his ideas in the opening "Manifesto" and then goes on to describe the main components of cheesemaking and then the detailed techniques for making a range of cheeses using traditional techniques. This is a book that should be on the shelf of every serious food lover. But the recipes were exciting and accessible even if exacting. We had to make sure that we used. But the fresh tomato soup with pounded basil was a revelation. The use of arachide oil and fromage blanc was exciting for the time, thus making the Aubergine Caviar recipe one to treasure. One of the most emblematic recipes of the time was the crab salad with grapefruit - it heralded the onslaught of new flavour combinations. Read a detailed review 19 - Revolutionary Chinese Cookbook by Fuchsia Dunlop Fuchsia Dunlop wrote the wonderful and authentic compilation of recipes from the Sichuan Province called Land of Plenty, here she has applied those same skills to produce a survey of the Hunan Province in south west China. The Art of Simple Food gives us an insight into why Chez Panisse has been such a great restaurant for such a long time. The recipes are written with rare precision and make no concessions to the "quick and easy" brigade

or the "low-fat, low-flavour" movement. We still like the original as it provides a useful snapshot of American cooking at that time. And on reading the book many are able to be implemented by the home cook. Read a detailed review 27 - The Glorious Foods of Greece by Diane Kochilas The Glorious Foods of Greece by Diane Kochilas is a masterful book that surveys the breadth and depth of traditional Greek cooking in a lively, entertaining yet scholarly way. It is a key book for anyone wanting to understand the true cooking of this fascinating country. Read a detailed review 28 - Catalan Cuisine by Colman Andrews Colman Andrews in this major work provides us with stunning insight into the wonderful world of Catalan Cuisine. This is a major work by an important writer. Read a detailed review 31 - Roast Chicken and other stories by Simon Hopkinson Roast Chicken and other stories by Simon Hopkinson with Lindsey Bareham is a great cookbook for a number of reasons. The first is the format. It explores about forty small topics, a chapter at a time presenting a few recipes for each topic. The second is that he seems to favour classic recipes and just wants to make them easy to cook and for them to be more satisfying. And the third reason is that the things he writes about are the things we like to eat. Read a detailed review 33 - Flavors of the Riviera by Colman Andrews Flavors of the Riviera by Colman Andrews is an insightful and thoroughly-researched survey of the true food of north-west Italy and southern France. Read a detailed review 34 - European Peasant Cookery by Elisabeth Luard European Peasant Cookery is yet another important contribution from Elisabeth Luard and her publisher Grub Street with this massive survey of food from 25 countries from Turkey to Iceland. Kennedy writes with authority and an obvious love for the country, the people and the food.

## Chapter 3 : Cookbook:Cuisine of Indonesia - Wikibooks, open books for an open world

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Keeping it local in Singapore. Using the hashtag NasiGorengIndonesia, they told him that nasi goreng originated from Indonesia. The protesters believed that the snack was part of the culinary heritage of Semarang, Central Java. From the two cases, it seems that Indonesian people react emotionally when it comes to claims over the origins of food. A love story once unrequited In his new book *Jejak Rasa Nusantara: History of Indonesian Food*, writer Fadly Rahman tries to shed some light on the issue from a historical perspective. When asked about nasi goreng, the Padjajaran University lecturer explained that nasi goreng was actually inspired by a Middle Eastern dish called pilaf rice cooked in seasoned broth. Like nasi goreng, risotto in Italy and paella in Spain are also modified forms of pilaf. It is believed that the dish was introduced by Arabic traders in the past. Therefore, the most important thing is to admit the originality of culinary heritage as well as to respect modifications that are invented by others later on. For example, Italian people are not ashamed of admitting that pasta was adapted from Chinese noodles. Italian explorer Marco Polo reportedly brought the food to his home country in the 13th century. However, Fadly believes that such an attitude is easier said than done, taking rendang beef simmered in coconut and spices as an example. However, it turns out that neighboring Malaysia has a similar dish called kalio. This similarity stirred up conflict during the World Expo Milan when both foods were promoted by Indonesia and Malaysia as part of their own culinary heritage. Fadly believed that rendang and kalio were actually introduced by Portuguese people during the colonization period in the 16th century. Portuguese people have a cooking method known as bafado, which involves slowly cooking ingredients, including meat and coconut milk, in a pot or frying pan over a low heat until all of the liquids evaporate, which can preserve the meat for weeks. Other loanwords from Portuguese found on Indonesian menus are terigu wheat, papaia for pepaya papaya, manteiga for mentega butter and queijo for keju cheese. In his book, Fadly said Indonesian food was historically rich from harmonious interactions with Chinese, Indian, Arabic and European cultures. So does Indonesia have its own authentic dishes? Fadly said yes, citing pecel boiled vegetables with peanut sauce, gudeg jackfruit stew with palm sugar and coconut milk, papeda sticky sago porridge and rawon dark beef soup as examples.

## Chapter 4 : Indonesian | Asian Inspirations

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*But the book is almost like an encyclopedia of Asian cooking. Highly recommended, Excellent. I happened to pick this up off a remainder table in Toronto years ago, and it's a great cookbook.*

## Chapter 6 : Indonesia, Etc: Exploring the Improbable Nation by Elizabeth Pisani

*One of my favorite cookbooks is "The Rice Book" by Sri Owen. It is not Indonesian, but she is. The book is subtitled "The Definitive Book on Rice, with Hundreds of Exotic Recipes from Around the World". Her picadillo recipe is our favorite. I grew up in New Mexico, but the Indonesian influence on her picadillo recipe makes an excellent dish.*

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