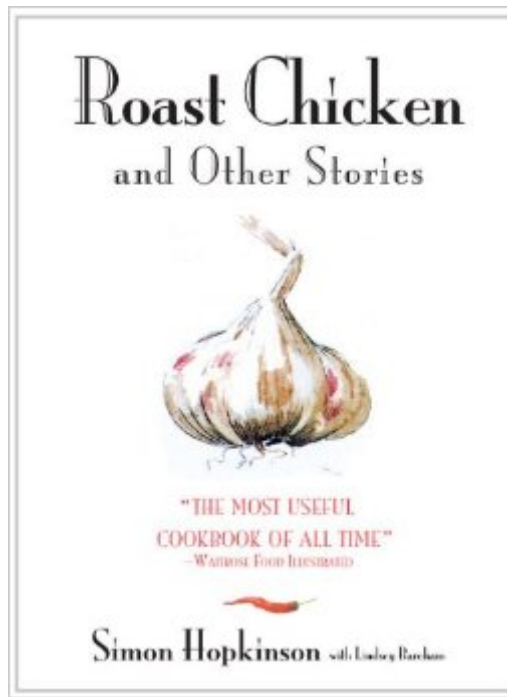


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# Roast Chicken And Other Stories



## Synopsis

"Good cooking depends on two things: common sense and good taste." In England, no food writer's star shines brighter than Simon Hopkinson's. His breakthrough *Roast Chicken and Other Stories* was voted the most useful cookbook ever by a panel of chefs, food writers, and consumers. At last, American cooks can enjoy endearing stories from the highly acclaimed food writer and his simple yet elegant recipes. In this richly satisfying culinary narrative, Hopkinson shares his unique philosophy on the limitless possibilities of cooking. With its friendly tone backed by the author's impeccable expertise, this cookbook can help anyone--from the novice cook to the experienced chef--prepare delicious cuisine . . . and enjoy every minute of it! Irresistible recipes in this book include:- Eggs Florentine- Chocolate Tart- Poached Salmon with Beurre Blanc- And, of course, the book's namesake recipe, Roast Chicken. Winner of both the 1994 André Simon and 1995 Glenfiddich awards (the gastronomic world's equivalent to an Oscar), this acclaimed book will inspire anyone who enjoys sharing the ideas of a truly creative cook and delights in getting the best out of good ingredients. Praise: "The most useful cookbook of all time" --Waitrose Food Illustrated "This man is the best cook in Britain!" --Telegraph UK "Roast Chicken and Other Stories, packed with homely native dishes, was recently voted the country's [UK's] most useful cookbook of all time by a panel of 40 experts." --R.W. Apple Jr., The New York Times "The recipes and writing are pure genius, from start to finish. *Roast Chicken and Other Stories* belongs in every kitchen and on every bedside table." --Nigella Lawson "This very personal collection of recipes lets you cook in someone else's shoes--some well-worn chef shoes at that--which lets you get to know someone while putting some great food on your table. With *Roast Chicken and Other Stories* you'll end up with a host of delectable dishes that happen to be utterly doable, even if Simon Hopkinson is one of Britain's great chefs. I love this collection, both the recipes and the stories!" --Deborah Madison "Simon Hopkinson's recipes have been voted the best ever." --Daily Telegraph "Called 'the most useful cookbook of all time,' *Roast Chicken and Other Stories* is actually better than that: it is also informative, intelligent, funny, and a pure delight to read and to cook from." --Jeremiah Tower

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## Customer Reviews

"The most useful cookbook of all time." That's what Britain's Waitrose Food Illustrated magazine said in 2005 about "Roast Chicken and Other Stories" after surveying English food writers, restaurateurs and chefs. Simon Hopkinson's triumph was something of a surprise. His book was thin: just 148 recipes. There wasn't a single photograph of food in the book. And when it was first published in England in 1993, it hadn't been a huge seller. The award changed all that so dramatically that "Roast Chicken" started outselling "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" on .com's English site. Now, fourteen years after Brits started cooking from it, "Roast Chicken" has finally been published in the United States. Talk about delayed gratification! Why is this book so esteemed? Hopkinson thinks he has a clue: "Without blowing my trumpet, I always knew it was a good book because it had nice things in it which you couldn't help but want to eat. And as long as the recipes work, I knew it would be a useful book to have." Your detective work need go no further than the clues in his response. "Nice things...you want to eat" --- that means simple, familiar food, food that smells as good as it tastes. And "the recipes work" is a bottom-line explanation that, yes, if you follow directions, you can actually make these dishes more or less as well as Hopkinson. Still, "useful" needs a bit of explanation --- it means of use to the English. For that reason, there are many, many recipes in these pages that will have doubtful appeal to American cooks and eaters. Five recipes for...brains. Another five for...cod. Grouse. Hake. Kidneys. Rabbit. Haddock. Sweetbreads. Tripe. What's left?

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