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Massimo Bottura: Never Trust A Skinny Italian Chef



Synopsis

Never Trust a Skinny Italian Chef is a tribute to three-michelin star restaurant, Osteria Francescana and the twenty-five year career of its chef, Massimo Bottura, 'the Jimi Hendrix of Italian chefs'. Voted #1 in the S. Pellegrino World's 50 Best Restaurants Awards 2016. Osteria Francescana is Italy's most celebrated restaurant. At Osteria Francescana, chef Massimo Bottura (as featured on Netflix's Chef's Table) takes inspiration from contemporary art to create highly innovative dishes that play with Italian culinary traditions. Never Trust a Skinny Italian Chef is a tribute to Bottura's twenty-five year career and the evolution of Osteria Francescana. Divided into four chapters, each one dealing with a different period, the book features 50 recipes and accompanying texts explaining Bottura's inspiration, ingredients and techniques. Illustrated with photography by Stefano Graziani and Carlo Benvenuto, Never Trust a Skinny Italian Chef is the first book from Bottura - the leading figure in modern Italian gastronomy.

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Customer Reviews

Featured on the Netflix documentary series Chef's Table "Massimo Bottura is the Jimi Hendrix of Italian chefs... he takes familiar dishes and classical flavors and techniques and turns them on their heads in a way that is innovative, boundary-breaking, sky kissing, and entirely whimsical, but ultimately timeless, and most importantly, deliciously satisfying." [— Mario Batali](#) "A pioneer of modern Italian cooking, Bottura possesses both a deep respect for local traditions and a drive to keep blowing them up" [— The Wall Street Journal](#) "Never Trust a Skinny Italian Chef is an

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Massimo Bottura is the chef patron of Osteria Francescana, a three Michelin star restaurant based in Modena, Italy. Massimo grew up in Modena and developed an interest in cooking from a young age after watching his mother, grandmother and aunt in the kitchen preparing family meals. In 1986 he left a law degree to open his first restaurant and subsequently went on to develop his love of food with stages for Alain Ducasse at Louis XV in Monte Carlo and Ferran Adrià at elbulli. He opened Osteria Francescana in 1995.

A very well written and engaging book. Bottura mixes regional history with the tale of his Osteria Francescana, as well as with personal vignettes. I have been honored to eat at his restaurant twice, and after reading his book, I can not wait to return to it. This handsomely illustrated monograph is a must for all lovers of innovative cooking. Bravo, Chef Bottura!

This book is gorgeous with imaginative recipes. This book is not for the average home cook, but for those who are inclined to take up the challenge of cooking like a professional. The recipes do require some special equipment, and ingredients, but if you are up to challenge, they are delicious.

Love this chef. His love of food is truly brought out in this book. The majority of the book is pictures

and narrative but there are recipes in the back. I must admit I have not made any recipes yet due to my schedule but I am looking forward to trying them! My family is from Modena, Italy so I am very excited to make food from the town my family is from.

Amazing book!

Perfect for Mommy!

I didn't realize this book was going to be so lovely. Beautiful photographs. A very handsome book.

An amazing fusion of soul and technique. The musings and insights in this book alone would be worth the price, nevermind the genius recipes and gorgeous photography.

great book, a look into the creative process happening at Massimo's kitchen. great read for people interested in food and cooking.

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