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The Secrets to Making Fabulous Meals the Easy Way

The Lazy Gourmet is a hip, fun, and useful guide for anyone who dreams of dazzling guests with fabulous home-cooked fare, but fears that such a feat would require Thomas Keller's talent, Martha Stewart's ingenuity, Gandhi's patience, and Charles Manson's free time. With more than 125 delightfully simple, yet surprisingly sophisticated recipes, *The Lazy Gourmet* conquers the misguided belief that preparing an elegant meal requires spending hours—or days—in the kitchen.

Best friends who met in college and bonded over the dinner table, Robin Donovan and Juliana Gallin are creative cooks whose motto is “Cooking a great meal can be just as easy as cooking a crappy meal!” They developed this collection of recipes that anyone—even those short on time, patience, skill, or experience—can prepare with ease. And these aren’t your typical “quick fix” dishes, but sophisticated meals designed to impress, such as:

Soy-Ginger Cured Salmon
Fig, Mint and Pistachio Salad
Asian-Style Yellow Gazpacho with Spicy Cilantro Pesto
Oven-Roasted Salmon with Garlic Confit
Seared Sea Scallops with Mint and Pea Purée
Black Cod en Papillote with Fennel, Baby Spinach, and Olives
Top Sirloin with Charmoula on a Bed of Arugula
Pistachio-Crusted Roast Leg of Lamb with Spiced Yogurt-Cilantro Sauce
Shredded Brussels Sprouts with Horseradish Cream
Baked Polenta with Mascarpone and Corn
Miniature Flourless Chocolate Cakes
Pignoli Amaretti (Almond and Pine Nut Cookies)
Sweet Peach Crostini
Orange Crème Fraîche Cake with Bittersweet Chocolate Glaze

An army of volunteer testers—people with picky palates and little or no kitchen expertise—helped to ensure that each and every one of these recipes met the authors' strict standards of easiness and deliciousness.

Packed with delicious recipes, fun facts, helpful tips, and step-by-step instructions, *The Lazy Gourmet* is both a practical guide and a fun read—it's like visiting the kitchen of two girlfriends who give great cooking advice!



About the Authors

Robin Donovan is the Berkeley-based author of *Campfire Cuisine: Gourmet Recipes for the Great Outdoors* and coauthor of the *New York Times* bestseller *Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Diet*. Her food writing has appeared in *Cooking Light*, *Fitness*, *The San Jose Mercury News*, *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, and other popular publications.

When she's not cooking effortless gourmet feasts, or writing books about how to cook effortless gourmet feasts, **Juliana Gallin** works as a graphic designer and produces several popular speakers' series in San Francisco, including Ask a Scientist, How-To Night, and Comedy Talks. She lives in San Francisco, CA.

Robin and Juliana met as college housemates in Santa Cruz, California, where they spent almost as much time cooking as studying. Robin was comfortable in the kitchen, having grown up watching (and helping) her mother, a professional restaurant critic and accomplished cook, prepare dinner each night. Juliana, on the other hand, could follow a recipe but was convinced she had no natural instinct for cooking until many years later, when it dawned on her that some of the most elegant, beautiful, and memorable meals she encountered were also some of simplest. *The Lazy Gourmet* is the result of years of friendship, cooking and eating together, sharing ideas, and abiding by the simple notion that cooking well can actually be quite easy. You can find out more about them on their blog at www.TwoLazyGourmets.com.

Joanne Weir (foreword) is a James Beard Award-winning cookbook author, cooking teacher, and public television host of “Joanne Weir’s Cooking Class.”

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