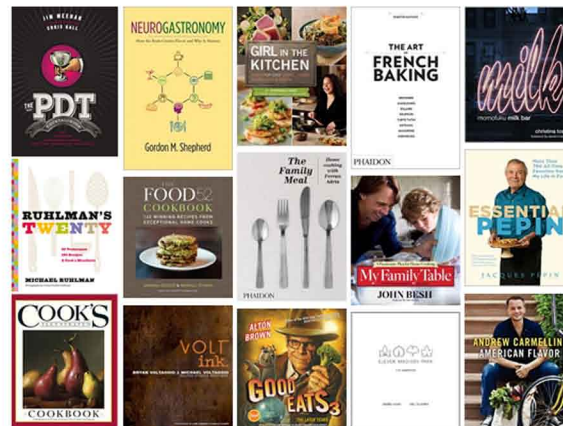


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The Eater Fall 2011 Cookbook and Food Book Preview

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Look alive, people: it's cookbook season. From the beginning of September until the dawn of 2012, every restaurant, chef, food writer, academic, and person with an opinion on pork belly is going to be shoving their weighty tomes at you from all angles.

So what's trendy this fall? It seems like every chef on the planet has either written a home cooking cookbook or a collection of their restaurant's family meal recipes; see **Mario Batali**, **Heston Blumenthal**, **Ferran Adrià**, and **John Besh**. As far as US regional cookbooks go, there's been a decline in the obsession with the South (with the exception of **Hugh Acheson's** new book). More cookbooks are covering Texas, the West Coast, and the Midwest.

In the world of booze, it's all about the beer books, with wine and cocktails taking a backseat. Also: there are two books entirely devoted to sausage, and two devoted to mini-pies.

Below, the deluge of books to be released between August to December 31. If there's something missing, do let us know and we'll add it.

Notable Mentions:

- *The Meatball Shop Cookbook* by Daniel Holzman, Michael Chernow and Lauren Deen. Ballantine Books: [November 1](#).