



The Top 25 Hottest Chefs in America

Feast your eyes on these super-sexy, talented chefs who are spicing things up both in and out of the kitchen



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[The Meatball Shop](#) has slowly but surely taken over New York City, having just opened its fifth location and still growing. Chernow, who runs the front of house operations, not only has a background in modeling (can't you tell?!), but is also changing the game in the restaurant industry. Along with his Le Bernardin-trained partner, Chef Daniel Holzman, Chernow seems to be unstoppable, as their [Meatball](#) empire expands across Manhattan and maybe soon to a neighborhood near you.

Date-night dinner: I keep it real simple. I love cooking whole fish on the grill. I season with nothing more than salt and olive oil. I stuff the fish with fresh herbs and crushed [garlic](#). As an accompaniment, I typically roast some squash (summer or winter), sometimes I'll toss it with arugula or kale, a squeeze of lemon, toasted walnuts, and some mint—tasty, healthy, and pretty sexy.

Favorite way to sweat: I've been training in Muay Thai kickboxing for years. It's the best way to sweat and take out some aggression.

Food splurge: A burger from Spotted Pig and a creamy Abita Root Beer on tap.