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Gadget: Any mechanical device that performs a kitchen task in one-twentieth the time it takes to find it.

Fermentation: Chemical reaction, caused by microbes, that turns malt into belches and grapes into hangovers. From the 2.4-million-copy bestselling series that gave new meaning to the word dictionary for sailors, golfers, computer users, and more, here is the last-and funniest-word on cooking.

Skewering the world of food preparation and its phrases and foibles, the authors mince through all the confusion and pretension to serve up the ultimate book for cooks, gourmets, and gourmands. Calorie to craving, al dente to al musho, over 200 delicious definitions and 50 full-color, full-page drawings add spice and wit to the kitchen. 102,000 copies in print.

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John Martin says

A little book we got as a wedding present, it contains delightfully sardonic “definitions” like “Diet: The specific types and quantities of food that any given individual will start eating tomorrow, next week, or the beginning of the new year.”

Since the book is from 1985, it also presents an interesting insight into the food culture of the time. For example, kiwis are commonplace today, but at the time were considered a “major fad food”: “fuzzy fruit is given to favored teachers at progressive schools on the eastern seaboard, and in California they say that a kiwi a day keeps the acupuncturist away.”

Cheryl says

Silly but fun.

Cheryl says

My brain has not been up to concentrating for deep reading for the last little while, so I happily picked up this bit of fluff. It was obviously written about and for people with my level of cooking skills. Most amusing.

Adele says

This book added a funny twist to the concepts of cooking.

Booklovinglady says

Must be the first time in my life I've read a 'dictionary' from cover to cover, and had great fun doing so, as many of the explanations made me chuckle :-)
