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Lush and visual, chock-full of delicious recipes, Roselle Lim's magical debut novel is about food, heritage, and finding family in the most unexpected places.

At the news of her mother's death, Natalie Tan returns home. The two women hadn't spoken since Natalie left in anger seven years ago, when her mother refused to support her chosen career as a chef. Natalie is shocked to discover the vibrant neighborhood of San Francisco's Chinatown that she remembers from her childhood is fading, with businesses failing and families moving out. She's even more surprised to learn she has inherited her grandmother's restaurant.

The neighborhood seer reads the restaurant's fortune in the leaves: Natalie must cook three recipes from her grandmother's cookbook to aid her struggling neighbors before the restaurant will succeed. Unfortunately, Natalie has no desire to help them try to turn things around--she resents the local shopkeepers for leaving her alone to take care of her agoraphobic mother when she was growing up. But with the support of a surprising new friend and a budding romance, Natalie starts to realize that maybe her neighbors really have been there for her all along.

"Vivid and lyrical with a touch of magic."--Helen Hoang, author of *The Kiss Quotient*

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Grace Li says

This feels like the book I've been waiting for my whole life. It is about food as healing, the way families fall apart and together, and the magic hidden in the corners of the world, all set against the fight to save a gentrifying Chinatown. Your life will be richer for having read this book.

Sarah says

I read this before it sold (lucky me!) and I loved it. Food plus magical realism is my happy place.

Annette says

This book is pure magic.

The world the author creates with unparalleled and gorgeous prose pulled me in immediately. I never wanted to put the book down--no matter how hungry I got reading the descriptions of all the delectable food Natalie Tan was cooking.

The story explores the importance of community, culture, and love, and is filled with so many memorable characters.

I'm incredibly grateful to have gotten my hands on an early copy and have every intention of buying this book for friends and family when it's finally released.

Sonia Hartl says

I was lucky enough to read an early copy of this book, and you are not going to want to miss this one! So beautiful and layered and the food descriptions are the stuff of dreams.

K.A. says

This book was 100% magically surreal, addicting, and delicious, and I loved everything about it. The way the author wound love and loss, grief and familial estrangement, determination, food, purpose and the reality of getting along with threads of otherworldly magic was seamless and brilliant. I cannot sing higher praises for NATALIE TAN'S BOOK OF LUCK AND FORTUNE, and I can't wait for Lim's next book!

Katie Zhao says

Sometimes you read a book that makes you cry, that's so deeply personal to your lived experience that it crushes your heart and fills it up at the same time. NATALIE TAN'S BOOK OF LUCK AND FORTUNE is one such book for me.

This book has everything my Chinese diaspora heart could ever want. A strong Chinese heroine who harbors a deep appreciation for her immigrant parents and grandparents; the use of food to bring love and people together; magic in both life, and that which exists beyond our world. It's about honoring family that's passed & leaving our own diasporic footprints after those who came before us. From mentions of singer Teresa Teng to yummy char siu bao, NTBOLAF is the Chinese coming-of-age romance I've always wanted. I can't wait to cry again when it comes out.

I will cherish NTBOLAF forever. That's how special this book is. Everyone, prepare to preorder the heck out of this book when the link is up!!

Jenna Friebel says

Lovely and heartwarming and charming and magical. <3

J. R. says

This book is so lovely. It is unlike anything I've ever read, yet it has elements that make me think of some of my favorites stories (Chocolat, anyone?). It has heart, family, love, and a touch of magic. Natalie was very relatable as a character and I was rooting for her the entire way. The people she meets along the way leap from the page, that you feel like they're real, your friends and family, and right there with you. I'm a tremendous foodie and have a soft spot for a sweet love story (and that's only a subplot...but I ADORED it). This book made me HUNGRY, made me laugh and got me a bit weepy at the end. Speaking of the end, there was a twist I DID NOT SEE COMING. If you enjoy a well-written book with great story and dimensional characters (and food!), this gorgeous story is for you.

Helen Hoang says

I absolutely loved this book. It's warm and bubbly and filled with magic, community, and great food. They need to make a movie of it, and you want to read it. And then watch it.

June Hur says

Oh wow, where do I even begin. This book has become one of the most memorable and magical books I've read. When I first began reading, I was intrigued but had NO idea that it would be THIS good.

NATALIE TAN'S BOOK OF LUCK AND FORTUNE is one of those rare books I'd read again and again.

Lim has mastered the art of building conflict and character. She developed the world so well that I'm almost tempted to see if the heroine's restaurant actually exists, because I would die to try some of the drool-worthy food mentioned in this book. Another aspect I loved about this novel was the family dynamic explored. I won't spoil anything, but I will say it left me crying and moved.

This book truly impressed me and I highly recommend it to everyone. Be ready for some great twists and turns in this heart-warming tale about family, second chances, community and following one's dream.

Andrea Contos says

This book will draw you in, break your heart (in the best way) and put it back together again.

Lim seamlessly weaves a world where magic mingles with reality, giving life to a whole new layer of depth and wonder throughout the novel. And the underlying themes of family, relationships, and the threads that bond us all are exceptionally relatable. Touching on elements of love, regret, mental illness, hope, and legacy, Lim manages to take us from one emotion to the next while untangling a mystery with twists I definitely did not see coming!

Beautifully-written and positively saturated with authenticity and mouth-wateringly delicious food description, this is one book you will want to read the second it hits your doorstep (or your kindle!)

Rosemarie says

Read the rough draft of this novel. Such an uplifting, surprising, and well paced book. Can't wait to reread the final product!

Nafiza says

I read an early copy of this and enjoyed the way magic and reality met and were woven together to create a truly delicious book that will be a gourmand's delight. I look forward to reading the finished version as I reckon it's going to be even more amazing.

Tamara Mataya says

I am SO glad I got to read an early version of this delicious book. Warning: It WILL make you hungry! The prose is as luscious and rich as Natalie's recipes. Lim's writing is absolutely gorgeous, and I can't wait to see what she does next!

Kristin Wright says

I had the chance to read this book early on and you are all in for a treat of the senses. Lim's Chinatown is a place of mystery and wonder, with magic in every pot. The story begins as Natalie Tan inherits the Chinatown restaurant her grandmother built, along with a recipe book that just may provide answers Natalie is looking for. Read on an empty stomach, because Lim is a master at the food. So many delicious concoctions are described on these pages you'll want to run right out and eat a huge traditional Chinese meal when you finish. Along with the food, the story is a moving look at coming to terms with parental expectations and disappointment. Pre-order this story as soon as you can!
