



**Life of Pie:**

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# **Food & Book Pairings**

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Delight your senses with these book and food pairings. Drool over culinary related books. Cook up recipes written about in favorite novels.

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# Cookbooks with a Book Theme

The Book Club Cookbook- Judy Gelman

Cooking with Shakespeare- Mark Morton

A Feast of Ice and Fire- Chelsea Monroe-Cassel

Fifty Shades of Chicken (this is a cookbook parody)- F.L. Fowler

The Geeky Chef: Real Life Recipes for Your Favorite Fantasy Foods- Cassandra Reeder

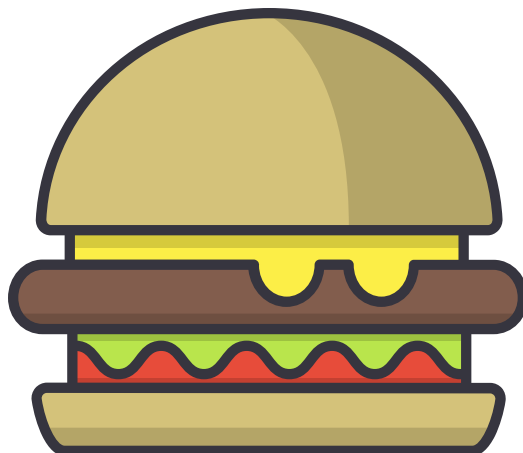
The Geeky Chef Strikes Back- Cassandra Reeder

The Nerdy Nummies: sweet treats for the geeky in all of us- Rosanna Pansino

The Star Wars Cookbook- Robin Davis

The Unofficial Harry Potter Cookbook- Dinah Bucholz

The Unofficial Hunger Games Cookbook- Emily Ansara Baines



# Books with Food in the Title

Cake: love, chickens, and a taste of peculiar- Joyce Magnin

Cake Pop Crush- Suzanne Nelson

Chicken Poop for the Soul: Stories to Harden the Heart and Dampen the Spirit-

David Fisher

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs- Judi Barrett

Dessert First- Dean Gloster

Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café- Fannie Flagg

Gingerbread- Rachel Cohn

An Egg on Three Sticks- Jackie Moyer Fischer

Horseradish- Lemony Snicket

I'm Not Hanging Noodles on Your Ears and Other Intriguing Idioms From

Around the World- Jag Bhalla

Koyal Dark, Mango Sweet- Kashmira Sheth

Like Water for Chocolate- Laura Esquivel

Mango-Shaped Space- Wendy Mass

Persian Pickle Club- Sandra Dallas

Pies and Prejudice- Ellery Adams

Pizza: A Slice of American History- Liz Barrett

Pomegranate Soup- Marsha Mehran

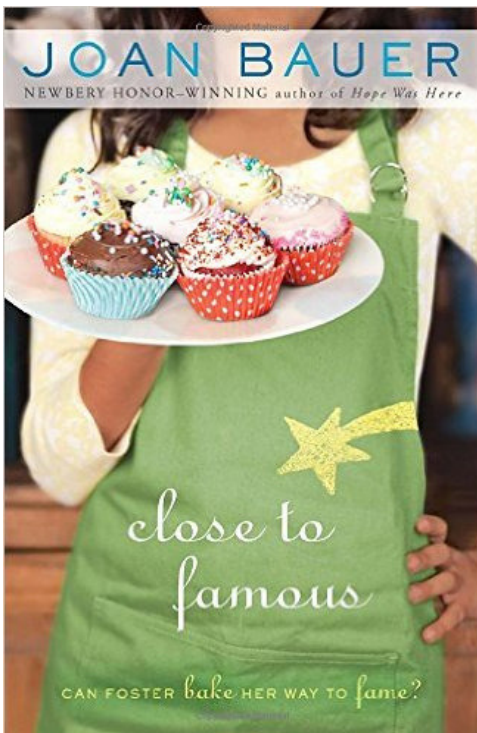
Sorcery & Cecelia: (The Enchanted Chocolate Pot)- Patricia C. Wrede

Tangerine- Edward Bloor



# Booktalks

Fizzy is a good Southern girl who just wants to be perfect. And win the Southern Living cook-off. The being perfect part is hard though, since her parents' divorced and everything in her life has changed. Wary of her too-perfect stepmom and her mom's neat-freak, dismissive boyfriend, she's often angry or upset and feels like a guest in both homes. She tells herself to face facts: She's a "leftover" kid from a marriage that her parents want to forget. But she has to keep all of that to herself, because a good Southern girl never yells, or throws fits, or says anything that might hurt other people's feelings—instead she throws her shoulders back, says yes ma'am, and tries to do better. So Fizzy tries her best, but it's hard to stay quiet when her family keeps getting more complicated. Fortunately, the Southern Living cook-off gives her a welcome distraction, as do her new friends Miyoko and Zach, who have parent issues of their own.



“When your heart is ready to break, that’s the perfect time to bake,” is one of Foster McFee’s many tips for cooking—and living. In *Close to Famous* by Newbery Honor-winning author Joan Bauer, 12-year-old Foster has indeed found the perfect time to bake. Still grieving from the death of her soldier father in Iraq nearly five years ago, Foster and her backup-singer mother are forced to flee their Memphis rental after her mother is punched in the face by her ex-boyfriend. After driving all night, they find themselves in Culpepper, West Virginia, where a new prison and a factory closing have hit the locals hard. With dreams of being the youngest chef on the Food Network, Foster introduces her scrumptious cupcakes—and hope—to the depressed town. With the tween’s help, aspiring documentary filmmaker Macon confronts the unfulfilled promises of the prison, secluded award-winning actress Charleena Hendley finds the courage to return to Hollywood, Wayne (of Angry Wayne’s Bar and Grill) reveals a generous side, and Foster’s mother steps out of the shadows and into the limelight as a singer.

Even Foster is transformed as she admits to being practically illiterate. Just like her cupcakes, she springs back when ready. Her newfound friends begin to teach her to read and change her self-perception from limited to limitless. Through it all, Bauer once again displays her keen gift for dialogue and subtle humor, showing the possibilities when different generations and community members rally together.

# Food and Murder Books

*\*The first book in the series is listed in parenthesis\**

Cackleberry Club Mysteries (Eggs in Purgatory)- Laura Childs

Candy Halliday Mysteries (Town in Blueberry Jam)- B.B. Haywood

Cheese Shop Mysteries (The Long Quiche Goodbye)- Avery Aames

Chili Cook-Off Mysteries (Chili Con Carnage)- Kylie Logan

Chocoholic Mysteries (The Chocolate Cate Caper)- Joanna Carl

Coffeehouse Mysteries (On What Grounds)- Cleo Coyle

Cookie Cutter Shop Mysteries (Cookie Dough or Die)- Virginia Lowells

Country Cooking School Mysteries (If Fried Chicken Could Fly)- Paige Shelton

Cupcake Bakery Mysteries (Sprinkle with Murder) Jenn McKinlay

Deadly Deli Mysteries (A Brisket, A Casket)- Delia Rosen

Farmers' Market Mysteries (Farm Fresh Murder) – Paige Shelton

Five Ingredient Mysteries (By Cook or By Crook)- Maya Corrigan

Food Festival Mysteries (Death of a Crabby Cook)- Penny Pike

Fresh Baked Mysteries (A Peach of a Murder)- L.J. Washburn



Goldy Bear Mysteries (Catering to Nobody)- Diane Mott Davidson

Gourmet Detective Mysteries (The Gourmet Detective)- Peter King

Hannah Swensen Mysteries (Chocolate Chip Cookie Murder)- Joanne Fluke

Key West Food Critic Mysteries (An Appetite for Murder)- Lucy Burdette

Magical Bakery Mysteries (Brownies and Broomsticks) - Bailey Cates

Mystery with Recipes (A Catered Murder)- Isis Crawford

Orchard Mysteries (One Bad Apple)- Sheila Connolly

Pennsylvania Dutch Mysteries (Too Many Cooks Spoil the Broth)- Tamar Myers

Pie Shop Mysteries (A Good Day to Pie)- Carol Culver

Pizza Lover's Mysteries (A Slice of Murder)- Chris Cavender

Sadie Hoffmiller Culinary Mysteries (Lemon Tart)- Josi Kilpack

Soup Lover's Mysteries (A Spoonful of Murder)- Connie Archer

Spice Shop Mysteries (Assault and Pepper)- Leslie Budewitz

Tea Shop Mysteries (Death by Darjeeling)- Laura Childs

White House Chef Mysteries (State of the Onion)- Julie Hyzy

