

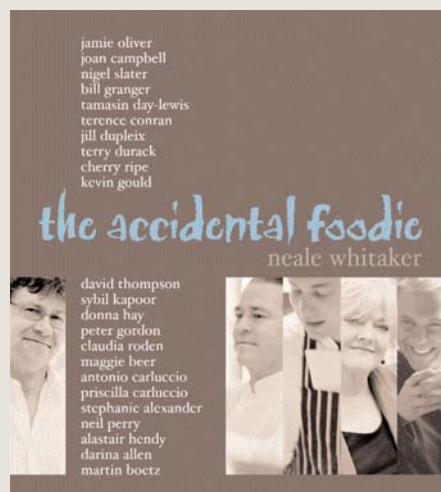


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The Accidental Foodie

By Neale Whitaker

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The Accidental Foodie profiles some of the world's most respected foodies together with several of their signature recipes. Chefs, cooks, food writers, provedores and restaurateurs have all been personally interviewed by Neale Whitaker, food writer and pioneering editor of such ground breaking magazines as *Waitrose Food Illustrated* and *delicious*. The result is a sumptuous collection of must-have recipes and inspirational stories.

Amongst the celebrated foodies are Joan Campbell, Jamie Oliver, David Thompson, Maggie Beer, Neil Perry, Stephanie Alexander, Antonio Carluccio, Donna Hay, Jill Dupleix & Terry Durack, Terence Conran and Bill Granger.

Offering intimate insights into their philosophies and passions, The Accidental Foodie is a compelling read, illustrated by simple, honest recipes. As a whole, this is a collection to stir lively debate with each of those profiled declaring a *bête noir*, grand passion or heartfelt crusade. There are no faint-hearted foodies here.

In each of the profiles, based on personal interviews, Neale Whitaker examines what has influenced his subjects. 'What they all share,' he says 'And what links them in my mind, is an extraordinary passion for food and a lifelong commitment to bring better food within reach of all of us, through whatever means they have chosen.'

Following each interview are several recipes that have been personally selected by each profile especially for this book. Some of these reflect their individual cooking styles, while others are simply old favourites. The result is an eclectic and delicious collection of recipes from some of the world's best. Whether you are tempted by Jamie Oliver's Fantastic Fish Pie or Joan Campbell's Summer Strawberry Soufflé, The Accidental Foodie offers diverse, international and, above all, delicious food.

Sumptuously photographed by the internationally acclaimed Petrina Tinslay, The Accidental Foodie is a must have for anyone passionate about food.



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