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Manhattan and her Irish grandmother, Bernadine's tale in 1930's Ireland. Each woman learns that as food too hurriedly made is inferior to its long cooking counterpart, so the passionate love that immediately strikes the heart may pale in comparison to the slow-growing, long-lasting love of marriage.

Olivia or, The Weight of the Past

by Judith Rossner

This is the story of a woman who turns a passion for food into a career but in the process almost loses her daughter and her self-esteem.

The Discovery of Chocolate by James Runcie

In this winning blend of fiction and fact, a long-lived Spaniard serves as narrator and guide through the Old World discovery and development of one of life's consuming passions, CHOCOLATE!

The Book of Salt by Monique T.D. Truong

Truong has concocted a delectable fictional memoir. Faced with the decision about whether to accompany Stein and Toklas to America, return to Vietnam, or remain in France, Binh, the Vietnamese cook who has labored for the unconventional ladies he has dubbed "The Steins" for about five years, reflects back on his troubled life.

Devil's Food by Janice Weber

Adultery is the devil's food consumed by a bunch of Boston-based overachievers in this complex, irresistible tale. Dead bodies, twins, and eccentric characters are all expertly juggled in this sexy, exhilarating read.

She Flew the Coop: A Novel Concerning Life, Death, Sex and Recipes in Limoges, Louisiana by Michael Lee West

West brilliantly interweaves dark calamity with comedy to depict everyday life in tiny Limoges, Louisiana, in 1952. Told through the voices of its richly eccentric characters, *She Flew the Coop* is an entrancing picture of Limoges's gossip mongering citizens and a beautifully rendered picture of small-town life.

Secrets of The Tsil Café: A Novel with Recipes by Thomas Fox Averill

Wes Hingler is the son of dueling chefs. His father owns the Tsil Café and he cooks with spicy chilies and seasonings that characterize the southwestern cuisine. His mother has cultivated a more subtle and traditional way of cooking. The story recounts his tortuous but triumphant journey to getting his own restaurant.

The Thin Woman: An Epicurean Mystery

by Dorothy Cannell

Reluctant to show up at her family reunion carrying so many extra pounds, unmarried, overweight Ellie Simons hires Bentley T. Haskell to pose as her fiancé, thus beginning a weekend of romance, jealousy and murder.

The Food of Love by Anthony Capella

Enchanted by Italy's rich culture, first-time American visitor Laura finds herself falling for the handsome Tomasso, who woos her with magnificent meals and hides the fact that shy, enamored Bruno is actually the chef.

Devil's Larder by Jim Crace

Crace has put together 64 food fables. He shows that the line between nature and culture runs through our kitchens between the raw and the cooked and gives us food for thought.

Like Water For Chocolate by Laura Esquivel

This story takes place in turn of the century Mexico around a family where much of the action centers around the kitchen that is the heart and soul of a traditional Mexican family.

Bittersweet Journey: A Modestly Erotic Novel of Love, Longing and Chocolate

by Enid Futterman

Charlotte leaves her husband in a quest for more love, sex, and chocolate. She travels to the chocolate capitals of the worlds in her quest. The author sprinkles the story with humor, romance and nostalgia along with her passion for chocolate

Going To Bend by Diane Coplin Hammond

Rose and Petie are soup makers for a café called Souperiors. Rose decides to write a cookbook and she wants Petie to illustrate it. Their lives change as their hidden talents are unlocked, but as they live their lives, they cope with grace and dignity.

Chocolat by Joanne Harris

Vianne Rocher opens up a luxuriant chocolate shop in the small village of Lansquenet-sous-Tannes. It is Lent and the shop is across from the church and open on Sunday. The parish priest is livid. One by one the locals succumb to Vianne's wonderful concoctions.

Five Quarters of the Orange by Joanne Harris

Using her arsenal of culinary metaphors, quirky characters and slightly surreal incidents, Harris presents the complicated tale of Framboise Dartigen. When Framboise's café is reviewed in a national magazine, the notoriety starts a look into her background which she would like to keep hidden.

Baker's Apprentice by Judith Ryan Hendricks

This is the sequel to Hendricks' first novel, *Bread Alone*. In the first novel, Wynter needed rescuing and Mac was her knight. In this story, Mac needs the rescuing from his writer's block.

Bread Alone by Judith Ryan Hendricks

When her husband dumps her and her mother finds love after being a widow for 15 years, Wynter Morrison transforms from a "willfully ignorant," betrayed wife living in sunny L.A., to a flannel shirt-wearing bakery owner living in the rainy Northwest who finds love with a bartender-turned-writer.

Friendship Cake by J. Lynne Hinton

Several female congregants of the Hope Springs Community Church in North Carolina decide to create a cookbook. Each has her own special recipe to share and a story to tell.

High Bonnet: A Novel of Epicurean

Adventure by Idwal Jones

Jean-Marie Gallois, is a young candy maker from Provence who has earned an apprenticeship at Paris's famed Faisen d'Or restaurant. Along the way he earns his *High Bonnet*. This is secondary to the author acquainting the reader with a world dedicated to pursuing pleasure at the table and the craft that makes it.

Pastries: A Novel of Desserts and

Discoveries by Bharti Kirchner

A Seattle bakery owner, Sunya Malhotra, is trying to get her tumultuous life back in order. For Sunya, the most disconcerting aspect of her life

is that she has lost her passion and instinctive talent for baking. During the story she tries to regain what she's lost.

The Debt to Pleasure by John Lanchester

The author disguises a sinister tale of fraternal jealousy as an innocent cookbook. Its narrator, a man who's professed gentility conceals a cold-blooded obsession and a sinister agenda.

Blessed are the Cheesemakers

by Sarah-Kate Lynch

Joseph Corrigan and Joseph Feehan make their world-renowned cheese on their farm in County Cork, Ireland. They realize that they are getting older and need to find someone to take over the business. Enter Joseph's granddaughter who was taken away by her mother years ago and a burned-out stockbroker who needs to get his life back in order.

Someone is Killing the Great Chefs of

America by Nan Lyons

This is a sequel to *Someone is Killing the Great Chefs of Europe*. Natasha O'Brien is promoting American regional cooking. While high profile chefs are getting bumped off, Natasha's non-stop life is rolling right along, whether it's launching American Cuisine Magazine or cooking for the White House or organizing the Culinary Olympics in Paris.

Little Indiscretions by Carmen Posadas

The death of a manipulative, mischievous pastry chef sets the stage for this whodunit. Why would the victim be clutching a piece of paper with a fragmentary list of dessert recipes in his hand? In a series of flashbacks many possible suspects emerge.

La Cucina by Lily Prior

Rosa Fiore grew up the only girl in a peasant family in rural Sicily. When the Mafia murders her first and only love, she turns to cooking for solace. *La Cucina*, the heart of the family's lush estate, was a place where generations of Fiore women prepared sumptuous feasts and where the drama of extended family life was played out around the age-old table.

Recipes for the Perfect Marriage by Morag Prunty

There are two stories that run parallel in this book. Tressa's unsuccessful marriage in 2004