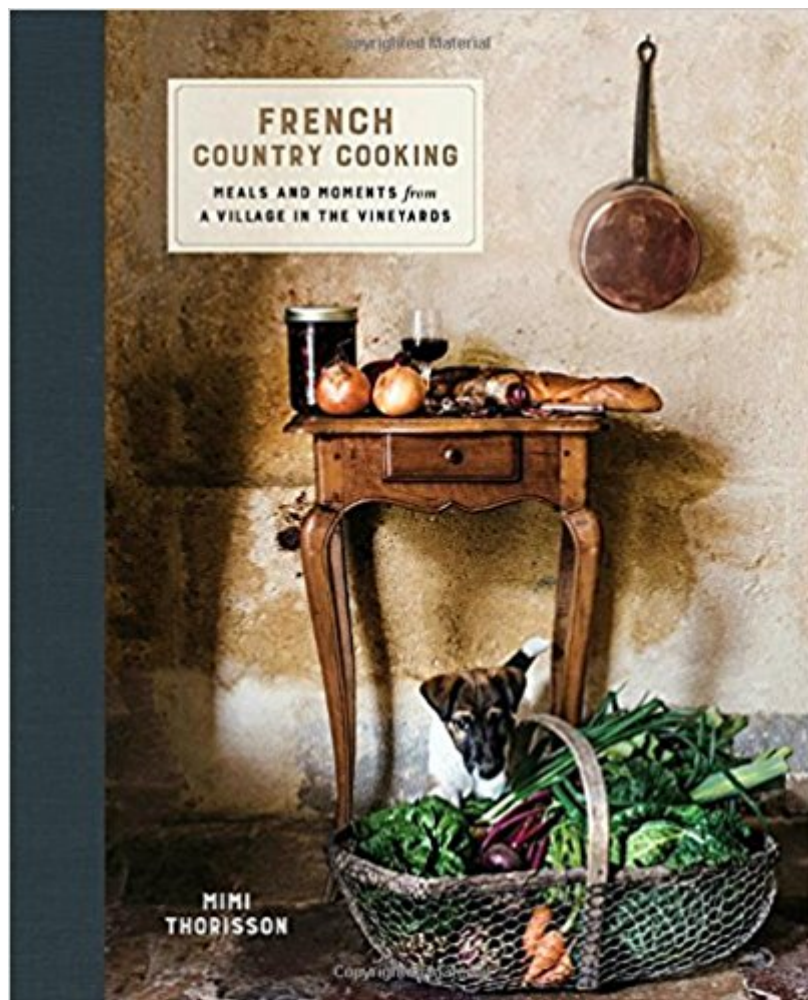




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# French Country Cooking: Meals And Moments From A Village In The Vineyards



## Synopsis

A captivating journey to off-the-beaten-path French wine country with 100 simple yet exquisite recipes, 150 sumptuous photographs, and stories inspired by life in a small village. “Francophiles, this book is pure Gallic food porn.” —The Wall Street Journal. Readers everywhere fell in love with Mimi Thorisson, her family, and their band of smooth fox terriers through her blog, Manger, and debut cookbook, *A Kitchen in France*. In *French Country Cooking*, the family moves to an abandoned old chateau in Mayac. While shopping for local ingredients, cooking, and renovating the house, Mimi meets the farmers and artisans who populate the village and learns about the former owner of the house, an accomplished local cook. Here are recipes inspired by this eccentric cast of characters, including White Asparagus Soufflé, Wine Harvest Pot au Feu, Endives with Ham, and Salted Butter Chocolate Cake. Featuring evocative photographs taken by Mimi’s husband, Oddur Thorisson, and illustrated endpapers, this cookbook is a charming jaunt to an untouched corner of France that has thus far eluded the spotlight. —Los Angeles Times: Best Cookbooks of Fall 2016

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“Amid Mrs. Thorisson’s recipes are stories of the home’s past, as told to her by previous owners and village old-timers. Readers will learn tales of multiple generations of cooks together in the French country kitchen.” —The Wall Street Journal. “Food blogger Mimi Thorisson’s life in Mayac is basically a real-life

fairytale. If you're tempted to buy a one-way ticket to the south of France after reading her sophomore cookbook, which features 100 delicious recipes peppered with details about how she transformed an old chateau into a homey restaurant, we wouldn't blame you.

InStyle "Francophiles and armchair travelers who loved Dorie Greenspan's Around My French Table and David Lebovitz's My Paris Kitchen will gladly add this classic title to their collections."

Library Journal, starred review "If you're the sort of person whose idea of fun is watching Chocolat for the hundredth time and fantasizing about renting a Julia Child's Provençal farmhouse to cook madelines and cassoulet for your family, then Mimi Thorisson's cookbook, French Country Cooking, is perfect for you. This is the cookbook as daydream, with terribly pretty pictures of women fluttering tablecloths in rustic kitchens, of little girls lugging baskets of produce, of baguettes and Citroëns and vineyards and pans of broiled oysters."

Los Angeles Times "Blogger and author Mimi Thorisson has a new cookbook out that will kindle a delicious love affair with the cuisine of the French countryside. Starring the best-quality ingredients sourced from small outdoor markets, family-owned purveyors and home gardens, this collection of recipes elevates a simple, humble cuisine to the highest level."

FoodRepublic.com "Like the best French cooking, Mrs. Thorisson's recipes manage to be rich and light at the same time."

The New York Times

MIMI THORISSON is the author of A Kitchen in France and Manger, a blog devoted to French cooking and her life in the French countryside. She is the host of the French cooking shows La Table de Mimi and Les Desserts de Mimi. She lives with her husband, their children, and their smooth fox terriers in an old chateau in St Yzans, in the Mâconnais region of France.

I'm a huge fan of Mimi Thorisson's blog and I also own her first cookbook. I preordered this second one the day I found out about it and after waiting several months finally received it last week. The book, as expected, is gorgeous; the pictures, the writing, the fantasy of the life they live. However, Mimi's books need to be approached as "coffee table cookbooks" rather than everyday cooking books. What I mean is that while they are perfect to look at, not all recipes on her blog or in her books are flawless. Some of the recipes become inaccessible because of the ingredients required (I don't live in a place where I can get dried vines for using as grilling wood, or have foie gras handy in my fridge, or have a butcher who can get me some black-footed pig chops), some of the recipes fall

flat because the ingredients in France are often of a higher quality than elsewhere (I tried some of her recipes when I lived in France and they turned out delicious & tried them again back in the US and something just didn't work), and lastly because some of them are just too complicated for an average home cook. Having said that, if you approach this book as a beautiful food journal with some recipes to try and most others to dream of, then you will find yourself super happy!

Mimi's books are a joy. The photography is beautiful. I would say they are lifestyle and cooking books....and very inspiring. The food is consistently traditional. I grew up on many of these dishes, and they remain true to form. Her coq au vin is superb, and I have about 20 French cookbooks. I was looking for a great chicken recipe and stumbled upon her blog Manger. The pirate chicken is on constant rotation now, and every dish, however humble or sophisticated, has turned out. The girl can cook. I was a bit worried as many blogger cookbooks seem to be a bit too style focused and less substance. Not so here. This is becoming a favorite.

Beautifully and descriptively written. The champagne served with radishes and salt and butter is such a lovely, simple way to start a feast. I want to cook every recipe in this book. I love the measurements being metric and normal. Loved Kindle version so much I bought the hardback.

Great cookbook with the "Under the Tuscan Sun" feeling of a great novel about Italy. You will want to read every single page!

+++++ ARRIVED AS LISTED - HAPPY WITH IT AND IT WILL MAKE A GOOD CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR OUR DAUGHTER-IN-LAW. +++++

This is a marvelous cookbook for the home cook no matter what your background! Recipes are clearly written and do not require technical knowledge - her Swiss Chard gratin alone is worth the price of admission!

Love this. The Everyday Pear Cake is worth the price of the cookbook!!

Love it! Not sure I will make many things from it, but I love the stories and the pictures. I bought it more for that than the recipes anyway, haha. Will there be a third? I hope so!

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