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Editorial Review

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Jessie's Choice Top-10 Julia Recipes

1. **Gallantine**. Illustrated step-by-step in my book. Get out the minced calf's udder and the pickled tongue! Ambitious cooks will follow it with the recipe just below.
2. **Chocolate log cake (*bûche de Noël*)**. An edible crafts project with the kids that calls for making meringue mushrooms and marzipan leaves.
3. **Bouillabaisse**. Say "boo-ya-BESS". See the *Marseille* page in my book for the last word.
4. **Baked Alaska**. Oohs and aahs all around. Save time and construct it with store-bought cake and ice-cream but coat it with home-made meringue. What to do with all the leftover egg yolks? Make....
5. **Mayonnaise**. Julia developed her own special technique and before publication in "Mastering the Art of French Cooking", guarded her secret recipe with skills learned in the OSS.
6. **Boeuf Bourguignon**. Classic beef stew.
7. **Calf's brains in brown butter sauce (*cervelles au beurre noir*)**. Does eating brains make one brainier? I'll not be the guinea pig.
8. **Rabbit stew (*rabbit ragout*)**. After the pet bunny has chewed through yet another electrical cord: a solution.
9. **Plain French bread (*pain Français*)**. Hundreds of pounds of flour and thousands of hours of experimentation went into perfecting this recipe. "How can a nation be called great if its bread tastes like Kleenex?" asked Julia.
10. **Crème brûlée**. Rich custard dessert with crispy melted sugar crust. As Julia liked to say, "Every woman should have a blow torch!"

A Look Inside *Bon Appétit!*



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Review

Chicago Tribune, June 27, 2012:

"Hartland deftly portrays in both word and drawing the awkward grace, the passionate personality and the spunky gusto of her subject. At times, you can practically hear Julia's trademark trill leaping cheerily out of the pages."

New York Times, June 15, 2012:

"...bursting with exuberant urban-naïf gouache paintings and a hand-lettered text that somehow manages to recount every second of Child's life."

Wall Street Journal, August 4, 2012:

"A charming introduction to the woman and her career, told in cluttered-yet-delightful illustratinos and exuberant hand-lettered text."

Boston Globe, August 14, 2012:

"Author Jessie Hartland chronicles Child's rise to fame in a unique way. The book has the look and feel of a scrapbook, with handwritten text and numerous doodles that make it a fun read."

Epicurious.com, July 13, 2012:

"Visually, it's just delightful; Hartland captures the boundless energy, the *joie de vivre* that I imagine Julia exuded in person. And just in time for Bastille Day, there's a crêpe recipe for you to try."

Starred Review, Publishers Weekly, March 19, 2012:

"Chef and TV personality Julia Child likely would have delighted in and hooted over this wide-ranging picture-book biography.... Readers young and old will devour this fête pour les yeux."

Starred Review, Booklist, July 1, 2012:

"...achieves a feel that is a perfect match for Child's personality and cooking style: exuberant, messy, gangly, and charming."

Kirkus Reviews, April 1, 2012:

"Lively tableaux deliver an affectionate tribute to this strong-minded woman...While these stories may be

familiar to adult readers, they are here perfectly pitched to introduce the determined woman who became synonymous with French cooking in America.”

School Library Journal, May 2012:

"Books for young foodies are very popular, and this is one that any library embracing the trend should have...Hartland's style makes for a quick but informative read that portrays Child as a fascinating, groundbreaking, but still grounded person. Children interested in food and cooking will get a lot out of the book."

About the Author

JESSIE HARTLAND is the author of eight picture books for children, including her most recent, *How the Sphinx Got to the Museum*, which *Booklist*, in a starred review, called "exhaustive, dizzying, yet crystal clear [in] detail." Jessie Hartland is also a commercial artist whose work can be seen on ceramics and fabric, as well as in advertisements. An avid cook, Jessie traveled to Paris and the French countryside to research this book. Jessie divides her time between a house near the water on Long Island and a loft in lower Manhattan, New York. Learn more at jessiehartland.com.

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Larry Parrish:

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Bradley Smith:

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