

Preserves River Cottage Handbook No 2

In the twelfth River Cottage Handbook, John Wright explains how to home-brew and make your own tipples. What could possibly beat a cool pint of beer down the pub or a lazy glass of wine at your favourite bar? The answer is: home-brewed beer or your very own brand of wine. With this, the twelfth in the River Cottage Handbook series, the inimitable John Wright shows exactly how easy it is to get started. You don't need masses of space to make alcohol at home, and if you follow the simple instructions, you won't be faced with exploding bottles in the cellar. But don't forget, it's all about experimentation and finding out what works for you. Booze is divided up by alcohol type, from beer, cider and wine to herbal spirits and fruit liqueurs. Each section starts with an introduction to the basic techniques, methods and other useful information, before giving recipes for delicious tipples like rhubarb wine, sparkling elderflower wine, mead, cherry plum wine, orange beer, lager, real ginger beer, sweet cider, zubrovka vodka, amber spirits, rose infusions, blackberry whiskey, pomegranate rum, chestnut liqueur, mulled cider and there's even a hangover cure thrown in for good measure. With an introduction from Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall and full-colour photographs as well as illustrations, Booze is a home-brewer's book with a kick. Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall ramps up the veg content, delivering more than 175 vegan recipes bursting with

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vigour, freshness and flavour

In the ninth River Cottage Handbook, Mark Diacono explains how to nurture and grow your own garden fruit. Growing fruit at home is a delicious and altogether more enjoyable alternative to buying it in the shops. Mark Diacono offers a practical and accessible guide to making the most of your garden and what it has to offer. The first part of the book is an A-Z of the different varieties of fruit, with old favourites like apples, cherries, plums, blackcurrants, white currants, redcurrants, strawberries, blueberries, gooseberries, raspberries and rhubarb as well as more exotic species like figs, grapes, cranberries, Japanese wine berries and apricots. Each is accompanied by a photograph, with detailed advice on when and how to grow and harvest. In the second part of the book, Mark gives straightforward guidelines on techniques like pruning and training, as well as how to deal with problems or pests. There is a section dedicated to growing under covers and in containers. Introduced by Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall and with 30 delicious recipes, beautiful, full-colour photographs and a directory of useful addresses, this is the ideal reference for any aspiring fruit grower.

Revive the lost arts of fermenting, canning, preserving, and creating your own ingredients. The Institute of Domestic Technology Cookbook is a collection of 250 recipes, ideas, and methods for stocking a kitchen, do-it-yourself foodcrafting projects, and cooking with homemade ingredients. The chapters include instructions on how to make your own food products and pantry staples, as well as recipes highlighting those very

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ingredients—for example, make your own feta and bake it into a Greek phyllo pie, or learn how to dehydrate leftover produce and use it in homemade instant soup mixes. • Each chapter includes instructions to make your own pantry staples, like ground mustard, sourdough starter, and miso paste. • Complete with recipes that utilize the very ingredients you made • Filled with informative and helpful features like flavor variation charts, extended tutorials, faculty advice, and instructional line drawings Also included are features like foodcrafting charts, historical tidbits, 100+ photos and illustrations, how-tos, and sidebars featuring experts and deans from the Institute, including LA-based cheese-makers, coffee roasters, butchers, and more. From the Institute of Domestic Technology, a revered foodcrafting school in Los Angeles, each chapter is based on the school's curriculum and covers all manners of techniques—such as curing, bread-baking, cheese-making, coffee-roasting, butchering, and more. • Complete with beautiful food photography, this well-researched and comprehensive cookbook will inspire chefs of all levels. • Great gift for foodcrafters, food geeks, food pioneers, farmers' market shoppers, as well as people who feel nostalgic for a slower way of life • Add it to the collection of books like *Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat: Mastering the Elements of Good Cooking* by Samin Nosrat; *The Food Lab: Better Home Cooking Through Science* by J. Kenji López-Alt; and *The Homemade Pantry: 101 Foods You Can Stop Buying and Start Making* by Alana Chernila

A thoroughly practical guide to catching, preparing and

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cooking sea fish, from the bestselling River Cottage Handbook series From renowned fishing expert Nick Fisher comes this concise and beautifully illustrated guide to fishing along British coastline. All that's needed is a beach, pier, harbour, estuary or boat. Nick covers all the basics, such as when and where to go fishing, and then profiles the sea fish that you are likely to catch (each one clearly photographed), covering their conservation status, season, habitat and method of catching. Next he gets down to the nitty gritty, with a guide to tackles, rods, reeds, rigs, knots and bait, and step-by-step advice on all the sea fishing techniques. And for once you've made your catch, there are 30 delicious recipes from River Cottage.

Preserving is a centuries-old way to make the most out of every season, stretching the more bountiful months into the sparser ones - and what's more, it is fun, rewarding and easy to learn. Explaining the history, science and basic processes of preserving, Pam Corbin guides us through a world of jams, jellies, butters, curds, pickles, chutneys, cordials, liqueurs, vinegars and sauces that can be made from local produce throughout the year. She includes 75 recipes, covering everything from traditional favourites such as raspberry jam, lemon curd, quince cheese and sloe gin, to fresh new combinations such as apple butter, cucumber pickle and nettle pesto. The handbook includes seasonable tables, regional maps, flow charts of all the preserving processes and full-colour photographs throughout, and is completed by a directory of equipment and useful addresses. With a textured hard cover and an

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introduction by Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall, Preserves is a concise and inspiring guide to an age-old art for kitchen beginners and keen preservers alike.

Take a tantalising food journey with the Soil Association and find out how to create your own delicious preserves with less sugar and no nasty additives From luscious jams and jellies to savoury confits and salamis, discover how to preserve your wonderful fresh produce and create a wealth of fabulous preserves using the very best natural ingredients. From plot to plate, 45 essential techniques are covered, from salting and curing to preserving in oil, and easy-to-follow step-by-steps show you exactly what to do. With information on recommended equipment and over 200 delicious recipes based on traditional techniques, learn to preserve your gluts in produce and stock up your store cupboard for the whole year.

A recipe collection of the James Beard–nominated chef Jessica Koslow’s famed jams, preserves, jellies, and breads “This is food whose time has come,” declared Mark Bittman about Sqirl, the much-beloved Los Angeles restaurant that locals, tourists, and critics alike all flock to. Sqirl all began with jam—organic, local, made from unusual combinations of fruits, fragrant, and not overly sweet—the kind of jam you eat with a spoon. The Sqirl Jam Book collects Jessica Koslow’s signature recipes into a cookbook that looks and feels like no other preserving book out there, inspiring makers to try their own hands at canning and creating. With photography and a design bound to inspire imitators, The Sqirl Jam Book will make you fall in love with jam.

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In the eleventh River Cottage Handbook, bestselling author Mark Diacono gives recipes and comprehensive guidance for keeping chickens. Chickens are a fantastic addition to a garden or outdoors space - you don't have to live in the back of beyond to have a few clucking around and giving you fresh eggs. They come in all shapes and sizes: some are layers, some are just born to strut. Mark Diacono begins at the basics, showing how you can raise chickens from eggs, and look after them once they start laying their own. The first part of *Chicken & Eggs* explains how to think ahead about what kind of chickens you want and how many to get, whether you are going for a breed that lays eggs regularly, or that you might eventually use for eating, or that simply looks decorative. You can choose from Orpingtons, Derbyshire redcaps, Muffed Old English Game, Leghorns and many more.

Shares practical guidelines for preserving locally grown fruits, vegetables and herbs while offering seventy-five recipes for such preserves as raspberry jam and apple butter.

In the thirteenth River Cottage Handbook, Steven Lamb shows how to cure and smoke your own meat, fish and cheese. Curing and smoking your own food is a bit of a lost art in Britain these days. While our European neighbours have continued to use these methods on their meat, fish and cheese for centuries, we seem to have lost the habit. But with the right guidance, anyone can preserve fresh produce, whether living on a country farm or in an urban flat – it doesn't have to take up a huge amount of space. The River Cottage ethos is all

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about knowing the whole story behind what you put on the table; and as Steven Lamb explains in this thorough, accessible guide, it's easy to take good-quality ingredients and turn them into something sensational. Curing & Smoking begins with a detailed breakdown of any kit you might need (from sharp knives to sausage stuffers, for the gadget-loving cook) and an explanation of the preservation process – this includes a section showing which products and cuts are most suitable for different methods of curing and smoking. The second part of the book is organised by preservation method, with an introduction to each one, and comprehensive guidance on how to do it. And for each method, there are, of course, many delicious recipes! These include chorizo Scotch eggs, salt beef, hot smoked mackerel, home-made gravadlax ... and your own dry-cured streaky bacon sizzling in the breakfast frying-pan. With an introduction by Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall and full-colour photographs as well as illustrations, this book is the go-to guide for anyone who wants to smoke, brine or air-dry their way to a happier kitchen.

A classic guide to preserving the harvest, Jellies, Jams, & Chutneys is divided into ten chapters. Nine of the chapters cover a wide range of recipes as well as providing detailed information on selecting and making the best use of ingredients. At the front of the book, illustrated sections cover equipment and cooking techniques in detail. Key techniques such as soil testing and potting safely are explained so clearly that everyone will feel confident. The reader is guided through the year season by season—at any time, there are delicious

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preserves, sweet or savory, that can be made. Jams, jellies, chutneys, relishes, pickles, cordials, syrups, vinegars, and ketchups are all covered. Food lovers will adore creating something amazing out of humble (and exotic) fruit and vegetables. Gardeners will love gathering their produce and turning a glut into a stockpile. Stressed-out executives everywhere will relish the satisfaction of slowing down long enough to make delicious chutneys and jams.

Preserving is not just about jam and marmalade. Although there are plenty of recipes for both, the Women's Institute Book of Preserves is full of modern ideas for making the most of fruits, vegetables and herbs. Traditional recipes such as Blackberry jam, Spiced tomato chutney and Rumtopf are sure to be as popular as always, while Parsley jelly, Mango Curd and Chilli Jam, Roasted Pepper Relish and Marinated Goat's Cheese bring preserving right up to date. Easier to make than you might imagine, preserves are a perfect way to use up wonderful seasonal produce. Made from fresh ingredients with no chemical additives, there is nothing better than home-made preserves at any time of year. From chutney to kimchi, from jam to gin – over 130 recipes for timeless preserves with a fresh modern flavour and seasonal appeal! Preserving is an ancient technique, which speaks to a modern sensibility. It puts you in step with the seasons, you can use up leftovers, and it helps you rediscover a timeless kitchen craftsmanship – all aspirations of the thoughtful modern cook. The Modern Preserver takes you through every aspect of preserving: from classic chutneys and jams,

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through pickles and fermentation, to cordials and compotes. It weds age-old methods with a very contemporary feel. There are fresh flavour pairings like Raspberry and Rose Jam, and Carrot and Citrus Chutney. There are ideas from across the world like Kimchi and Japanese Pickled Ginger. And there are more than 130 creative and unique recipes, be it for Strawberry and Lavender Gin or Roasted Red Pepper Ketchup. Kylee Newton is a passionate self-taught preserver with stalls at London's Broadway, Maltby Street and Peckham markets under the name Newton & Pott. Here she includes both simple recipes and immersive projects, and her recipes make stylish gifts and reassuringly natural homemade treats.

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additional tables showing sowing and harvesting times, plant sizes, and alternative varieties of plants for different sites. About thirty recipes and a directory of useful addresses finish the book, and the handbook is complemented by bright colour photography throughout. Practical and inspiring, with a textured hard cover and an introduction by Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall, Veg Patch is destined to join Handbooks No. 1, 2 and 3 as an indispensable household reference.

Recipes for the whole family.

In the second of the River Cottage Handbook series, Pam Corbin explains how to turn Britain's seasonal gluts of fruit, vegetables, flowers and herbs into delicious preserves to enjoy all year around. Preserving is a centuries-old way to make the most out of every season, stretching the more bountiful months into the sparser ones - and what's more, it is fun, rewarding and easy to learn. Explaining the history, science and basic processes of preserving, Pam Corbin guides us through a world of jams, jellies, butters, curds, pickles, chutneys, cordials, liqueurs, vinegars and sauces that can be made from local produce throughout the year. She includes 75 recipes, covering everything from traditional favourites such as raspberry jam, lemon curd, quince cheese and sloe gin, to fresh new combinations such as apple butter, cucumber pickle and nettle pesto. The handbook includes seasonable tables, regional maps, flow charts of all the preserving processes and full-colour photographs throughout, and is completed by a directory of equipment and useful addresses. With a textured hard cover and an introduction by Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall, Preserves is

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In the fourteenth River Cottage Handbook, Gill Meller shows how to keep pigs and cook with pork. Keeping a herd of pigs brings a lot of enjoyment – they are curious, intelligent and (often) lovable animals, with plenty of character. When the time comes, they can provide you with a fine carcass that can be turned into all manner of tasty things. The River Cottage ethos is all about knowing the story behind what's on the plate, and as Gill Meller explains in this accessible and comprehensive guide, by rearing and butchering your own pigs you'll be able to create a full range of delicious pork products in the most sustainable, economical and hands-on way possible. Pigs & Pork gives expert advice on choosing whether to keep your own pigs, on sourcing them and setting up their home, and on feeding and caring for them. Gill also explains how you can arrange for the pigs' eventual slaughter, and how to find a good butcher or carry out your own butchery at home and identify the different cuts of meat. And even if you are buying your pork from the butcher, there is plenty to inspire. In the mouth-watering recipe section you will find the ultimate roast pork, farmhouse pâtés, pork scratchings, brawn, sausages, rillettes, pork pies, Scotch eggs and black pudding, as well as instructions for how to home-cure your own bacon, ham and salami. And of course, there are guidelines for setting up a proper hog roast to cater

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for large numbers, River Cottage-style – simply the perfect fare for an outside gathering. Whether you are just after the secret to sensational crackling, or you want to go the whole hog and set up your own sty, this book will guide you on the road to pork heaven.

- 'Pam Corbin is the master, and the first person I turn to for everything to do with preserving. I've learnt so much from her'

– DIANA HENRY Pam Corbin is the expert who professional cooks consult when they want to make jams, jellies, marmalades, chutneys, pickles or anything else to do with preserving. They know her as 'Pam the Jam', and this book is the culmination of her years of experience, distilled into more than 100 tried-and-tested recipes. Her jams, marmalades and fruit spreads contain far less sugar than traditional recipes, which means that they taste astonishingly fruity and delicious. Likewise, her chutneys and pickles are lighter and sprightlier than the old-fashioned kind. Pam will show you how to make more unusual preserves too – such as glossy fruit cheeses to serve with everything from Stilton to manchego (which calls for her classic quince membrillo). Or creamy yet zesty fruit curd: there's a recipe for classic lemon curd, and also a wonderfully light lime and coconut one. If you have an array of Pam's preserves in your store cupboard, you can transform any meal in an instant. She'll inspire you to dig into your jars of preserves to make spin-off recipes such as scrumptious lime cheesecake, cherry pie or spicy sausage rolls. Packed with detailed instructions, explanations and tips, this is the only preserve-making bible that you will ever need.

Why don't we eat more veg? They're healthy, cost-effective and, above all, delicious. Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall believes that it is time to put this to rights, as he explains in this brilliant new book. He's come up with an abundance of veg-tastic recipes, including a warm salad of grilled courgettes, lemon, garlic, mint and mozzarella, a winter giant

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couscous salad with herbs and walnuts, radishes with butter and salt, lemony guacamole, linguine with mint and almond pesto and cherry tomatoes, baby carrot risotto, new potato gnocchi, a summer stir-fry with green veg, ginger, garlic and sesame, a winter stir-fry with Brussels sprouts, shiitake mushrooms and five-spice, a cheesy tomato tart, a spring onion galette, roast jacket chips with merguez spices and spiced yoghurt, curried bubble and squeak, scrambled eggs and asparagus with lemon, tomato gazpacho, pea and parsley soup, roast squash wedges, baba ganoush, beetroot houmous, spinach pasties and barbecued corn on the cob. With over 200 recipes and vibrant photography from Simon Wheeler, River Cottage Veg Every Day is a timely eulogy to the glorious green stuff.

In Fermentation, Rachel de Thample shines a light on one of the oldest methods of preserving food, which is just as relevant today, and shows you how to produce delicious and health-boosting ferments in your own kitchen. There are more than 80 simple recipes to make everything from sauerkraut and sourdough, kimchee and kombucha, to pickles and preserves, accompanied by thorough explanations of how the fermenting process works. With little more than yeast and bacteria, salt and time, a whole realm of culinary possibilities opens up. With an introduction by Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall and plenty of helpful step-by-step photographs, this book will bring the art of fermentation to your kitchen.

Influenced by its neighbours and the countries closest to it, Burmese food draws techniques and ingredients from Thailand, India and China but uses flavours of its own to make something subtle, delicious and unique. The food of Burma is little known, but MiMi seeks to change that within these pages, revealing its secrets and providing context to each recipe with stories from her time in Burma and her family's heritage. Beginning with a look at the ingredients that

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makes Burmese food unique – as well as suitable alternatives – MiMi goes on to discuss the special techniques and equipment needed before delving into chapters such as fritters, rice and noodles, salads, meat and fish and sweet snacks. Within these pages you'll find 100 incredible recipes, enabling you to create a taste of Burma in your own kitchen. The first canning manual and cookbook authored by Michelin-starred chef and *Vie* restaurant owner Paul Virant, featuring more than 100 recipes Pairing science with art, Paul Virant presents expert preserving techniques, sophisticated recipes, and seasonal menus inspired by the award-winning fare at his restaurant, *Vie*, in Western Springs, Illinois. Imaginative tangy jams, brandied fruits, zesty relishes, cured meats, and sweet and savory conserves are the focus of the first half of this book, while seasonal menus pairing these preserves with everything from salads and cocktails to poached fish and braised meat compose the second. Brandied Cherries used in Cherry Clafoutis, or as a garnish for the Beer-Jam Manhattan, are a sweet reminder of the summer harvest. And the Chicken Fried Steak with Smoked Spring Onion Relish anticipates warmer days when you're still deep in winter. Alongside recipes and menus, Virant draws on his extensive technical knowledge and experience to provide detailed and comprehensive guidelines for safe canning practices, testing pH, pressure canning, water bath processing, and storing. But no matter how precise the science, Virant never forgets the art in each handcrafted preserve and thoughtfully developed recipe. His unique approach re-imagines seasonal eating by harmonizing opposite or unusual partnerships: the brightness of summer fruit may be tempered with the earthiness of meats and winter produce, or the delicacy of spring vegetables might be enriched by the robust herbs and spices more typical of fall. The Preservation Kitchen not only demonstrates and instructs, it encourages and explores the

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limitless possibilities of capturing the seasons in a jar. The River Cottage farm, established by British food personality Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall to promote high-quality, local, and sustainable food, has inspired a television series, restaurants and classes, and a hit series of books. In this new addition to the award-winning collection, River Cottage baking instructor Daniel Stevens shares his irrepressible enthusiasm and knowledge to help you bake better bread. From familiar classics such as ciabatta and pizza dough, to new challenges like potato bread, rye loaves, tortillas, naan, croissants, doughnuts, and bagels, each easy-to-follow recipe is accompanied by full-color, step-by-step photos. There's even an in-depth chapter on building your own backyard wood-fired oven.

In the fifteenth River Cottage Handbook, Tim Maddams offers a comprehensive guide to harvesting and preparing game, and a host of delicious recipes. Game offers some of the most intense, delicate, rich and varied meat around. And not only is it delicious, it can also be a healthy and more nutritious alternative to traditional red meats. Here, Tim Maddams gives an accessible guide to obtaining, assessing, preparing and cooking game, including pheasant, grouse, venison, partridge, hare, rabbit, boar and duck. Tim begins by describing the characteristics of game species, then discusses ethical and sustainable hunting, preservation and seasonality. Next he gives a step-by-step guide to skinning, feathering and butchering techniques (and if you don't have a fresh supply, how to buy game meat). Lastly he shares his seriously tasty recipes from the River Cottage kitchen, such as Slow-roast spiced soy duck, Quick-smoked duck, Lasagne of game and wild mushrooms, Partridge with pumpkin and cider, Goose sausages, Gamekeeper's pie and Roasted hen pheasant with all the trimmings. With an introduction by Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall and colour photography throughout,

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Game is the indispensable guide to enjoying wild meat. Rachel Saunders's *The Blue Chair Jam Cookbook* is the definitive jam and marmalade cookbook of the 21st century. In addition to offering more than 100 original jam, jelly, and marmalade recipes, master jam artisan Rachel Saunders shares all of her technical preserving knowledge, as well as her unique jam maker's perspective on fruit. Rachel combines nostalgia with a modern, sustainable approach to creating fresh and vividly flavored preserves. The recipes are divided into chapters based on the seasons, and each chapter is organized by month and type of fruit. Sample recipes include Strawberry-Marsala Jam with Rosemary, Italian Lemon Marmalade, and Early Girl Tomato Jam. More than 100 stunning photographs by Sara Remington illustrate each part of the preserving process--from the different stages of cooking to testing for doneness to the final canning stage. Each recipe includes an approximate yield and a suggested shelf life, in addition to details on recommended equipment, including Rachel's beloved copper jam pot. *The Blue Chair Jam Cookbook* gives all measurements by weight rather than volume, making it the most exact and reliable American jam book on the market. More than 20 recipe variations are provided, along with detailed information about common and rare fruits, hybrid varieties, and flavor combinations. Nothing is left to

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chance or overlooked; Rachel explains every aspect of jam and marmalade making in step-by-step detail. The Blue Chair Jam Cookbook is a one-of-a-kind, must-have resource for home and professional cooks alike.

In the seventh of the River Cottage Handbook series, John Wright explores the culinary delights of the British hedgerow. Hedgerows, moors, meadows and woods - these hold a veritable feast for the forager. In this hugely informative and witty handbook, John Wright reveals how to spot the free and delicious pickings to be found in the British countryside, and how to prepare and cook them. First John touches on the basics for the hedgerow forager, with an introduction to conservation, safety, the law, and all the equipment that you may need. Next he guides you through the tasty edible species to be found. Each one is accompanied by photographs for identification, along with their conservation status, habitat, distribution, season, taste, texture and cooking methods - not forgetting, of course, some fascinating asides and diversions about their taxonomy and history. Fifty species are covered, including bilberries, blackberries, raspberries, common mallow, dandelions, hedge garlic, horseradish, pignuts, nettles, sloes, sweet chestnuts, water mint, bulrushes and wild cherries. After this there is a section describing the poisonous species to steer clear of, with identifying

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photographs as well as warnings about nasty 'lookalikes'. Finally, there are thirty delicious recipes to show how you can make the most of your (edible) findings. Introduced by Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall, Hedgerow is an indispensable household reference, and an essential book to have by your side for every trip into the countryside.

Offers an overview on canning food at home, instructions on the process, and over two hundred recipes for pickles, relishes, chutneys, and salsas.

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In the tenth River Cottage Handbook, Nikki Duffy shows how to grow and cook with herbs. Herbs are the most liberating and confidence-boosting of ingredients: grow some and you feel like a proper gardener, bring some into the kitchen and you feel like a proper cook. They allow you to experiment and bring individuality to your cooking while, at the same time, anchoring you in sound culinary tradition because herbs are often responsible for those key flavours that 'make' a dish. Not only that but they are a step on the road to a more self-sufficient, homegrown, organic way of eating. In the first part of the book, Nikki explains how to get the most from herbs. She outlines the basic choosing, picking and using guidelines. The second part is a catalogue of herbs, each with grow-your-own notes, flavour descriptions and mini-recipes. Among the forty herbs that Nikki describes are basil, bay, bergamot, chives,

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coriander, dill, fennel, horseradish, hyssop, marigold, marjoram, mint, parsley, perilla, rocket, rosemary, sage, scented geranium, tarragon, thyme, wild garlic and winter savory. Following this are over fifty wonderful and adaptable recipes for everything from herb-scented cakes and biscuits to soups, stuffings and tarts, where more than one herb is, or can be, used. With an introduction by Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall and full-colour photographs, Herbs is a must-have book for every kitchen.

In the eighth of the River Cottage Handbook series, Pam Corbin offers an appealing guide to baking perfect cakes. Baking is the most comforting and entirely satisfying of the culinary arts - making a cake is not only a sumptuous process in its own right but the end result is entirely delicious. Pam Corbin offers the voice of experience, setting out basic techniques and recipes that will guarantee success. This is traditional baking at its very best, with over 75 adaptable recipes including Macaroons, Meringues, Fairy Cakes (and their counterpart - Gnome Cakes), the classic Victoria Sandwich, Rhubarb Pudding Cake, Walnut Cake, Banana Breakfast Muffins, Orange Cake with Earl Grey Icing, and the glorious Battenberg Cake with its distinctive pink and yellow checks. As a finishing touch, there is a section devoted to sweet embellishments like feather icing, crystallised violets and chocolate leaves. Say goodbye to sinking sponges and brittle brownies with

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this comprehensive guide to the heavenly world of cake making, introduced by Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall.

In the first of the River Cottage Handbook series, mycologist John Wright uncovers the secret habits and habitats of Britain's thriving mushrooms - and the team at River Cottage explain how to cook them to perfection. In the first of the River Cottage Handbook series, mycologist John Wright explains the ins and outs of collecting, including relevant UK laws, conservation notes, practical tips and identification techniques. He takes us through the 72 species we are most likely to come across during forays in Britain's forests and clearings: old friends the Chanterelle and Cep, as well as a whole colourful host of more unfamiliar names - edible species including the Velvet Shank, the Horn of Plenty, the Amethyst Deceiver, the Giant Puffball and the Chicken in the Woods, and poisonous types such as the Sickener, the Death Cap and the Destroying Angel. The handbook is completed by more than 30 simple and delicious mushroom recipes from the River Cottage team. With colour photographs throughout, line drawings, a user-friendly Key and an introduction by Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall, the River Cottage Mushroom Handbook is a comprehensive and collectable guide, destined to be an indispensable household reference.

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Nothing beats a really good cheese. These days you can buy great dairy products locally, made using high-quality ingredients and with a unique flavour of their own. The next step is to try your hand at making yoghurt, labneh, mozzarella and even delicious matured cheeses yourself. The River Cottage ethos is all about knowing the whole story behind what you put on the table; and as Steven Lamb explains in this thorough, accessible guide, the key ingredient is milk. He shows you exactly what to do to take it from its liquid form to a wide range of dairy products, from clotted cream to a washed-rind cheese. There are also plenty of gorgeous recipes that make the most of cheese and other dairy goods – as you'd hope, they involve such pleasures as dunking carbs into a pot of melty cheese; biting down on a delicate cheese wafer; or whipping up the best ever cheesecake. With an introduction by Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall and plenty of helpful photographs, this book is the indispensable guide to crafting and enjoying cheese and other dairy products.

Provides an understanding of British fish, from their natural habitats to what sauce they go best with to how to respect their seasonality, in keeping with the River Cottage ethos. This book explains the ins and outs of procuring a good fish, as well as how to buy and catch fish in an ethical way, and how to prepare it for the kitchen.

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In the third of the River Cottage Handbook series, Daniel Stevens explains the ins and outs of baking, and inspires us to abandon ready-sliced loaves for a world of delicious breads baked at home. First, Daniel examines the key ingredients in baking (flour, yeast, salt and water), explains the science behind the seemingly alchemic processes, and advises on the right kit to get started. He then demonstrates how to make yeast and non-yeast breads, as well as enriched doughs and home-started sourdough, and includes sixty recipes, covering everything from the simple white loaf and familiar classics such as ciabatta, naan and pizza bread, to fresh new challenges like potato bread, rye, tortilla, croissants, doughnuts and bagels. The handbook is completed by full-colour photographs throughout, including step-by-step photos, instructions for building your own bread oven, and a directory of equipment and useful addresses.

Making your own wine is a cheap and pleasurable hobby - not difficult to do if simple rules are followed. The result is wines which cost a fraction of those bought in the shops. In *Outdoor Cooking*, Gill Meller explains every aspect of cooking out in the open. He will take you back to basics with a guide to building the perfect fire, and reinvigorate your summer barbecue by cooking bread on it, grilling Indian-style kebabs, smoking fish or roasting succulent joints of meat. You can also find out how to make the most of a pizza oven or Kamado-style clay barbecue (popularised by the Big Green Egg) and, if you're feeling adventurous, there are comprehensive instructions for spit roasting larger pieces of meat or making a smouldering earth oven. With an introduction by Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall and plenty of mouth-watering photographs, this book will rekindle your passion for the great outdoors and spark new ideas for creative cooking in the wild.

This text is more than just a collection of Hugh's recipes. It's

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also a friendly, practical guide to the River Cottage lifestyle, with advice on rearing your own meat, growing your own vegetables, and tapping into the free wild harvest.

'Exactly the kind of person you want to lead you through Christmas... a comprehensive volume' Diana Henry, Sunday Telegraph Christmas at River Cottage encapsulates the very best that the season has to offer, guiding you from the autumn equinox, through advent and Christmas, and merrily into the new year with inspiration, traditions and indispensable recipes for every festive occasion. These are recipes that have been honed over the years and are rooted in the River Cottage foundations of tradition, seasonality and sustainability. As well as the ultimate versions of all the classics, there are a whole host of new ideas for showstopping centrepieces, sparkling cocktails, prep-ahead canapes, edible gifts, livening up leftovers, as well as some of Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall's festive favourites. And accompanying all of this are tips from Lucy and Hugh on planning ahead, making natural decorations, effortlessly feeding a crowd and orchestrating the great Christmas Dinner so you'll also be able to find the magic along the way.

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