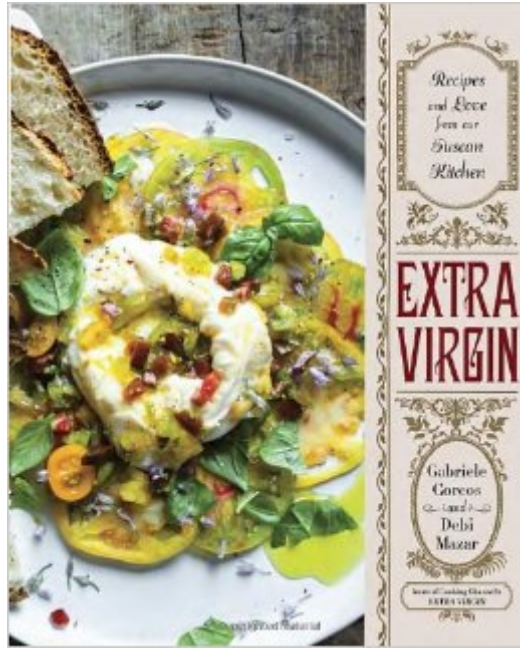


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# Extra Virgin: Recipes & Love From Our Tuscan Kitchen



## Synopsis

DEBI MAZAR and GABRIELE CORCOS are ambassadors of contemporary Tuscan cooking. In *Extra Virgin*, food, family, and style come together in a celebration of the pleasures of the rustic Italian table with 120 recipes for simple yet exquisite meals that are accessible, full of fresh flavor, and easy to prepare. Gabriele is a traditional Italian with a big heart, and Debi is an outgoing, brash New York City girl. Their sassy and playful exchanges illuminate what's important in everyday life: good food and a lot of love. Ranging from traditional antipasti and soups to their spin on entrees, pizzas, and desserts, recipes include Pecorino and Honey Dip, a sweet and salty way to start a meal; tangy, luscious Grilled Apricots with Goat Cheese Ricotta, inspired by wild Tuscan apricot trees; and Sausage and Beans, which offers hints of fennel in a Tuscan red sauce. Here, too, are Braised Artichokes softened in guanciale-infused oil, Breakfast Pizza, and Coffee Granita just as Italians make it. So flag these recipes, get sauce on them, let splashes of olive oil mark the pages—and invite Debi and Gabriele's charisma and passion for cooking to spill into your kitchen.

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## Customer Reviews

I love Debi and Gabriele's show on the Cooking Channel. I've made many of their recipes and they have all garnered stellar reviews. They have made me fall in love with Tuscan food and I couldn't be more happy with this gorgeous book that was just delivered. I was thrilled to see that the book has the Roast Pork recipe with sage and rosemary - one of the best pork loin recipes I have made. The book is beautiful and the photos are stunning! I'm editing this review as I have had further time to

review the book - and am pleased that many of the recipes from the show are included in this book. I'm of the school (being the founder of the Cookbook Junkies) that I'd rather have a beautiful book in my hand than a sheet of paper while cooking. I can wholeheartedly recommend Gabriele and Debi's recipes - they work, are rustic and delicious. The beef stew, lasagna, pasta alla gricia, and tiramisi are just a few of the dishes I have made and are perfect - and am looking forward to the risotto with carrot honey that I am making this week as well as many others. Gabriele has given me permission to start a group to cook through the book so - please come join us! Search Cooking through Extra Virgin - Recipes and Love from our Tuscan Kitchen on Facebook.

I got the book and was tearing into it like it was Christmas morning! I love the show and even watch the reruns. I use to DVR the ones I wanted to be sure to cook. I learned how to make homemade mozzarella and limoncello! You have not lived until you have made homemade mozzarella. Take a tip from Gabriel and get the kids or as for me the grand kids involved, they will love it AND eat it like crazy. The recipes are not to many ingredients and unlike some others you can find the ingredients you need at your local market. The book is beautifully illustrated and I am so excited to start cooking through it. A must have REAL ITALIAN book for your collection! You will use it more than you think. I just have made the ROASTED PORK LOIN and the Limoncello so I thought I would post a picture for you. The taste is as good as it looks and not even a drinker but all my friends want the Limoncello which I have resting right now and they will get it on the 4th of July weekend! The fresh herbs make a big difference and I have my herb boxes that are growing very well. The recipes are truly delicious and EASY to follow directions. Hope you enjoy!

I love to cook. I love to eat. After spending thousands of dollars on books and magazines that just continued to disappointed me, I swore that I would never buy anything again. I even got to the point where I was tired of cooking shows on tv. I stopped watching them completely. Several years later, I was going through channels, and saw Extra Virgin. I just watched at first. Debi and Gabriele slowly memorized me with their genuine passion for food, I started to try their recipes, one by one. Each recipe I tried, exceeded my expectations. Not only that, it's so easy to follow! When they said they were going to release a book, I knew I had to get one. I pre-ordered it. Their book is beautiful and filled with so much passion and love. I have never read a cookbook that had so much genuineness in it! They go into so much details about everything. Everything is so simple, yet tastes so elegant. Also, I've tried about half of their recipes and I have yet to find one that isn't fantastic. I'm learning so much about Tuscan food. I'm learning about foods I didn't know of! Like Speck or Guanciale. I

now have to go to Italy. I have to go to Florence. I have to eat there. I even want to live there. That's how much passion and love Debi and Gabriele show in this book. If you haven't gotten your copy yet, get it while it's still in print! This will be one of those cookbooks that you wish you had or be glad you bought it. Thank you so much Debi and Gabriele for all your hard work and dedication, it has gotten me back cooking new recipes again!!!! I also have never written a review for any product, anywhere.

My Great Grandmother and Great Grandfather were from Italy and my Mother (their Granddaughter) taught me how to cook. While she was a very good cook and teacher, lots can be lost in a couple generations born in America, a kind of Americanized version of Italian cooking, usually overcomplicated. I barely remember my Great Grandmother but I do remember she didn't speak English but she sure could cook. I can still taste and smell her cooking even though I was only maybe 4 years old when she passed. This cookbook made me feel as though she were standing right behind me, showing me the way she cooked! This book is really full of heart, soul, lots of love and really great, easy to make authentic recipes! I felt inspired just reading through it and came up with some wonderful spinoffs of my own and after all isn't that what makes a great cookbook? One that not only has wonderful recipes but one that brings out your own creativity. I already have olive oil splattered all over it and notes on several pages. Now, that's a book you know is good! Can't wait for the next one while I'm cooking my way through this one! BRAVO, My Great Grandmother is smiling! P.S. Loved the photo with the old chipped Deruta plate, beauty is not always perfection!

Beautiful book, but the recipes are all well known or extremely simple. Examples of recipes include grilled peaches, melon with prosciutto, spaghetti puttanesca, basil pesto, spaghetti alla carbonara. I paged through looking for something new and innovative but found very little. Will return it for this reason.

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