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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. More than an omeletBy Ionia FromentFor those who are serious "foodies" this book will either irk the living daylights out of you or make you laugh. I took the high road and chose to laugh. This author uses a unique brand of silly humor to add flair to his memoir...or cookbook...or random musings...or whatever you can classify this book as. Either way, it is funny because he lists real life experiences he has had

successfully creating some dishes and failing totally at others. What I liked the most about this book was the way the author makes a joke out of himself and yet as the book progresses, you can tell that he has learned a lot and has enjoyed the journey. This book is written in a way that makes it fun for anyone, whether you can cook or not. I probably won't be trying out the recipes in this book anytime soon, but I did like his usage of his own measurement system such as "a little bit" or "a whole bunch" as I felt this added to the backyard chef element of this book and that was what made it so much fun. I found it interesting that the author speaks of having OCD and organizing all of his salad dressings and pots and pans and yet on the next page, there is a photo of his spice collection in disarray where things are facing with the labels in where you can't read them and the sizes of the bottles are haphazard. Maybe he's not so OCD after all. He did a good job organizing this book. :) I would recommend this book to anyone looking for a light, easy read that has some good laughs. 11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Imagine if David Sedaris and Lynne Rosetto Kasper had a love-child...By Drew Jansen What a hoot! The author is a later-in-life foodie who wields his sense of humor as expertly as Julia Child did a wire whisk! Dane's takes on food and its fans intertwine with sparkingly offbeat interviews, insights into his relationship with "The Girlfriend," and MUCH more. Seriously...there's out-loud laughter on every page. This is perfect light summer reading, and would make a great gift for anyone who eats and/or is in a relationship...in other words, everyone. Now if you'll excuse me, I'm going to see if I can master those yummy meatloaf muffins on the cover...0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Only two recipes but not something you want to try. Funny. By Linda This sounds like a cookbook but it isn't. It can be funny in places. It is more like a series of cooking blogs. He likes to comment on various food and aspects of cooking. He doesn't read instructions and just puts things together. He is great at making substitution with what he has on hand even if they are far removed from the ingredient called for. He reminds me of my father in that aspect. He had no cooking training and came up with some weird taking dishes. This gentleman does the same thing. He also comments on interviews with well know chefs.

After many years of working in standup comedy, followed by a small nervous breakdown, I decided to learn about cooking at the age of fifty. Along the way, I found a little bit of sanity. If you're a full-fledged foodie or a kitchen klutz, whether you love to cook or live for take-out -- if you're craving humor with a bite, this book is for you. Join me on my stumbling culinary journey, as I bridge the gap between Top Ramen and Top Chef, from 'The Piggly Wiggly Cookbook' to Modernist Cuisine. If you like gadgets, I'll tell you about everything from quinoa sifters to guns that shoot beef jerky. You'll also read about two of the most important things any good cook should have: a cast-iron skillet and a catchphrase. You'll meet a group of performers who make music with vegetables . . . a man who has made the best doughnuts in L.A. for the past fifty years . . . and a tattooed, fire-loving chef with a connection to Hunter S. Thompson. Find out how the host of "The Splendid Table" feels about okra, and learn about cooking a fox from somebody's mom. My own mom makes a surprise appearance, too, and I even throw in a couple of recipes for good measure. Dig in!

About the Author Michael Dane has successfully avoided real work for most of his adult life. He has been a writer since fourth grade, when his mom read his first story and said, "You should be a writer." Instead, he did standup comedy, appearing regularly at the Comedy Store in Hollywood. He's also performed on a frozen lake for the opening of ice-fishing season, at a synagogue for Purim, and at the Oxnard Strawberry Festival. Surprisingly, none of those gigs led to an HBO special. Michael Dane lives in Minneapolis now, where he has decided his mom was probably right. Not for nothing, he also makes a killer meatloaf.