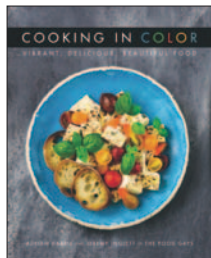


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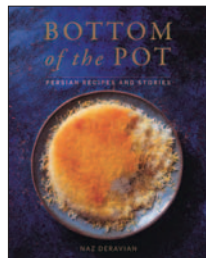
Find kitchen inspiration in these mouth-watering new cookbooks, available at local bookstores (page 20).—*Sheri Radford*



Cooking in Color: Vibrant, Delicious, Beautiful Food by Adrian Harris and Jeremy Inglett of The Food Gays (HarperCollins Canada): For years Vancouverites have been drooling over photos of meticulously prepared dishes on the Food Gays' blog and Instagram feed. Now the adorable duo of Harris and Inglett have produced a gorgeous cookbook to teach you how to create those tantalizing dishes for yourself.



Seven Seasons on Stowel Lake Farm: Stories and Recipes That Nourish Community by Jennifer Lloyd-Karr, Elizabeth Young and Lisa Lloyd (Page Two): Nestled on picturesque Salt Spring Island is Stowel Lake Farm, a thriving organic farm that also hosts yoga classes and wellness retreats. Even if an island visit isn't on your itinerary, you can pick up this book filled with uncomplicated recipes and crafting tips.



Bottom of the Pot: Persian Recipes and Stories by Naz Deravian (Flatiron Books): During the Iranian Revolution of 1979, when Deravian was eight years old, her family fled from their home in Iran and moved to Rome and then Vancouver. Her debut cookbook overflows with the aromas and flavours of Iran in more than 100 mouth-watering recipes, punctuated by Deravian's essays that explore the idea of home.

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COMMERCIAL DRIVE

Caribbean HAVANA Part restaurant, part theatre, this colourful spot salutes Cuba's capital with framed art prints on the walls and authentic flavours on the menu. \$\$, B/L/D (daily). 1212 Commercial Dr. 604-253-9119. www.havanarestaurant.ca **Map 4: D4**

Distillery ODD SOCIETY DISTILLERY Unique small-batch distillery for spirit-lovers. Their East Van Vodka uses 100% BC malted barley, tempered to crispness by hand. Further delights include Wallflower Gin and crème de cassis. Sip signature cocktails in the tasting lounge, take a tour or buy a bottle. Open Th-Su. 1725 Powell St. 604-

716-6745. www.oddsocietyspirits.com
Map 2: C3

Italian PEPINO'S SPAGHETTI HOUSE Dig into hearty servings of traditional Italian-American fare in this cozy dining room. Sample house-made pasta, Ocean Wise seafood and organic, hormone-free meats. Sip wines from Southern Italy, and bottled cocktails such as Negronis. \$\$, L (M-F), D (daily). 631 Commercial Dr. 604-254-5633. www.pepinos.ca **Map 4: D5**

DENMAN & STANLEY PARK

Casual PEAKED PIES Sweet and savoury pies inspired by classic Australian flavours. Settle in at the long

communal tables to enjoy meat pies that feature everything from ground beef to kangaroo. Pies can be "peaked" by adding generous scoops of mashed potatoes, mushy peas and gravy. \$, B/L/D (daily). 975 Denman St. 778-379-5612. www.peakedpies.com & **Map 1: B3**

Casual STANLEY'S BAR & GRILL

Nestled in the trees in the charming Stanley Park Pavilion, this rustic eatery serves comfort foods such as burgers and fish and chips, along with BC draft beers and VQA wines. Dine indoors or take in the view on the large patio. \$\$, L (daily). 610 Pipeline Rd. 604-602-3088. www.stanleyparkpavilion.com & **Map 1: A3**



HOT STUFF Carnivores are buzzing about the recently opened Elisa (page 75), home to a one-of-a-kind Grillworks Infierno that serves up perfectly wood-fired steaks every time.