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Home Cooking with Charlie Trotter

By Charlie Trotter

Ten Speed Press, \$25.00, 218 pages

In the introduction, we are told that the goal of this book is “elevating everyday cuisine to a higher level of sophistication.” This goal is a bit overstated. While the recipes are generally accessible to an average or above-average home cook, these are not dishes that will be served on a typical family Tuesday night. Some items could be made for a weeknight dinner, such as Almond Crusted Chicken Breast (page 110), or Sautéed Pork Chops (page 138). But, many recipes require a lot of prep or attention



while cooking and are not conducive to every-night meals. However, this cookbook does offer many recipes that could be prepared and offered up as an impressive meal for a casual weekend dinner party. The entrees are generally presented with a side dish in accompaniment. One of the more useful features in the book is the basic recipes at the very beginning of the book for various kinds of stocks and reductions called for frequently in this book. There are also tips on how to pair food with wine, as well as eight sample menus.

This is a nice cookbook to have if you are one that likes to cook for guests. But, this is not an essential cookbook for the everyday home cook.

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