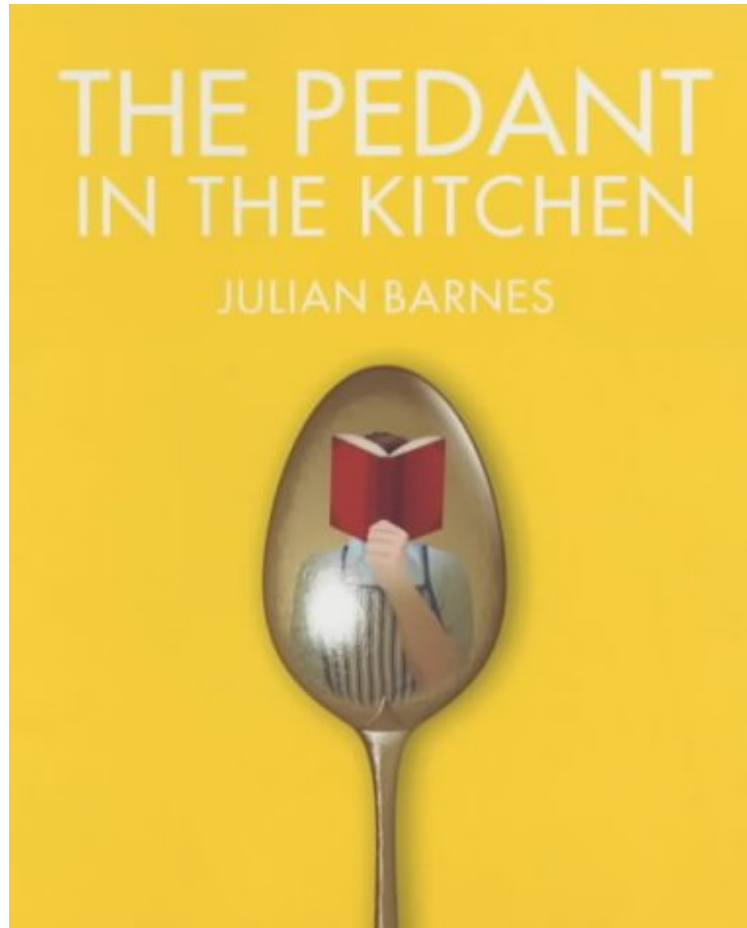


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A JOY TO READBy Jamie IvanMr. Barnes amazes with every book! I just recently discovered this work (I've read almost everything he has written),which is a joy to read, and will cause flashbacks to everyone frustrated while learning to cook... by using cookbooks.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. One of a KindBy GirishJulian Barnes is not trying to be a masterchef, nor is he dismissive of cookbooks as a genre. Yes, he goes into a rant from time to time (that has you laughing), but don't we all? The Pedant in the Kitchen is one hilarious read!This is probably the only book in this genre and Barnes has got it spot on."Cooking is the transformation of uncertainty(the recipe) into certainty (the dish) via fuss" - And so Barnes launches into demystifying the fuss, through anecdotes and impeccable British Wit. Asks important questions on every cook's(who doesn't want to kill the guests) mind - critiquing the cookbooks for good measures. Doesn't hold back or generalize - declares love for Pomaine and ask you to chug Mr.B out the window!Barnes also touches upon the social

aspects of cooking for guests and mentions "She for whom the Pedant Cooks" several times. paints a picture of a helpless author who is taken to cooking cos he loves the uncertainty. Warning: Don't read the book while drinking Hot coffee :) 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A very entertaining book about chefs and cooking By Patrice J. M. Brendle This is a very good example of what Julian Barnes can achieve on such a light subject and how funny he can be. At the same time, it displays a very deep knowledge of the practical art of cooking. Clearly also, JB knows his authors as confirmed by his use of the body of work of Edouard de Pomiane, an early 20th century French scientist and cookbook writer. But this is a book for amateur cooks or unconditional fans of JB. I am both.

This work is an elegant account of Julian Barnes' search for gastronomic precision. It is a quest that leaves him seduced by Jane Grigson, infuriated by Nigel Slater and reassured by Mrs Beeton's Victorian virtues. For anyone who has ever been defeated by a cookbook.

About the Author Julian Barnes has written nine novels, a book of short stories, and two collections of essays. He has received several awards and honors for his writing including the Somerset Maugham Award (Metroland 1981), and two Booker Prize nominations (Flaubert's Parrot 1984, England, England 1998).