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All these rich recipes can be cooked at home, although some will require practiced skill and a well-stocked pantry. This is cuisine of the old school, with meals by leading French chefs from such stellar Paris restaurants as **Lasserre, La Tour d'Argent, Maxim's, and Le Train Bleu**. Good taste, however voluptuous, never goes out of fashion. In making this exceptionally rare book available to a wide audience, TASCHEN brings **an artwork, a practical cookbook, and a multisensory adventure** to today's kitchens.

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Editorial Review

Review

“...an unsurprisingly extravagant cookbook.” (*theculturetrip.com*)

“Whether purchased for the cuisine or the art, *Les Dîners de Gala* demonstrates how Dalí, as a multifaceted artist, never allowed himself to be bound by the limits of the canvas. His artistic mind knew no bounds, moving from the gallery to the kitchen with ease.” (*mymodernmet.com*)

“Not only is *Les Dîners de Gala* a work of art, it’s a series of avant-garde recipes and sumptuous illustrations which reveal the wider worldview that pleasure should always take priority.” (*anothermag.com*)

“Food porn at its most gluttonous.” (*Wired.com*)

“Surrealist fans and kooky cooks will enjoy TASCHEN’s re-issue of Salvador Dalí’s 1973 cookbook, *Les Dîners de Gala*. Illustrated with Dalí’s bizarre, erotic work and dinner spreads shot in garish 1970s tones, this is a legitimate cookbook...” (*theartnewspaper.com*)

“...a cookbook unlike any before (or after, for that matter).” (*travelandleisure.com*)

“This is one for hedonists. It brims with Dalí’s sumptuous, often phallic, illustrations and wry photographs of the mustachioed painter at his famous dinner parties. [...] It’s unlike any other cookbook this year, or any other year, for that matter.” (*The Times, London*)

“A mammoth tome whose lustrous gold cover hints at decadence to come.” (*Hyperallergic.com, New York*)

“It is a universal truth that great art, like great food, elevates everyday experience. But in 1973 Salvador Dalí went one step further with *Les Dîners de Gala*, which rocketed both disciplines at once into domestic dream realm. [...] A cookbook like no other.” (*British GQ*)

“...this Christmas, take a lead from the artist Salvador Dalí’s little-known cookery book *Les dîners de Gala* and seriously impress – or bewilder – your guests.” (*The Financial Times, London*)

“As fanciful and sumptuous as you’d expect.” (*The Toronto Star, Canada*)

“...a surrealist feast for the eyes, a kaleidoscope of weird, captivating, extraordinary, and mind-bending images, with recipes to match.” (*The Boston Globe*)

“...a visual explosion of surrealism and outrageous recipes.” (*The New York Times*)

“A look into a lost gastronomic world.” (*The Observer, London*)

“Plucked birds and pleasure gardens, could we ask for anything more?” (*Artnet.com*)

“*Les dîners de Gala* might be Dalí’s most delightful feat...” (*dazeddigital.com*)

“As a forceful, surrealist reflection of Dalí’s life at the dinner table, it is something cooks and creators of all

types will find plenty to connect with, too.” (*Chef José Andrés in The Washington Post, D.C.*)

“...a bizarre work of edible art.” (*foodandwine.com*)

“Dali’s surrealist cuisine was a bit like his surrealist art: The outlandish jokes and self-spoofing persona concealed tremendous technique.” (*SAVEUR*)

“Salvador Dalí’s exotic and imaginative cookbook, filled with the stuff your dreams (or possibly your nightmares) are made of.” (*Metro.com, London*)

“[A] fabulous reprint of the famous 1973 cookbook. [...] Do try this at home.” (*Tatler, London*)

“This holiday season, the gourmand in your life will accept one gift and one gift only: Salvador Dalí’s cookbook, with its recipes for frog pasties and thousand-year-old eggs. Any kitchen without it is disappointingly ordinary and should be destroyed immediately.” (*theparisreview.com*)

“Ultimately, this is a book about acknowledging all of the carnal desires that come straight from the dark heart of what it means to be human, with Dalí as both high priest and ringmaster.” (*Bookforum, New York*)

“A surrealist, sensory treat.” (*Metro, London*)

Users Review

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Dorothy Roper:

Spent a free time for you to be fun activity to accomplish! A lot of people spent their down time with their family, or their particular friends. Usually they doing activity like watching television, planning to beach, or picnic in the park. They actually doing same every week. Do you feel it? Do you wish to something different to fill your personal free time/ holiday? Could be reading a book may be option to fill your cost-free time/ holiday. The first thing that you will ask may be what kinds of guide that you should read. If you want to test look for book, may be the book untitled Dalí: Les Dîners de Gala can be excellent book to read. May be it could be best activity to you.

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