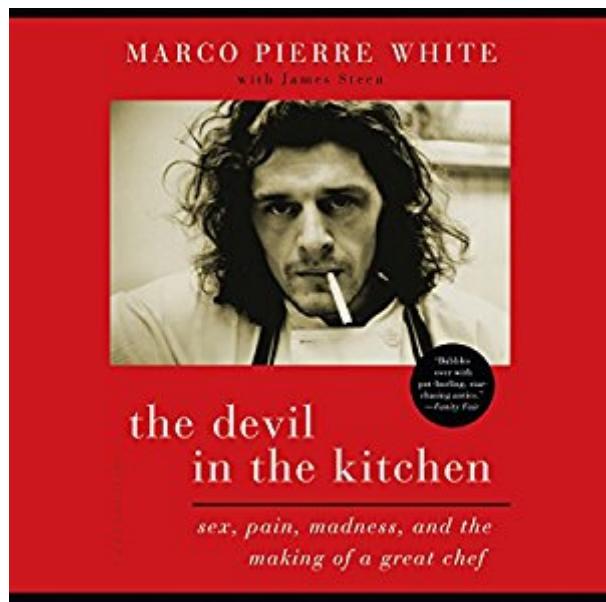


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The Devil In The Kitchen: Sex, Pain, Madness, And The Making Of A Great Chef



Synopsis

Without question, the original rock-star chef is Marco Pierre White. Anyone with even a passing interest in the food world knows White is a legend. The first British chef (and the youngest chef anywhere) to win three Michelin stars - and the only chef ever to give them all back - is a chain-smoking, pot-throwing multiply married culinary genius whose fierce devotion to food and restaurants has been the only constant in a life of tabloid-ready turmoil. In *The Devil in the Kitchen*, White tells the story behind his ascent from working-class roots to culinary greatness, leaving no dish unserved as he relays raucous and revealing tales featuring some of the biggest names in the food world and beyond, including: Mario Batali, Gordon Ramsay, Albert Roux, Raymond Blanc, Michael Caine, Damien Hirst, and even Prince Charles. With candid honesty and wicked humor, he gives us insight into what it takes to become a great chef, what it's like to run a three-star kitchen, and why sometimes you really do need to throw a cheese plate at the wall.

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Customer Reviews

For a seemingly interesting life, this is a bland story telling. I had watched Marco on *Masterchef* and was certainly intrigued by his approach and practice of the craft. His style was certainly appealing. He knew how to talk in front of the camera. He marked his presence. Compared to that, the book seems rather uninteresting. Getting into too mundane aspects, it is repetitive and unidimensional. I don't know if it's how the life of the man was, or how he preferred to see his life, but I'm sure a life is more interesting than the "getting up-going to work-pushed by people /shouting at people - doing work-getting exhausted-crashing on the bed" routine. If that is the case, one should certainly restrain from

writing autobiographies. There were certain parts of the book, especially inserts in italics, where one gets to see the mind of the man, his ideas, his views. If the idea out of being repetitive & talking mostly about the kitchen life & restaurant (so little about the food, his philosophy about that) was to show the tough life and the obsessive nature of the man (about michelin stars!!!), it did its work. But why do I need to read it again & again, said in almost the same way. If no other way was possible, perhaps this book should have had half the pages as it does now.

As a chef I absolutely love Marco, however, as a person I think he can be extremely complicated. It definately comes out in his book. I respect what he managed to achieve at such a young age and I don't think there are many chef's around today with this guys passion for cooking. Loved this book and very entertaining. I read this book first, then Gordon Ramsay's, and it was interesting to hear both sides of their stories when it came to their feud !! I detect that there is a slight bit of jealousy on Marco's side, as his one time apprentice, went on to become more famous than him. T

I was expecting something far more interesting from this ultra famous chef. Something along the lines of Heat, or one of Anthony Bourdain's books. All I learned really is that he was a perfectionist chef, a task maste. His training of other famous chefs such as Mario Batali and Gordon Ramsey could have been fascinating, but the stories were related in a very dry, humorless manner.

Honesty is a commodity often lost in cooks bios. This book is refreshingly worts and all. Admirers of his work understand his passion and what it takes to be that successful in such a cut throat industry. If a person can be measured by not only his work, but the standards the people he has trained attain to. That person must surely be rated a success. Macro is not that he is much more and this book exposes those areas.

Being a Chef it's hard to find the time to read the mountains of books that I have based on the industry, but this one I make the time to read. It is a really good read, and for me great motivation to get my passion for food started first thing in the morning driving me to pop out of bed and love going into the fire and stress of the kitchen. This is by far one of the best books that I have on my shelf.

I saved this book for a while, maybe afraid that it would trigger my PTSD from 20 years in the kitchen. Devil in the Kitchen was a welcome surprise; he neither denies the abuse that went on, nor tries to defend it. It's a smart book and a worthy read. Make sure you check out the recipes at the

end-for whatever reason I got the 'going away' page right after the text ended...

I loved this book. Marco Pierre White gives us the inside to the making of a great chef. He gave the good and the bad of his life, and never apologized. I liked that! I have great respect for him as a chef and a man.

An authentic account of one of the greatest chefs ever, Devil presents a bare and raw Marco Pierre White—far from his Michelin stars, the glamour, and the "enfant terrible" chef persona. In this book, we see the growth of a fragile young Leeds boy struggling with the death of his beloved mother to a more subdued, more mature chef battling the demons of fame, running a business and the demands of raising a family. Pure, honest and sincere. Just like Marco.

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