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## Claridge's shares secret hotel recipes in first cookbook

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*Diners being served in Claridge's Foyer and Reading Room. Image credit: Claridge's*

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London hotel Claridge's is bringing guests into its kitchens with its debut cookbook.

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Published by Hachette Book Group, "Claridge's: The Cookbook" celebrates the 164-year history of the famed London hotel on Mayfair's Brook Street. Hoteliers and retailers often develop cookbooks to continue the in-house experience for guests who have had memorable visits, with culinary delights often being a hook to reconnect and plan a return.

### Culinary collection

Claridge's: The Cookbook shares the recipes for best-loved dishes and drinks from the hotel's in-house dining and bars, including The Foyer and Reading Room, Claridge's Bar and The Fumoir.

The cookbook was co-authored by Martyn Nail and Meredith Erickson.

Mr. Nail has worked at Claridge's since 1986 and has spent nearly 30 years moving up the kitchen's ranks. Since 2004, Mr. Nail has worked as the hotel's executive chef and is credited with establishing Claridge's as a top London culinary destination.

A food writer, Ms. Erickson, who has written pieces for The New York Times and Saveur, among others, assisted Mr. Nail in writing Claridge's debut cookbook.

Claridge's: The Cookbook also includes a foreword written by chef Rene Redzepi, of Copenhagen restaurant Noma. During the 2012 London Olympic Games, Noma held a pop-up at Claridge's.



*Claridge's: The Cookbook* appears with branded foods and tableware. Image credit: Claridge's

Recipe highlights include Claridge's scones, chicken pie and the hotel's Christmas pudding, a closely held secret being shared for the first time with the public.

Beyond a host of recipes, the hardcover cookbook offers readers historic photos of Claridge's and helpful tips such as "how to host a dinner for 100" and a fun section called "By the numbers," yearly stats compiled by the hotel.

According to By the numbers, Claridge's serves 69,625 breakfasts, 518,640 eggs and 43,983 bottles of Champagne to 87,711 guests per year.

Claridge's: The Cookbook will retail for \$40 at the hotel as well as wherever books are sold and on Amazon.

Similarly, British department store Fortnum & Mason drew on its more than 300-year gastronomy history for its first cookbook.

Published first in October 2016, "The Fortnum & Mason Cookbook," includes recipes and essays about everything from tea to honey. While this book does look at Fortnum & Mason's past, the tome is designed to appeal to the modern cook and reader ([see story](#)).

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