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When their high-school-aged, punk, runaway daughter is found hosting a Jersey Shore hotel party, Rossi's parents feel they have no other choice: they ship her off to live with a Chasidic rabbi in Crown Heights, Brooklyn. Within the confines of this restrictive culture, Rossi's big city dreams take root. Once she makes her way to Manhattan, Rossi's passion for cooking, which first began as a revolt against the microwave, becomes her life mission.

*The Raging Skillet* is one woman's story of cooking her way through some of the most unlikely kitchens in New York City—at a "beach" in Tribeca, an East Village supper club, and a makeshift grill at ground zero in the days immediately following 9/11. Forever writing her own rules, Rossi ends up becoming the owner of one of the most sought-after catering companies in the city. This heartfelt, gritty, and hilarious memoir shows us how the creativity of the kitchen allows us to give a nod to where we come from, while simultaneously expressing everything that we are. Includes unpretentious recipes for real people everywhere.

## **The Raging Skillet: The True Life Story of Chef Rossi Details**

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### SP Moynihan says

This was a riveting, very amusing read! Lost sleep over it and can't wait to try all the recipes. Brava!

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### Susan Pridmore says

I loved this book from start to finish. Rossi is bigger than life, and takes you through her formative years when she first fell in love with cooking edgy, kicky, food combos that everyone fell in love with. It's both funny and heartwarming, and you won't want it to end. Perfect gift for yourself and others for the holidays!

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### Sarah says

Chef Rossi is a fun gal. This book didn't really stick with me; it's extremely light, like a meringue. But enjoyable (like a meringue, maybe?). Recipes were not super compelling to me.

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### Rogue Reader says

Funny memoir enhanced in the audiobook version by its narration by the author. Hard worker, inventive and opportunistic. Early years of camping and family are unbelievable and pretty unappetizing. Recipes that don't really have measurements, just "a pinch" of whatever, but enough to get the idea.

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### Robin says

This memoir about a woman rising to become a well-known catering chef in New York City was a quick and fun read although a little short on inside information on the catering biz in a big city.

It's a good companion to J. Ryan Stradal's forthcoming novel, KITCHENS OF THE GREAT MIDWEST, and also for anyone who liked Bourdain's KITCHEN CONFIDENTIAL although it's not as well detailed as Bourdain's chef's world tell-all.

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### Amy Cook says

Fun read. Anyone who has worked in the back of the house will especially enjoy this.

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### **Stacey says**

Absolutely hilarious...also touching, insightful, eloquent, and hard to put down. Loved every page!

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### **Nandy8 says**

A really enjoyable memoir of a different subject matter. I listened to it, read by the author herself. Good satire at times and loaded with humor and pathos.

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### **JodiP says**

Eh. I found her recipes bizarre, and while I'm sure she's a lot of fun, I just didn't want to read about her screwy childhood. cf: See my day job.

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### **Dottie Resnick says**

Part memoir, part cookbook Chef Rossi tells her side of her story. This is funny, colorful, slightly risqué with creative recipes interspersed. She grew up a rebel and is continuing in that same way as a wild caterer!

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### **Jen says**

I've been reading Chef Rossi's column in Bust since the early 2000s and I pretty much adore every recipe she shares. Getting some background info about her life and how she became a chef was fantastic. I'd highly recommend this to people who like to read about interesting people and people who like to read about food.

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### **Unwisely says**

I had read a couple books in a row that were real slogs, so this random library pickup was the perfect palate cleanser. Readable, and growing up kosher in New Jersey is a life different enough from mine that it might've well have been Narnia.

Also her cooking life seems to have been much less stressful than Dalia Jurgensen's. She seems to be mostly having fun, so that's nice, too. So a fun book.

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### **Charmaine Broad says**

A masterful comedy guru wrote this book! It is Irreverant, Charming, Informative, Poignant, and Laugh out Loud FUNNY! Read the story of Rossi and the story of New York--Don't miss it! Highly recommend!

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## Lily Java says

The Raging Skillet is an AWESOME name for a catering company, a memoir, and the joie de vivre of this fascinating woman. Funny doesn't begin to describe the amount of times I laughed out loud in public, on the train or in my office lounge, at Rossi's depiction of her life, her family, and her career as a catering chef extraordinaire in this lively book. There are times you'll feel as if the jokes are unreal -- as if no one could possibly have lived this life. It was too juicy, too fraught with colorful, flavorful, amazingly interesting vignettes. Most amazing of all for an old foodie like me, are the injection of wild, comforting, and multifaceted recipes that could only have been thought up by someone who not only lives life to the fullest but also doesn't give a fig about the staid conventions of most American kitchens or cuisines. Rossi, on the whole, seems like a fascinating person to know and hang out with; whether it's working in her brisk and busy catering company or eating a meal that's she's prepared for you at someone's eclectic wedding reception. I can't imagine not having a good time with this particular author, chef, and woman at the helm. In fact, reading her book felt a little like a delicious meal that I would savor for a very long time to come. I highly recommend you take a bite.

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## L says

Well that was fun!

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