



Cooking

**Gale Gand's Brunch: 100 Fantastic Recipes for the Weekends Best Meal**

Gale Gand

Clarkson Potter

978-0-307-40698-9

(April 7, 2009)

One of the nation's top pastry chefs and culinary personalities, Gand wants you to embrace brunch as the ideal meal for entertaining guests. "The food, she writes, "is delicious, and I love the way it often straddles the line between sweet and savory. Plus, brunch can be so much easier and more relaxed than dinner. And, if I'm going to entertain at home, it needs to be easy and relaxed." Indeed, pancakes do have a tendency to take the tension out of a room even if one chooses to serve her Cornmeal and Cheddar version with hot Honey Butter. The 99 other recipes run the mid-morning gamut from "White Hot Chocolate with Orange" to "Asparagus with Poached Eggs and Parmesan" and compelling "Roasted Pears and Rhubarb with Orange." No fussy ingredients or techniques, this book is as inviting and unpretentious as it gets.

*Matt Sutherland*