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Ojai, was created in 2002 by Tracey Ryder and her partner, Carole Topalian. Tailored for their Ojai, California, community, the magazine covered family farms and included in-depth profiles of local industries. The concept proved so popular that more than 40 editions have sprung up, including *Edible Hawaiian Islands*, *Edible Brooklyn*, and *Edible Toronto*. All focus on a specific food scene, but vary with sections like "Notable Edibles," which highlights local products, and "Edible Events," which lists food festivals. "We appreciate authentic food traditions and publish the stories we do in hopes of keeping them alive for a long time," says Ryder. With new cities, an increased Web and TV presence, and a coffee-table book in the works, they're well on their way. Available free in each area, or subscribe to three editions for \$45/year; ediblecommunities.com —Eric Steinman

"Think Global, Publish Local" could be the motto of *EDIBLE COMMUNITIES*, a quarterly food publication that likely serves an area near you. The edition that started it all, *Edible*

playlist/

SONGS FOR RAINY DAYS

Beat the cabin fever that can come with April's rainy days. These moody yet soothing songs will inspire quality time in the kitchen.

1/ Radiohead/ **NUDE**

Alt-rock band Radiohead returns in fine form with this characteristically beautiful, saturnine, and esoteric song.

2/ Robert Wyatt/ **JUST AS YOU ARE**

An elder statesman of English rock, Wyatt collaborates with Brazilian singer Mônica Vasconcelos on this transcendent duet.

3/ Taraf de Haïdouks/ **LES PORTES DE LA NUIT**

The self-described "world's leading Balkan gypsy band" reinterprets 20th-century classical music with ecstatic results.

4/ Andrew Hill/ **JUDGMENT**

From the Blue Note stable of phenomenal jazz pianists, the late, great Hill performs his intricate, sophisticated 1964 piano composition.

5/ Cat Power/ **I BELIEVE IN YOU**

Chan Marshall's exquisite voice lends itself well to this loving cover of a lesser-known Bob Dylan classic.

6/ Led Zeppelin/ **THE RAIN SONG**

The masters of mood and dynamism build this majestic song from a few plaintive guitar strums to a swirling crescendo. —E.S.

books/

SPRING READS

As the seasons change, freshen up your recipe repertoire and food know-how with these recently released books.

THE OXFORD COMPANION TO ITALIAN FOOD

Food historian and gastronome Gillian Riley's witty, expansive compendium deftly deconstructs everything from antipasto ("benign titillation of the palate with only a few delicacies") to zeppole ("overkill can be achieved with a filling of custard"). \$35.

ASIAN FLAVORS OF JEAN-GEORGES

In his new book, renowned chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten marries Asian ingredients

with French technique in his trademark style. The recipes include favorites like lobster summer rolls, coconut-poached halibut, and lime noodles from his famed restaurants Spice Market, Vong, and 66. \$40.

THINGS COOKS LOVE

With plenty of user-friendly recipes and cookware tips, Sur La Table's book by Marie Simmons incorporates delicious basics for all levels. Simmons, a James Beard Award-winning author and

longtime *Bon Appétit* contributor, gives approachable advice home cooks can count on. \$35.

CREOLE

Paris-based chef Babette de Rozières celebrates Caribbean cooking with a beautiful book showcasing even more beautiful food. She offers recipes for crab profiteroles, mango fricassee parcels, and saffron seafood cream, inspired by de Rozières's West Indian background. \$40. —Elisa Huang

