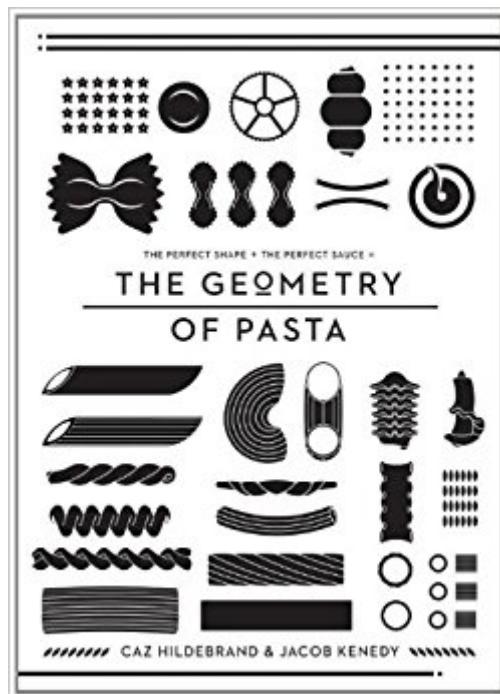


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# The Geometry Of Pasta



## Synopsis

Wheels and tubes, twists and folds and groovesâ "pasta comes in hundreds of shapes, each with its own unique history, beauty, and place on the dinner table. For centuries these shapes have evolved alongside Italyâ ™s cornucopia of local ingredients; if you know how the flavours relate to the forms, you hold the secret formula to good taste. Â The Geometry of Pasta pairs over 100 authentic recipes from acclaimed chef Jacob Kenedy with award-winning designer Caz Hildebrandâ ™s stunning black-and-white designs to reveal the science, culture, and philosophy behind spectacular pasta dishes from throughout Italian history. Â A triumphant fusion of food and design, The Geometry of Pasta invites us to unlock the hidden properties of Italyâ ™s most mathematically perfect deliciousness.Â

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## Customer Reviews

Starred Review. One would think that a minimalist cookbook devoid of photography wouldn't be worthy of coffee table status, but the illustrations adorning this volume prove otherwise. Conceived by award-winning graphic designer Hildebrand, who has designed cookbooks for Nigella Lawson and others, the diversity of pasta morphology, from Agnolotti to Ziti, is revealed through historical anecdotes, recipes, and an eye-catching b&w aesthetic. The book starts with the basics, demystified: salt, fat, cooking, and quantity. Kenedy then covers dry vs. fresh, and provides recipes for several pastas and for three authentic sauces that form the foundation for many of the sauces in the book. From the obscure story of Strozzapreti ("priest stranglers") to the humorous warming red pepper and whiskey sauce for Radiatore pasta, or "radiators," one learns how shapes are created to

maximize surface area and sauce delivery. The ingredients needed for over 200 sauce preparations run the gamut from obscure (Lumace alla Lumache, or Snails with Snails) to the near pedestrian, like Frankfurters and Fontina, a recommended pairing with the wheel shaped Rotelline, "a complex, arguably uninspired shape that was only possible with the advancement of the pasta industries mechanization," an advancement that was apparently "much lauded by the Fascists." An instant classic. Illus.

âœStylish, greed-inducing, knowledgeable, and witty; an instant classic.â •â "Nigella Lawson  
âœReally delicious, authentic pasta recipesâ •â "Jamie Oliver âœWalks the line between functional cookbook and coffee-table eye candy.â •â "Food & Wine âœAn instant classic.â •â "Publishers Weekly, starred review âœThe Geometry of Pasta is like no other cookbook youâ™ve ever seen. Mangia, mangia!â •â "Christian Science Monitor

Amazingly simple. Amazingly perfect. Amazing little tricks and techniques that raise your standard. Plus very beautiful.

This book has a great design, a variety of Southern Italian recipes and serves as an interesting history lesson on pasta shapes. This is for the experienced cook to add to their library - anyone new in the kitchen would be intimidated. I'm going to give my copy to my mother, who has already a talented cook. I think I need to stick with the picture-book type of cookbook (think America's Test Kitchen).

this is the most comprehensive and wonderful examination of pasta ever. amazing. Buy it.

Beautifully designed book. Will make a great gift for a chef I know who happens to have a keen eye for design! It is informative and stylish!

Who knew there is so much to know about pasta?

This is a different type of book. I don't think it is a cook book, but it kind of is. What it does is give you information on the different types of pastas', what their function is and how the pasta is made. Then provides the recipe. There are so many different types, different ingredients and cooking methods. It describes the origin of the recipe which is interesting. There are some fantastic and

unusual recipes in this book. It is one of the more interesting books concerning cooking that we have. Plus, its interesting reading. Also it has fantastic sauce recipes.

Everything you need to know about pasta, sauce and cooking preparation. I am fairly good in the kitchen when it comes to cooking pasta, but this book reinvigorated my ideas of sauce (from fat to light versions). Also, it suggests pairing with beers and/or wines. It is a nice book to have in your kitchen.

This was a fun gift. We packaged it with all different kinds of pasta that had recipes in the book.

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