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This started off as a pretty good novel and finished very very strong, turning my like into love 17 yr old Elaine Lainey lives in the Bay Area with her mother who is co owner of La

Salle Rouge restaurant Lainey is pretty good in the kitchen as well and dreams of having her own vegetarian cooking show A la Carte is about much then a girl who wants to be a chef Its also about a teenage girl who falls for the wrong guy Lainey has known Sim since grade school The two used to be very close friends when high school started Sim no longer had time for Lainey As soon as the author introduced Sim I didn t like him because Lainey seemed like a nice girl who deserved a good guy Not a guy who strings her along or only comes by when he needs something, making empty promises But the author tricked me into thinking maybe Sim wasn t so bad after all, when hewent crying to Lainey about needing to runaway because his parents didn t understand him I just wanted to say goodbye I m not coming back I finally figured it out, my parents are crazy and its them that s making my life such crap I can t live like this so I m not going to It s not like they don t want me to go As I read this chapter of Sim leaving I was thinking ohh he isn t that bad just misunderstood Even when he asked to borrow 500 dollars from Lainey I was still blind Though I hate to be tricked it makes it easier to see how Lainey could fall for a guy like Sim Cooking comforts Lainey, throughout the novel she cooks various recipes Lainey s cooking doesn t stop the flow of the novel, only slows the pace so Lainey can catch her breath again Lainey s vegetarian recipes are included in the book Lainey s mom was great, not allowing Lainey to stop living her life for a guy It was a long slow process for Lainey to rethink her relationship with Sim and how much she is willing to take or do for a guy making this story very believable Sim comes backI ve thought about you alot, Laine Not enough to call though huh I smile back, almost sad that I know it s so true Sim laughs shortly Man, Laine you re brutal Okay so I screwed up His finger traces my lower lip I ll make it up to you Come see me this summer Now he asks when all I have ever wanted was for him to want me with him, to need be to be around , to take notice of what I do Now it s not what I want any I m not a girl who s meant to be a side dish I won t stand around and wait for some boy while he chooses me I can choose me too.I am pretty sure my like turned into love right around here I highly recommend A la Carte If you know a girl who is stuck on the wrong guy, or maybe you want them to avoid the wrong guy give them this book If you know a girl who likes to cook, is a vegetarian or enjoys cooking shows give them this book A la Carte is appropriate for preteens. [[READ KINDLE]] ? A la Carte ? SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD LAINEY DREAMS Of Becoming A World Famous Chef One Day And Maybe Even Having Her Own Cooking Show Do You Know How Many African American Female Chefs There Aren T And How Many Vegetarian Chefs Have Their Own Shows The Field Is Wide Open For Stardom But When Her Best Friend And Secret Crush Suddenly Leaves Town, Lainey Finds Herself Alone In The Kitchen With A Little Help From Saint Julia Child, Of Course , Lainey Finds Solace In Her Cooking As She Comes To Terms With The Past And Begins A New Recipe For The Future Peppered With Recipes From Lainey S Notebooks, This Delicious Debut Novel Finishes The Same Way One Feels Finishing A Good Meal Satiated, Content, And Hopeful From The Hardcover Edition Lainey dreams of being the next Julia

Child and having her own cooking show But first she has to negotiate the remainder of her senior year, avoid being too organized by her mother and deal with the gorgeous boy who only shows up when he wants something Sim and Lainey were childhood friends and Lainey has had a crush on him forever When he decides to leave town, he asks Lainey to keep secrets and take actions that violate her mother s trust in her Characterizations are nicely done here and Lainey slowly begins to realize that she needs to stand up for herself and move on The relationship between Lainey and her mother is a strong feature of this book Filled with recipes and a satisfying ending.

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The award-winning author of *Mare's War*

A la Carte



A la Carte by Tanita S Davis is about a young 17 year old girl named Elaine whose dream

is to become a world famous chef inspired by Julia Child and becoming a star in her own cooking show. However, her dreams of becoming a world renowned chef is halted when her secret crush and best friend runs away from home. Alone and determined, Elaine does whatever she can do to pursue her dream of vegetarian cooking and save her long term best friend before everything in her life shatters into many pieces. I got a hold of this book by the library's shelf of book recommendations. When I first read the blurb, my first reaction was "Whoa, I think I've heard of this book somewhere." And I was right. This book reminded me of another book called *Dance* where a 17 year old girl tries to pursue her dream of becoming a professional ballerina. On the other hand, Davis's writing style is very simple yet very sophisticated. I love how she includes different recipes that anyone could follow and make in their very own homes. Also, this book made me reflect on my own life because it comes to a point where young adults have to find out what they want to do in their lives. Overall, if I would rate this book on a scale between 1-10, I would give it a 6 because of its simple writing style and it made me reflect back on to my own life. One of my obsessions lately is voice in that I bow down to folks who create narration that makes me feel as if I'm hearing a human voice, confused, struggling, funny, smart, flawed. This one really manages that, manages to be inside the head of a seventeen year old girl who far resembles the teenager I was than the ones I usually read about. Lainey makes mistakes and missteps that make my insides twist in recognition, and at the same time I feel her frustrations so keenly. This book is messy and real emotionally hallelujah about the poignancy of childhood trust being replaced with adult judgment. It's an honest, powerful, funny book, and by all means, not just for young adults. Oh, and between chapters, recipes that will make you drool like a Pavlovian dog. I am not exactly sure how to rate this one. I loved some things about it but was frustrated by Lainey a lot. She was AMAZING by the end of the book though so yay for character development. Also the writing style seemed to be very telling at times and I didn't like it. It stopped bothering me about half way through but the beginning of the novel seemed like it would have benefited from a tad polishing. But if you love food, this book is SO MUCH FUN and comes with a bunch of awesome recipes you can try out for yourself. I pre ordered the paperback of *A la Carte* March 24th. It arrived last week. I started reading it last night and couldn't put it down till I finished. I loved it. I loved Lainey and her mom and her friends and the jazz choir and the Salle Rouge and I adored the recipes. The first one I am going to try is the gingerbread. I got to the end about three AM and I was so sad it was over. I can't wait to share this book. Because I love to cook, I like novels that have recipes and center around cooking. Dianna Mott Davidson, Joanne Fluke, etc. This novel is similar in that it had food at its core and is filled with recipes in the text. I like the recipes and ideas, but the novel left a rather bland taste. It might appeal to some teens, but, I think its plot does not have enough flavor to satisfy most. This is a book I've owned for a while and haven't gotten around to until a category for the reading challenge came up. In this book, we follow Lainey as she strives to be a celebrity chef and deal with

her social life at the same time This book was a different sort of contemporary book Lainey has to deal with old friends changing into different people and finding out how to stand up for herself I really liked how the focus was on Lainey throughout the novel, as we explore her relationship with Sim, her Mum and her own self throughout There was no main romance, view spoiler she didn t end up with anyone hide spoiler I enjoy so very immensely having black fiction not centered around the hood, civil rights, or anything else that s really heavy they all have their place of course, but sometimes I want some escapism, y know I wanted to love this book A black girl that loves to cook This beautiful cover Unfortunately, this is just essentially a girl yearning for a fuckboy Sigh

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