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Nguyen is a celebrated food writer and teacher with a unique ability to interpret authentic Asian cooking styles for a Western audience. Her crystal-clear recipes for more than 75 of Asia's most popular savory and sweet parcels, pockets, packages, and pastries range from Lumpia (the addictive fried spring rolls from the Philippines) to Shanghai Soup Dumplings (delicate thin-skinned dumplings filled with hot broth and succulent pork) to Gulab Jamun (India's rich, syrupy sweets).

Organized according to type (wheat pastas, skins, buns, and pastries; translucent wheat and tapioca preparations; rice dumplings; legumes and tubers; sweet dumplings), *Asian Dumplings* encompasses Eastern, Southeastern, and Southern Asia, with recipes from China, Japan, Korea, Nepal, Tibet, India, Thailand, Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, and the Philippines.

Throughout, Nguyen shares the best techniques for shaping, filling, cooking, and serving each kind of dumpling. And she makes it easy to incorporate dumplings into a contemporary lifestyle by giving a thorough introduction to essential equipment and ingredients and offering make-ahead and storage guidance, time-saving shortcuts that still yield delectable results, and tips on planning a dumpling dinner party.

More than 40 line drawings illustrate the finer points of shaping many kinds of dumplings, including gy?za/pot stickers, wontons, and samosas. Dozens of mouth-watering color photographs round out *Asian Dumplings*, making it the most definitive, inviting, inspiring book of its kind.

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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

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"If it's a small, succulent parcel encased in dough, pastry, batter, or leaves from anywhere between India and Polynesia, you'll find a recipe and crystal-clear instructions for making it with Andrea Nguyen's *Asian Dumplings*."

—Cooking Light, Favorite Cookbooks, 2010

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"Until I began cooking from this remarkable book I had no idea that preparing Asian dumplings was so easy and so satisfying. Andrea Nguyen's latest work is authoritative, fun, and filled with recipes that yield insanely delicious results."

—James Oseland, editor in chief of *Saveur* and author of *Cradle of Flavor*

"I was truly excited when I first picked up this book, a feeling that quickly turned to awe. Andrea Nguyen introduces you to Asia..."

From the Publisher

* **The first and only cookbook on making authentic versions of the most popular East Asian, Southeast Asian, and South Asian dumplings, including Chinese dim sum favorites.**

* Features more than 75 step-by-step line illustrations and full-color styled food shots.

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