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Book one of *Great Chefs* by #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Nora Roberts

Could a cordon bleu chef be a junk-food addict? The more Blake Cochran learned about Summer Lyndon, dessert chef extraordinaire, the more intrigued he became—and the more determined he was to hire her. Blake wanted the Best, and Summer looked extremely good to him. Her superb credentials were icing on the cake.

Summer was accustomed to traveling around the world, creating the perfect ending to perfect meals. But Blake had a unique appeal. Summer found herself responding to the challenge, both professionally...and personally.... For the first time, Summer was planning a meal from start to finish—and creating a perfect ending all her own.

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From Reader Review Summer Desserts for online ebook

Mae says

I couldn't get past the smug superiority of both the main characters. I gave it a few chapters, but when I found myself wanting to throw them both off a balcony, or set them on fire with one of those blowtorches they use in a kitchen, I gave up. Arrogant, annoying and frankly uninteresting. Bleh.

Brenda Margriet says

I liked how Summer was so unapologetically melodramatic...she has an artistic temperament, is a genius at what she does, and isn't ashamed of that. Deserves her reputation.

Blake was a bit boring, really. He and Summer were interesting, and he certainly new how to handle her but thought he was kind of stodgy on his own. Which is was supposed to be, but still.

Good standard NR fare.

Mad says

2.5/5*

Dora Koutsoukou says

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Joana Americano says

An amazing book, full of food and romance!

Michele says

I put this book down after about 35 pages. I tried my best to ignore how pompous and arrogant the main characters were, but just couldn't. I would have preferred a more small town feel, and that says a lot considering I am from Philly (where the book is based). Wasn't my favorite, Roberts let me down tremendously with this one.

Ronna says

This book was not for me. I was hoping for a light romance with a little substance, but it was more a lust for food and lustful romance. More sex than loving relationships. Though if that is what you're looking for, the book was written fairly well.

Summer Lyndon, super chef who commands respect and large payments for her delectable treats, is hired by Blake Cocharan, successful hotel owner, to super class his hotel restaurants. The attraction is immediate and goes through some issues before all live happily ever after.

The best part was the narration of the book on audio. Great accents.

Erika says

"But it's your kitchen—and it'll be my kitchen—that's my main concern right now. With the amount of money you're paying me, you should be grateful I understand the priorities. I'll have a tentative list of changes and new equipment you'll have to order on Monday."

"Fine. We'll go to dinner Saturday."

Summer paused at the door, turned and shook her head. "No."

"I'll pick you up at eight."

It was rare that anyone ignored a statement she'd made. Rather than temper, Summer tried the patient tone she remembered from her governess. It was bound to infuriate. "Blake, I said no." If he was infuriated, he concealed it well. Blake merely smiled at her—as one might smile at a fussy child. Two, it seemed, could play the same game with equal skill. "Eight," he repeated and sat on the corner of his desk. "We can even have tacos if you like."

"You're very stubborn."

"Yes, I am."

"So am I."

"Yes, you are. I'll see you Saturday."

I've read this for about.. probably 4 or 5 times. Yes, that's how much I like it. From all the books in Language of Love series by Nora Roberts, *Summer Desserts* was one of the best. The story was light but not dull, the characters were strong and realistic, and the romance... whew.. HOT! double SPICY! triple SWEET!

Her name is Summer Lyndon, a beautiful top chef, temperamental, and perfectionist. She came from divorced family. Her mother is a famous actress who adores love so much and never get tired for searching the right man. Summer is one of the very best chef, she likes to work independently. She accepts great offers from around the world, travels from one country to another. She never wanted to stay.

Introducing Blake Cocharan III, an attractive tycoon. He came from a happy family. Blake is cool, calm, and confident (O yeah, kind of man of my dreams!). One of his hotel's restaurant needs an improvement, which is why he's searching for the very best chef. It leads him to Summer. He knew it won't be easy to make her accept the job. But Blake never accepts no for an answer.

So they meet, sparks fly, romance begins, and it's a rollercoaster ride. Blake is so calm while Summer is so temperamental. He's just what she needs. They suits perfectly. I loved the *eclair* thing, the movie thing, the kitchen accident thing, oh I loved them a lot!

I loved how Nora Roberts packed Blake and Summer story with their parents issues. So emotional. It had become more interesting because of this one thing, (view spoiler). But it didn't make this story boring or overwhelming. Everthing just fitted perfectly. I didn't have a thing to complain with this book.

Summer Desserts was not just an enjoyable read, it was a heartwarming romance. Lots of humors and sweetness.. Read it, and you'll understand the huge amounts of sweetness. Touched my heart.

It's my favorite Nora Roberts novel.

"I understand you." Blake linked his fingers with hers. "I've been making a study of you almost from the first instant we met."

The way he said it had her pulse fluctuating. "I'm not an easy person to understand."

"No?"

"I don't always understand."

"Let me tell you about Summer Lyndon, then." He measured her hand against his before he linked their fingers. "She's a beautiful woman, a bit spoiled from her upbringing and her own success." He smiled when her brows drew together. "She's strong and opinionated and intensely feminine without being calculating. She's ambitious and dedicated with a skill for concentration that reminded me once of a surgeon. And she's romantic, though she'll claim otherwise."

??Trea says

I wasn't that impressed with this book. While it could be set in contemporary times, there were little signals that it was set in what was contemporary for its time of writing. I felt the heroine was too self absorbed, making it very hard to connect with her. The hero, while wealthy, was very single minded and also self absorbed to a degree. Yet, we're supposed to believe that they come out of their absorption long enough to fall in love? Didn't ring true for me and the hasty wedding at the end reinforced it. Will be deleting this and the sequel off my Kindle.

Marisa Sauco says

¡Me encantó! ¡Es hermosa! ❤

Leer a Nora Roberts SIEMPRE es un PLACER. Conocedora, como pocas, del género romántico, tiene esa magia especial que hace que adores, irremediablemente, todas sus historias de amor y a todos sus personajes. Su pluma es exquisita, y sus historias te seducen y te atrapan desde sus primeras páginas.

Sin duda, es una de mis escritoras favoritas. ❤

Saly says

This book was full of food analogies which is only fair considering that the heroine was a famous dessert chef, the hero a businessman that wanted her to work for his business. I didn't really enjoy the romance much, the heroine didn't believe in romance only in her work while the hero fell for quick and strategized to win her over.

Jenny says

Summer Desserts is about two people who thought they never find someone to love. Summer Lyndon was a cordon bleu chef, and she runs her own catering business in Philadelphia and likes to work on her own. Blake Cochran 111 wants her to run the kitchen at his boutique hotel Cochran House. Sparkes flew between them because Summer does not take orders well and Blake like to give orders and for people to obey. However, finally, Summer agree to Blake's terms. The readers of Summer Desserts will continue to follow Summer and Blake to see what happens.

I enjoyed reading Summer Desserts. I love the way Nora Roberts portrays her characters and the way they interact with each other. At times while reading Summer Desserts, I had to laugh with what the characters were getting up too. Summer Desserts was well written and researched by Nora Roberts. I like the way, Nora Roberts, describes her settings and plot that help me to understand the culture of Philadelphia.

The readers of Summer Desserts will learn about running a small catering business. Also, the readers of Summer Desserts will start to understand the problems and work involved in running a hotel kitchen.

I recommend this book.

L F says

Big disappointment.

This book is so vague that even the generalities are hidden. The plot is absolutely translucent. I kept thinking that something would happen to save this book, but it continued to the end to be a pre teen level book with no plot, using adjectives and adverbs to fill up the page. This book is a total waste of time to read. Pick up another book to read because this book does not have one saving grace.

Maria says

whenever i read a nora roberts book i get immediatly sucked in, and this was the same, although not as bad as the bride quartet! i reaally loved the whole merry-go-round metaphor and how Blake was so sweet with her. I really didn't like how full of themselves both Blake and Summer were, but i guess that was part of the appeal. As always nora roberts adds a little angst, but it was good, and i think i definitely liked Blake better than Summer, since he was such a romantic and optimist, while Summer was the pessimist of the two, and hid her romantic side, overall very entertaining, and as always nora roberts' female characters are strong yet hide that vulnerability, like many women do.

Melodie says

A famous,temperamental pastry chef and a hotel tycoon square off in one of Nora Roberts' romances from the 1990's.Summer Lyndon is an artist. Her edible works of art are coveted the world over.Blake Cochran, scion of a hotel dynasty is very used to getting exactly what he wants. And he wants Summer Lyndon. Summer can admit to an attraction to Blake, but long term commitment to a personal relationship is more than she can stomach.So the inevitable game ensues.

There are very few authors that can write a romance like Nora Roberts.Easy to read, characters that are often larger than life,plots written in such a way that you just have to know how it turns out.Love scenes are just shy of embarrassingly explicit.I love this author.Most of what I am familiar with are her trilogies. But her light stand alones are very nice.I would watch an updated version of this on Lifetime!
