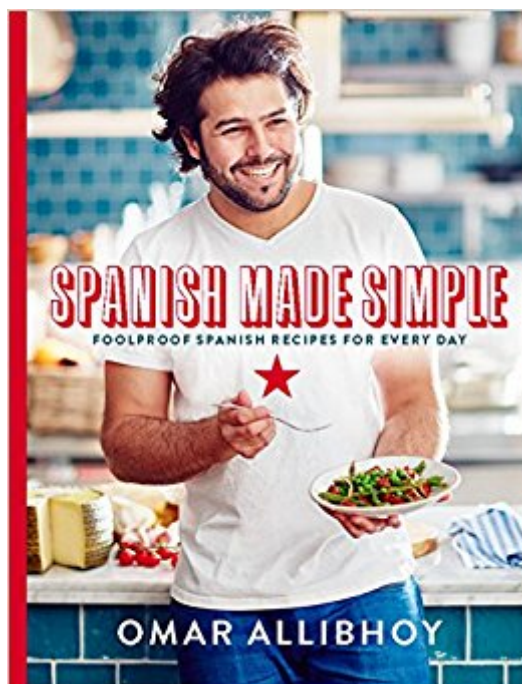


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# Spanish Made Simple: Foolproof Spanish Recipes For Every Day



## Synopsis

Spanish food has never been more popular or more influential, from the city of San Sebastian in northern Spain which counts a massive 16 Michelin stars to the markets of Madrid and ubiquitous tapas bars. It's also incredibly easy to make at home. In *Spanish Made Simple*, Omar Allibhoy, the man behind the Tapas Revolution chain of restaurants in the UK, guides you through the basics of 100 key Spanish dishes. All of the ingredients are available from grocery stores and you don't need to be an expert cook. Spanish cooking is characterized by deep flavors, vibrant color, and minimal ingredients - so you will learn to make a paella that packs a punch, cook up a tapas feast for friends, and even whip up a delectable Spanish dessert in minutes. Sunny and delicious, informal and everyday, Spanish food is for everyone, from skilled chefs to complete beginners, and Omar shows you how.

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"Allibhoy makes a concerted effort to employ simpler techniques and familiar ingredients to make these recipes accessible to home cooks of every level . . . Vivid full-color photos round out this superb introduction to Spanish cooking." -Publishers Weekly, Starred Review  
"Allibhoy's new cookbook, *Spanish Made Simple*," which guides cooks through the basics of 100 key Spanish dishes, makes the food of his native Spain accessible to cooks of all skill levels." - The Virginian-Pilot

Omar Allibhoy trained with Ferran Adri   in Spain and later became chef at El Pirata de Tapas in Notting Hill, London, where he was featured on Ramsay's Best Restaurant. As a result, Omar's

reputation as the 'Antonio Banderas of cooking' was born. He has since opened six Tapas Revolution restaurants across the UK.

Easy to read and dishes are easy to prepare. So many great recipes even when you're dairy free. Try it!

While I can't deny that it's a well-written cookbook that has a lot of Spanish food in it, I am disappointed in this book based on its premise. This book is marketed as a cookbook for those who want to cook Spanish food everyday or in their weekday repertoire. It is catered to people who live outside of Spain and desire to infuse their daily food life with some Spanish culture. There are other books about food cultures that achieve this goal beautifully (Ricky Bayless' Everyday Mexican is a wonderful example of this.) I looked at every recipe in this book, and many are good. What disheartens me is that many of the recipes require specific ingredients that must be custom ordered, found in a farmer's market or big city international grocery store, and thus are out of reach for me, as I live in the country and don't have access to a lot of the ingredients listed. Sure, I could order them here, but that is another complication in my grocery budget. There are no recommendations for substitute ingredients based on the consumer's life nor are there twists that one can apply to the dish to change it up (see Ricky Bayless' book I mentioned.) All that aside, there are numerous recipes in here that take over 3 hours to cook. Yo man! Look at the title of your own book. It's called Spanish Made Simple. What about 3 hours is simple and who is your intended target audience that they would even have three hours in the middle of the week to put together these dishes? That is unreasonable. If Spanish food is your passion and you want more recipes, then sure, buy the book. There are better ones out there, such as Penelope Casas' Food and Wines of Spain (considered the Julia Child book for Spanish cooking) and one pot Spanish (same author). I wanted to love this book. I really did. It just doesn't serve my needs the way the title made me think it would.

As a Spaniard living in the US, I needed a book that could transport me to Spain... this one delivered above and beyond!! All the recipes are so authentic, so easy to follow, and for all levels of expertise. I can surprise my guests with fancy more elaborated meals, and at the same time craft a couple of tapas for a dinner party and call it a night! Success guaranteed 100% of the times. Plus, the book alone is gorgeous!! The pages, printing and photos just makes it a great coffee table (aka: great gift!) or a beautiful piece to display open in the kitchen. Looking forward to the next one!

This cookbook has great photographs and a good sense of order. The recipes and instructions are fairly easy to follow, and the background information is insightful. If you enjoy Spanish food and want to learn more about the great culinary diversity of Spain, this is your book

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