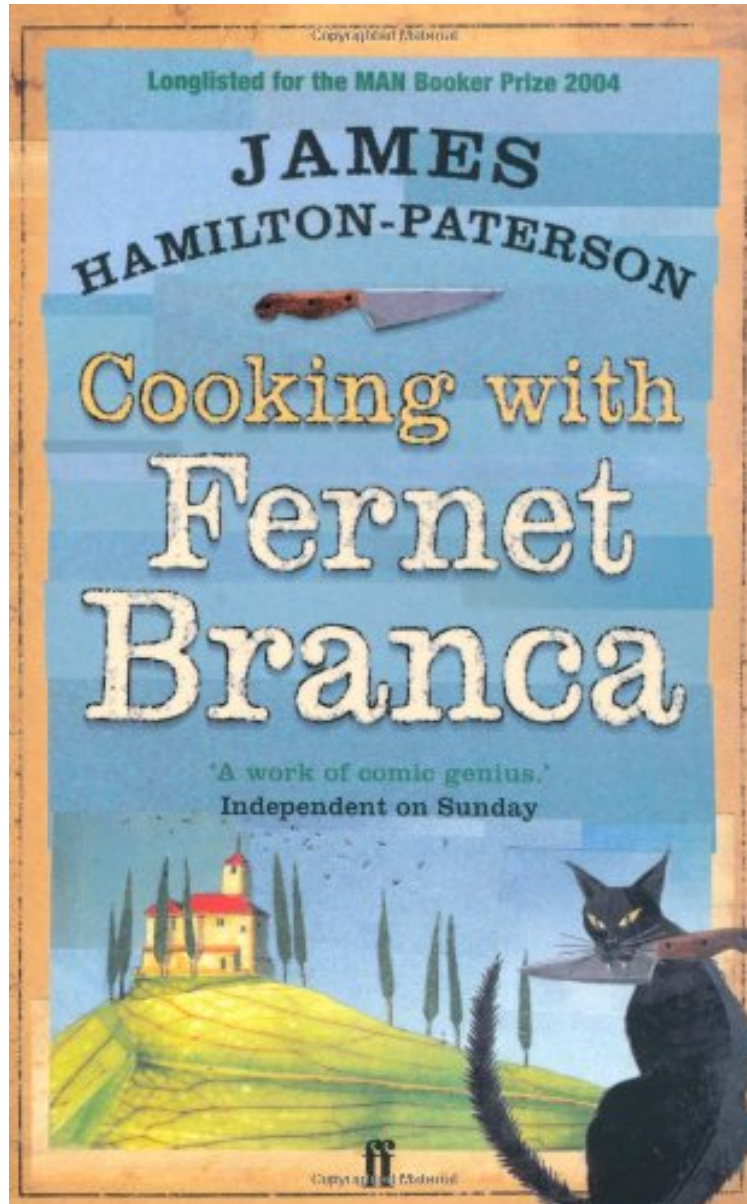


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James Hamilton-Paterson : Cooking with Fernet Branca before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Cooking with Fernet Branca:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Laugh out Loud Funny!!!By SparkleThis is one of my favorite books ever! It is clever, quirky, odd and rip roaringly hilarious. Gerald and Marta's relationship is so fun to witness

that I was sad to see this book end! Having said that though, I can see where this humor may not appeal to everyone. It can be dry and subtle but once you put it together it makes you laugh out loud! If you like the comedy of the BBC - Ab Fab, Fawlty Towers, Monty Python, Eddie Izzard - then this is a book for you. If you don't find humor in those shows / comedians, you may not enjoy this in its full hilarity either. This book made me so curious about Fernet Branca, I ran right out and bought a bottle. I'll save my review on that so you can taste it for yourself. ;) 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I have recommended this novel to many people. By Virginia B. Keyder I have recommended this novel to many people. It is knock-down drag-out hilarious. Maybe too English for English people, but great for the rest of us. Hamilton-Paterson shouldn't be forgotten. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Laugh Out Loud. By ewe2nana Most of the book is very funny. Many laugh out loud moments. The writing and characters are very believable especially for someone like myself that watches a lot of British TV and reads British novelist. So, Gerry fits the bill of the quintessential English bachelor. Recommended to my book club and we review it next month. My daughter gave it to me for my birthday. Great gift!!

This title is longlisted for the Man Booker Prize 2004. "Cooking with Fernet Branca" is a gleefully tasteless bad dream of modern Italy, told through the eyes of Gerald Samper - effete Englishman, culinary adventurer, and ghostwriter to the stars. "Wickedly witty... Anyone who does not add this hilarious divertimento to their summer reading list should be put on a forced diet of Gerald's inimitable Alien Pie". (Michael Dibdin, "Guardian"). "A deliciously nasty farce set in [Hamilton-Paterson's] adopted Tuscany... "Cooking with Fernet Branca" had me laughing out loud and uproariously. All Tuscanites should read it, preferably over a plate of stewed otter chunks in lobster sauce". ("Sunday Telegraph"). "Larded with bitter satire and piquant wit, at the expense, often, of its readers and their dreams of Italy... I laughed out loud several times a chapter". ("The Times").

From Publishers Weekly Usually writers taking a holiday from their serious work will use a pseudonym (DeLillo as Cleo Birdwell), but British novelist Hamilton-Paterson (Gerontius, etc.), who lives in Italy, bravely serves a very funny sendup of Italian-cooking-holiday-romance novels, without any camouflage. Written from the alternating perspectives of two foreigners who have bought neighboring Tuscan houses, the book has no plot to speak of beyond when-will-they-sleep-together. Gerald Samper is an effete British ghost writer of sportsperson biographies (such as skier Per Snoilsson's Downhill All the Way!); neighbor Marta is a native Voynovian (think mountainous eastern bloc) trying to escape her rich family's descent into postcommunist criminality by writing a film score for a "famous" pornographer's latest project. Each downs copious amounts of the title swill and carps at the reader about the other's infuriating ways: Gerald sings to himself in a manner that Marta then parodies for the film; Gerald relentlessly dissects the Voyde cuisine Marta serves him, all the while sharing recipes for his own hilariously absurd cuisine. Rock stars, helicopters, the porn director and son, and Marta's mafia brother all make appearances. The fun is in Hamilton-Paterson's offhand observations and delicate touch in handling his two unreliable misfits as they find each other and there's lots of it. (Oct.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "Wickedly witty... Anyone who does not add this hilarious divertimento to their summer reading list should be put on a forced diet of Gerald's inimitable Alien Pie.' Michael Dibdin, Guardian; 'A deliciously nasty farce set in [Hamilton-Paterson's] adopted Tuscany... Cooking with Fernet Branca had me laughing out loud and uproariously. All Tuscanites should read it, preferably over a plate of stewed otter chunks in lobster sauce.' Sunday Telegraph; 'Larded with bitter satire and piquant wit, at the expense, often, of its readers and their dreams of Italy... I laughed out loud several times a chapter.' The Times" About the Author James Hamilton-Paterson is the author of the bestselling Empire of the Clouds, which was hailed as a classic account of the golden age of British aviation. He won a Whitbread Prize for his first novel, Gerontius, and among his many other celebrated books are Seven-Tenths, one of the finest books written in recent times about the oceans, the satirical trilogy that began with Cooking with Fernet Branca, and the autobiographical Playing With Water. Born and educated in England, he has lived in the Philippines and Italy and now makes his home in Austria.