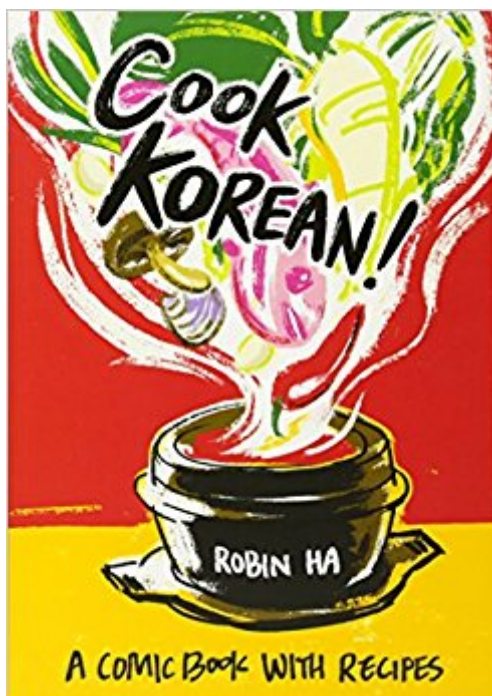


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# Cook Korean!: A Comic Book With Recipes



## Synopsis

A charming introduction to the basics of Korean cooking in graphic novel form, with 64 recipes, ingredient profiles, and more, presented through light-hearted comics. Fun to look at and easy to use, this unique combination of cookbook and graphic novel is the ideal introduction to cooking Korean cuisine at home. Robin Ha's colorful and humorous one-to three-page comics fully illustrate the steps and ingredients needed to bring more than sixty traditional (and some not-so-traditional) dishes to life. In these playful but exact recipes, you'll learn how to create everything from easy kimchi (mak kimchi) and soy garlic beef over rice (bulgogi dubpap) to seaweed rice rolls (gimbap) and beyond. Friendly and inviting, *Cook Korean!* is perfect for beginners and seasoned cooks alike who want to try their hand at this wildly popular cuisine. Each chapter includes personal anecdotes and cultural insights from Ha, providing an intimate entry point for those looking to try their hand at this cuisine.

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"Simple, straightforward, and totally charming, Robin Ha's *Cook Korean!* is yet another example of why every cookbook should actually be a comic book." —Amanda Cohen, chef/owner Dirt Candy "Do you feel left out when all your cool friends mention their latest Korean food adventure talking about things like galbi, doenjang and different types of kimchi? Well, fear not, as Robin Ha made it her personal mission in her graphic novel cookbook filled with colorful illustrations, incredible stories, and insightful Korean recipes to not only educate but to instill

confidence. So go pick up your copy of *Cook Korean!* and confidently engage in your next conversation about the hottest cuisine in America." **Deuki Hong**, chef and author of *Koreatown: A Cookbook* "Cook Korean! is not just a wonderful collection of easy-to-follow recipes in comic form, it's also a delightful introduction to Korean culture. I can't decide what's more mouthwatering--the food or Robin Ha's art!" **Michael Cho**, cartoonist and illustrator "Illustrator Robin Ha's cheeky cartoon characters (a cape-clad superhero Spam can, a group of signing bean sprouts) guide the reader through the basics of Korean food in comic-book-style panels and drawings. [...] Her cheerful main character, Dengki, coaches readers through each step. Before you know it, you're cooking along with her." **Food & Wine magazine** "This highly recommended collection is a solid introduction for readers who feel daunted by Korean cooking and ingredients." **Library Journal** "Robin Ha has done a huge favor for anyone intimidated by the exotic ingredients and techniques of Korean cuisine. She's created a comic book that lays out the fundamentals of kimchi, bibimbap and Korean barbecue in the form of recipe-cartoons. One of the most delightful cookbooks I've seen all year, *Cook Korean!* makes me want to drive to Buford Highway and fill a buggy with soybean paste, dried anchovies, green onions and tofu." **Wendell Brock**, *Atlanta-Journal Constitution* "The imaginative Ha, who emigrated from South Korea to Alabama as a teenager during the 1990s, fills the colorful pages of *Cook Korean!* with detailed images, ingredients, and step-by-step instructions for even the novice chef. The result is a super-comprehensive guide to literally every kind of Korean meal you could want, from the everyday sides (i.e. banchan) to the more elaborate noodle and rice dishes that could rival anything you'd find at a Korean restaurant." **Jinnie Lee and Maura M. Lynch**, *MyDomaine*

Born in Seoul, Korea, ROBIN HA grew up reading and drawing comics. At fourteen she moved to the United States. After graduating from the Rhode Island School of Design with a BFA in illustration, she moved to New York City and started a career in the fashion industry. Her work has been published in independent comics anthologies including *Secret Identities* and *The Strumpet*, as well as in the pages of *Marvel Comics* and *Heavy Metal Magazine*. Her blog *Banchan in 2 Pages* features Korean recipe comics. She currently resides in Falls Church, Virginia.

What a fun read! I bought this as a present for my sister and we spent an enjoyable (and at time contentious :) evening making the Japchae recipe. We ended up making a few changes here and

there but it was delicious. I highly recommend this book.

My family usually hides in fear at the thought of my 'wok terrorism' but this book may be the holy grail I needed to woo them back to my asian kitchen efforts. The recipes are easy to follow and I have had little difficulty finding the majority of ingredients. The cartoons are fun yet descriptive, and none of the recipes are complex enough to require multi-step images. The korean tacos are amazing and the marinade was equal to anything I have had at a good korean BBQ establishment. This cook book is on 'repeat play' and I have yet to screw any of these dishes up, which is a major complement to the author. Kudos!

Cook Korean! by Robin Ha is a delightful cookbook that de-mystifies Korean cuisine for the average (non-Korean) home cook. The book is well-organized and the intro section is just right- not too long, introducing the book's intent and describing ingredients to look for to make authentic Korean recipes. I didn't know if I would like a comic format so much, but her comics and writing style are easy and fun to follow, and I appreciated the little bits of info distributed throughout the book as well. Though there are no photos, the many drawings really help me understand what to do, from cutting ingredients to the right size to how the dish should look at the end. Chapters on street food, cocktails and anju, and Korean fusion dishes take care to acknowledge other delicious influences and features of Korean food and culture. We already had the ingredients for Oisobagi kimchi in our kitchen, and there will definitely be homemade bulgogi and nakji in my near future. I received this review copy from bloggingforbooks in exchange for my honest review, and I can't wait to Cook Korean! I highly recommend this book if you're just getting in to cooking Korean cuisine at home, it's a great, easy to follow guide and fun to read.

I never liked cooking Korean food as much as I enjoyed eating it. However, since my mother came to live with me I had to learn. She has dementia. I bought few cookbooks and they were ok. I was lucky to get one good recipe out of them. I have gotten over ten out of this cookbook and counting. I did substitute Korean soju for white cooking wine. Had to play with some rice vinegar in one recipe but mostly it is a cook book. My mom would be starving. Thanks for your hard work.

I bought this for my future mother-in-law. I cooked for my fiance's family members the other day and she was very interested in Korean food. She's a vegetarian so she's always looking for new ways to incorporate more vegetables to her diet. You can only eat salads so often before you get bored!

This book is not only very comprehensive, it is also so fun to read! Lastly, the manga style of the book just sold it for me. My future mother in law is obsessed with this book.

I don't have any Korean influences in my family anymore and I was missing the food so much lately; but I'd never actually cooked any Korean food. I took a chance on this purchase and am so happy I did. Everything is explained so nicely and the recipes are 2 pages long max. Including the delicious looking art. Everything is so easy to make, too!

All of the recipes I tried were really easy to comprehend and written in a way that even people who don't do much cooking would be able to figure out. And for those who do cook, it is easy enough to start adjusting to your specific tastes. If you have eaten a fair amount of Korean food you will be able to identify what it is you like more or less of. It was a very nice cook book, It had pictures showing how to prepare the food, what order to mix ingredients in and how long to cook each portion before adding the next ingredient. I was really happy to see that they included a section showing the main ingredients in Korean cooking and some of the items had Hangeul characters on them so it is easier to find items at the store (I am currently in Korea so all the food is labeled in Hangeul)

I bought this book as a gift for my college age daughter who loves to cook. As a novice to Korean cooking (but a fan of all cuisines Asian, I flipped through those pages, and was immediately caught. I made a few of the dishes- all easy and straightforward to make, all with wonderfully authentic and fresh tastes, and all to rave reviews. So, the next step....yes, I had to buy a second copy to give to my daughter!! I would recommend this cookbook to anyone who wants to try their hand at the tastes of Korea. The stories worked into the recipes are fun, the pictures take away much of the uncertainty of "did I do it right" and the results are great! 2 thumbs up

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