

These novels provide a rich tapestry of culinary experiences, blending food, culture, and storytelling to create engaging and flavorful narratives. You may pair them with an exploration into world food using this product, AtoZ World Food.

1. **"A Pho Love Story" by Loan Le (2021)**  
A young adult romance set in the world of rival Vietnamese pho restaurants. The novel explores Vietnamese cuisine, family loyalty, and the complexities of young love.
2. **"Arsenic and Adobo" by Mia P. Manansala (2021)**  
A cozy mystery set in a Filipino restaurant, where the protagonist must clear her name after being accused of murder. The novel is rich in Filipino cuisine and culture, offering a delicious blend of food and mystery.
3. **"A Taste of Sage" by Yaffa S. Santos (2020)**  
A romantic comedy where the protagonist, a chef with the ability to taste emotions through food, navigates love and career in the culinary world. The novel explores the emotional and sensory experiences of cooking and eating.
4. **"Love & Saffron: A Novel of Friendship, Food, and Love" by Kim Fay (2022)**  
This story is about two women who form an unlikely friendship through letters and shared recipes. It celebrates the ways in which food can forge connections and bring people together.
5. **"Natalie Tan's Book of Luck and Fortune" by Roselle Lim (2019)**  
This novel follows Natalie Tan as she inherits her grandmother's restaurant in San Francisco's Chinatown. It highlights Chinese cuisine and the magical realism of cooking recipes that can change lives.
6. **"With the Fire on High" by Elizabeth Acevedo (2019)**  
This young adult novel follows Emoni Santiago, a high school student and aspiring chef. It celebrates Afro-Latinx cuisine and the protagonist's journey to balance her culinary dreams with personal responsibilities.
7. **"The Secret Ingredient of Wishes" by Susan Bishop Crispell (2016)**  
This magical realism novel features a woman who can make wishes come true through her baking. It explores the intersection of magic and culinary arts, and the profound impact of food on people's lives.
8. **"Eat Up: Food, Appetite and Eating What You Want" by Ruby Tandoh (2018)**  
While not a novel, this book offers a fresh perspective on food and eating, emphasizing the joy of food without guilt. Tandoh, a former Great British Bake-Off contestant, explores food culture, body image, and the politics of eating.
9. **"The Coincidence of Coconut Cake" by Amy E. Reichert (2015)**  
This charming romance revolves around a chef in Milwaukee whose life intertwines with that of a food critic. The novel highlights the emotional connections people have with food and the role of cuisine in healing and love.
10. **"Delicious!" by Ruth Reichl (2014)**  
Written by a renowned food writer, this novel follows a young woman working at a food magazine. It intertwines food history, mystery, and the joys of discovering forgotten culinary treasures.
11. **"Sourdough" by Robin Sloan (2017)**  
A software engineer inherits a sourdough starter and delves into the world of baking, blending technology

with traditional culinary arts. The novel explores the magic of fermentation and the quirky world of underground food movements.

12. **"The City Baker's Guide to Country Living" by Louise Miller (2016)**  
This novel follows a pastry chef who moves to a small town and finds a new sense of community and purpose. It highlights the restorative power of baking and the importance of local, seasonal ingredients.
13. **"The Recipe Box" by Viola Shipman (2018)**  
A multigenerational story that centers on a family's heirloom recipe box, exploring themes of heritage, family, and the power of food to connect generations.
14. **"The Cake Therapist" by Judith Fertig (2015)**  
A baker with a unique ability to sense people's emotions through flavors opens a bakery in her hometown. The novel explores the healing power of baking and the emotional connections tied to food.
15. **"The Lost Recipe for Happiness" by Barbara O'Neal (2015)**  
A chef moves to Aspen to open a new restaurant, bringing with her a storied recipe book. The novel explores themes of healing, passion, and the redemptive power of cooking.
16. **"The Saturday Night Supper Club" by Carla Laureano (2018)**  
A disgraced chef starts an underground supper club, finding redemption and love in the process. The novel highlights the creativity and community found in the culinary world.
17. **"Murder in the Kitchen" by Alice B. Toklas (2020)**  
This fictional mystery blends culinary history with a gripping narrative. It features famous recipes and explores the culinary world through the lens of a whodunit.
18. **"Crying in H Mart" by Michelle Zauner (2021)**  
A deeply felt memoir about Zauner's Korean heritage and her relationship with her mother in an exploration where cultures meet, and food brings people together.
19. **"The Covenant of Water" by Abraham Verghese (2021)**  
An epic novel that takes place in Kerala, on South India's Malabar Coast, following three generations of a family's hardships, joys and delicious food using the regions prolific coconuts.
20. **"What She Ate: Six Remarkable Women and the Food That Tells Their Stories" by Laura Shapiro (2018)**  
Six short takes on famous women and their attitudes toward food that offer insight into social, cultural, and personal aspects of life.