



KIN: Caribbean Recipes for the Modern Kitchen by Marie Mitchell



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Particular Books signs *Kin*, a Caribbean cookbook with “serious cultural intent”

Richard Atkinson, Publishing Director at Penguin Press, has bought world all language rights to *Kin: Caribbean Recipes for the Modern Kitchen* by chef and writer Marie Mitchell in a heated auction from Milly Reilly at Jo Unwin Literary Agency. Particular Books will publish *Kin* in hardback in the UK in spring 2023.

A collection of recipes from the Caribbean and its diaspora, *Kin* celebrates the powerful connection food gives us to our families, culture, and to places and people around the world. In exploring the food of the Caribbean – from Trinidad and Barbados in the south to Jamaica and Cuba in the north, and the many islands in between – Marie Mitchell weaves in the stories behind the recipes, revealing their historical and cultural roots. These are recipes with heart – but they are also fresh and modern, and perfectly suited for health-conscious home cooks. This cookbook crackles with energy as it reclaims the heritage of Caribbean cuisine and celebrates its tradition of sharing and connecting through food.

Marie Mitchell is chef and co-founder of Island Social Club, a “soul-lifting” modern Caribbean supper club aimed at filling the void left by the erosion of London’s once thriving Caribbean social scene. During its four-nightly residency in Hackney in 2019, Island Social club fed and watered over six thousand guests, and received rave reviews from the likes of *ES Magazine* and the *Guardian*, as well as featuring on *Jamie’s Meat Free Meals*. Marie is based in London, and alongside cooking, is a champion of social inclusivity, sustainability, and supporting and creating spaces for self-care and mental health awareness.

Mitchell describes *Kin* as: “A way to break bread with my readers by bringing them to the vastness and variety of Caribbean cooking. The Caribbean is family, home, comfort, joy, colour and celebration. I hope to show how true exploration and understanding of our food promises a chance to break down barriers and see our unity and kinship rather than our differences. Sharing is at the heart of my cooking, and it is at the heart of *Kin*.”



Atkinson said: “I’m so excited by Marie’s combination of delicious food, strong design sensibility and serious cultural intent. *Kin* offers a collection of recipes that showcase the vastness, variety and nuances of Caribbean cooking. From Pepperpot to Green Banana Croquettes, Marie’s recipes had readers at Penguin running to the kitchen to make them. This ambitious, enticing book has the potential to unlock the cuisine of a whole region for a new audience.”

Reilly said: “Marie is a true storyteller, and in *Kin* she traces the breadth and history of Caribbean cooking with spirit and warmth. This cookbook is a much-needed addition to our shelves and I could not be more delighted that Marie’s work has found a home with Richard Atkinson at Penguin Press.”

Kin was acquired as part of a two-book deal with the second title to be published in Spring 2025.

Advance praise for KIN

“Marie Mitchell is at the vanguard of a new generation of young chefs revolutionising what we know – or what we think we know – about Caribbean food and culture. Her food has a depth of flavour, mastery of technique and generosity of spirit that stays with you long after you’ve scraped the last patch of curry goat from your plate with a roti. *Kin* has a similarly irresistible sense of vibrancy and purpose; a personal journey and recipe compendium that explores the breadth of island cuisine with authority and wit. It is a vital book. In every sense of the word.’

Jimi Famurewa, Evening Standard chief restaurant critic, freelance writer, editor and podcaster

“*Kin* is an expression of community through food. Marie’s recipes are her ancestry, her family and her life on a plate. This book isn’t a historical reference of “authentic” Caribbean cooking, but instead it’s a living, breathing reflection of Marie’s place in the modern world. I cook her food and somehow feel part of that kinship.”

Michael Zee, author, broadcaster and Symmetry Breakfast creator