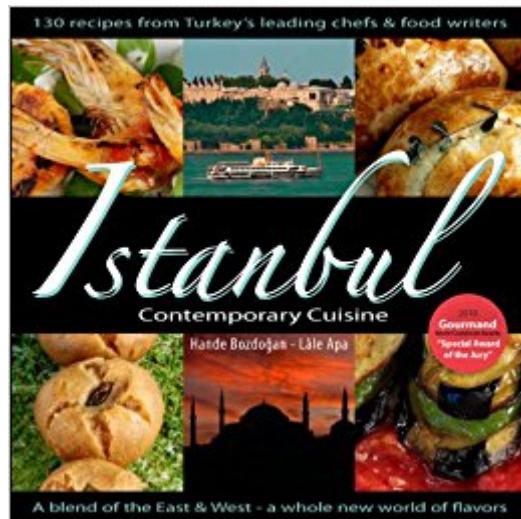


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# Istanbul Contemporary Cuisine



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## **Customer Reviews**

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This is an amazingly wonderful cookbook...very imaginative and the recipes are easy to follow--extremely well written. We use it at least once a week and we Love it. Not too many cookbooks give more than a few recipes that I'm really excited about and this is packed with them. So if you want to take a journey through Turkish cuisine - you should definitely buy this cookbook and Enjoy!

Good Turkish recipes with pictures. Mostly traditional dishes, but maybe one could say sometimes with a modern twist. Given the marketing of the book, I would have expected more novelty. The book feels like a tourist book in style. I would have preferred a bit more culinary approach, for instance with some secrets of how to cook Turkish food since the dishes originate from "Turkey's leading chefs" (quoted from front cover). Since the recipes are coming from several sources, it is a bit hit and miss in terms of recipe quality. One recipe calls for removing most of the water in a shredded

cucumber only to add plain water later in the recipe. Another recipe calls for balsamic and sherry vinegar to a beetroot salad. This moves too far away from what is Istanbul food. I give the book three stars because I still rate *Classic Turkish Cooking* higher. You might decide to buy the current book as a second Turkish cookbook or decide to give it a pass. UPDATE: I have now cooked more dishes from the book. The recipes are extremely uneven and there is absolutely no care about details. Pretty pictures that will collect dust in the bookshelf. One star.

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