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Who Was Julia Child?



Synopsis

Born in California in 1912, Julia Child enlisted in the Army and met her future husband, Paul, during World War II. She discovered her love of French food while stationed in Paris and enrolled in Le Cordon Bleu cooking school after her service. Child knew that Americans would love French food as much as she did, so she wrote *Mastering the Art of French Cooking* in 1961. The book was a success and the public wanted more. America fell in love with Julia Child. Her TV show, *The French Chef*, premiered in 1963 and brought the bubbling and lovable chef into millions of homes. Find out more about this beloved chef, author, and TV personality in *Who Was Julia Child?*

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Customer Reviews

Geoff Edgers is a reporter at [The Washington Post](#) and author of [Who Were The Beatles?](#) and [Who Is Stan Lee?](#) Carlene Hempel is a lecturer at Northeastern University's School of Journalism.

One night in 1962, people watching Channel 2 in Boston saw something unexpected. There, standing over a frying pan, was a woman tall enough to play professional basketball. She wore an apron and spoke in a fluttering, high-pitched voice. She was excited. Julia Child was cooking an

omelet. That's a fancy way of making scrambled eggs that are served folded in half. The show's producers were not expecting Julia to be a big hit. Back then, the most popular shows were westerns, cartoons, and comedies. There certainly weren't many people cooking on television.

I buy this book to give it to my clients most especially those with pre-teen or teenage daughters. It makes me look really good as this will be a heirloom for their subsequent generations. The authors really hit a home run on this book. Forget about Hilary Clinton as a role model for young girls; Julia is a true role model, overcoming her early gawky height, and becoming an athlete, a world class cook, and even a spy for the good guys. It is interestingly readable for adults, too. Sure to be a bestseller like Edgers' "The Beatles" was. Here's hoping Carlene Hempel will team with her husband, Geoff Edgers, on another book soon.

I liked the overview of Julia Child's life. It would be a good read for young readers. That's who I would recommend read this book.

My 10 year old loves these type of books! Julia Child is a very fascinating person.

Bought it to my daughter who wanted a short bio of Julia for school, but also to keep it since she admires her so much. For her it was easy to read and a good length of a book for a bilingual (english is her second language) 4th grader. Got an A+ on her book report.

These are such great books. Although my kids are higher level readers, they still very much enjoy these books.

Having read all the books out there about Julia I must say I enjoyed this version as a fairly quick and very enjoyable read. It is definitely a book for all ages. Oh, did I mention? The illustrations are marvelous.

Granddaughter loved the book.

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