

# ON OUR RADAR

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY FOR THE GOURMET THIS MONTH. BY CLAIRE TANSEY

## GOOD BOOKS

### Happy Meals

Food loving sisters Julie Albert and Lisa Gnat put some fun into feeding a crowd with their playful, family-oriented cookbook *Bite Me*. This unusual book combines straightforward recipes with quirky photos and quotable "bites."

**Bite Me**, Pinky Swear Press, 2009, SC 272 pages, \$30. At Chapters and Indigo stores across Canada.



### Tastes of Venice

Take a culinary tour through Venice in *Venezia: Food and Dreams*, by best-selling cookbook author Tessa Kiros. Sumptuous photography of the food and people capture the city's spirit, from its masquerades to its famous polenta.

**Venezia: Food and Dreams**, Whitecap Books, 2009, HC 288 pages, \$45. At bookstores across Canada.



## SWEET TREAT

### Gourmet Goodies

Luscious dried apricots coated in lots of dark chocolate make a perfect little stocking stuffer or hostess gift — no wrapping required.

**Prestat Apricots in Chocolate**, \$25. Through Dove Tale Collections.



## SMART SOLUTION

### Ginger Peeler

Among foodies, much has been made about finding a way to peel ginger without wasting too much of the root. Using a spoon to scratch off the skin is common in culinary circles, and now OXO has perfected the idea, adding a comfy grip and sharp edge.

**OXO ginger peeler**, \$10. At retailers across Canada.



## TREND

### Give a Tree

Adopt your own olive tree in Italy, or give one as a gift, and reap its delicious harvest. Choose a fresh, grassy oil from the Contrada Morla grove or a smooth buttery one from Fonte Carella. Adopters receive two litres of oil in the spring and two litres in the fall, and can even visit their tree and the farmers in Italy.

For more information on Nudo's program, visit [nudo-italia.com](http://nudo-italia.com).



## TIME SAVER

### Convenient Canapé

For a delicious, fast hors d'oeuvre that goes prettily from oven to table, start with this new goat cheese baker. Simply roll a log of soft goat cheese in herbs, bake and serve with baguette crackers. The lovely package also makes it a great gift.

**Petite Maison goat cheese baker**, \$26, and herb mixes, \$5. At Chapters and Indigo stores across Canada.



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