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'Smell the food on every page'

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New books on Julia Child

Minette's Feast: The Delicious Story of Julia Child and Her Cat, by Susanna Reich, Abrams, \$16.95

France awakened in Julia Child a hunger for both good food and good cat companionship. This lavishly illustrated children's book tells the story of Minette Mimosa McWilliams Child, Julia's first cat. The tale of "the luckiest cat in all of Paris" is played out against the larger story of Child really learning how to cook, a process which would lead to her stellar career. Amy Bates' illustrations are charmingly lyrical and loaded with all sorts of telling details that bring Julia Child — and Minette — fully to life.