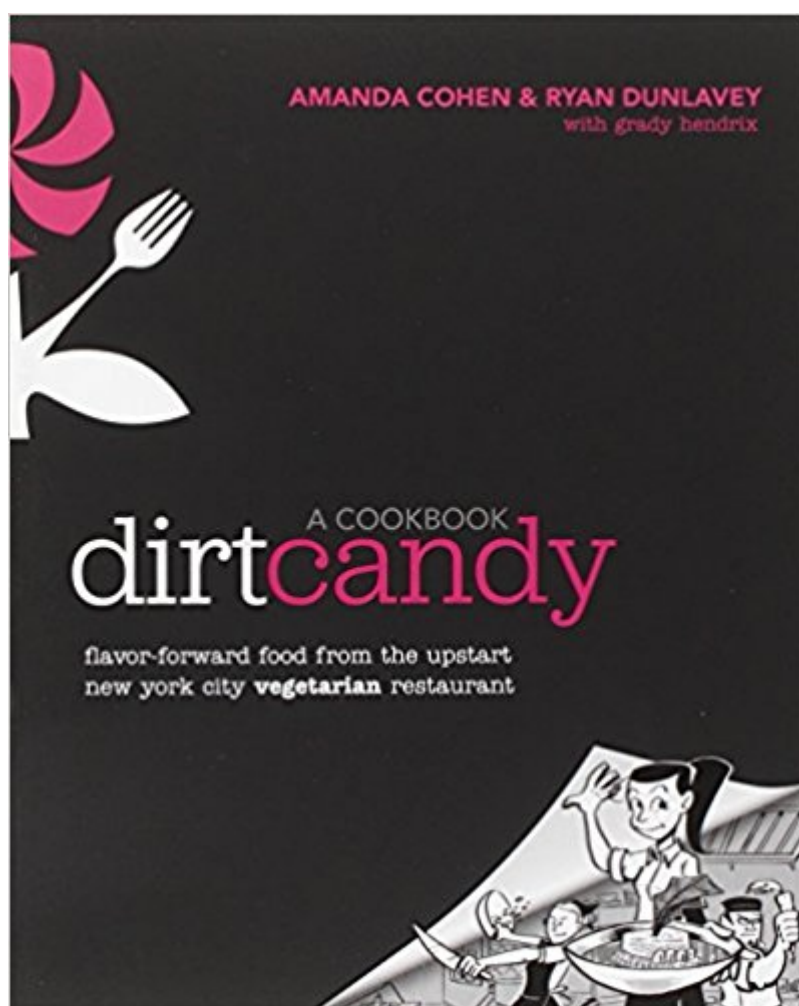


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# Dirt Candy: A Cookbook: Flavor-Forward Food From The Upstart New York City Vegetarian Restaurant



## Synopsis

From chef-owner of the popular all-vegetable New York City restaurant, Dirt Candy, a cookbook of nearly 100 vegetable recipes for home cooks everywhere. Amanda Cohen does not play by the rules. Her vegetable recipes are sophisticated and daring, beloved by omnivore, vegetarian, and vegan diners alike. *Dirt Candy: A Cookbook* shares the secrets to making her flavorful dishes "from indulgent Stone-Ground Grits with Pickled Shiitakes and Tempura Poached Egg, to hearty Smoked Cauliflower and Waffles with Horseradish Cream Sauce, to playfully addictive Popcorn Pudding with Caramel Popcorn. It also details Amanda's crazy story of building a restaurant from the ground up to its success, becoming one of the most popular restaurants in New York City" all illustrated as a brilliant graphic novel. Both a great read and a source of kitchen inspiration, *Dirt Candy: A Cookbook* is a must-have for any home cook looking to push the boundaries of vegetable cooking.

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"The recipes are totally savvy and mouthwatering. Cohen's advice, including the realities and vicissitudes of opening your own place, is professional and instructive, and sometimes very funny." - Rozanne Gold, *The Huffington Post* "Thanks to Cohen, eating your vegetables has never been so fun - or delicious." - Michael Menna, *New York Daily News* "...a first-person account of Ms. Cohen's campaign to liberate cauliflower and mushrooms from their predictable spot as a side dish and make them the main event" altering the entire perception of the vegetable in the process." - Steve Dollar, *Wall Street Journal*

AMANDA COHEN is the chef-owner of Dirt Candy, an all-vegetable restaurant located in New York City's East Village that is recommended by the Michelin guide. Cohen, who has written about food for *Saveur*, *Eater*, *Salon*, and *Esquire*, was the first vegetarian chef invited to compete on Food Network's *Iron Chef America*. She and her restaurant have been featured in the *New York Times*, *Food & Wine*, and *The New Yorker*.  
RYAN DUNLAVEY is a New York City-based artist whose work includes *The Comic Book History of Comics*, *MODOK: Reign Delay*, *Tommy Atomic*, and the Xeric and ALA award-winning *Action Philosophers*.  
GRADY HENDRIX has written for *Variety*, *Slate*, *Playboy* and is coauthor of *The Magnolia League*, a young adult series from Little, Brown. He is married to Amanda Cohen.

As the mother of a vegan (for five years now) and a vegetarian (for 15 years), I am always looking for inspiration and recipes to serve when they are home. This adorable graphic cookbook is full of personality, as are the recipes therein. Saw the author on "Simply Ming" and fell in love with her buoyant personality and deep affection for the Earth's bounty. Only wish I lived close enough to enjoy her restaurant on at least a weekly basis.

This is not only a "comic book", but, it explains a LOT, is fun to read, and the recipes are clear, basic and delicious - this is a super buy even if you're a carnivore like me!!

I heard about this book on one of my favorite comic book podcasts and had to give it a go. While the illustration felt a little rushed and I found myself skipping over most of the recipes with the intent on going back to them later, the graphic novel sequences were completely enjoyable and informative. There was much insight as to the inner workings of both the restaurant and food industries and various quirks regarding both. While I understand how the book was organized to segue into the various blocks of recipes and technique instruction, it kind of broke up the book awkwardly. I intend to try some of the recipes for myself and hopefully not mess them up too badly. Nonetheless, this is a completely new way to read a graphic novel and a cookbook. I wish all cookbooks were presented this way so they wouldn't just sit on my shelf and gather dust. Not the prettiest graphic novel, but very fun and by far the best cookbook I've ever read.

To be honest, I'm not sure how many of the recipes I will make but the comic is fun to read and very informative about how tough it is to start a restaurant. I admire the chef!

It is a very Interesting Book. It is a cookbook but the art work and information about how the business came to be and works is very interesting.

I'm biased because I've eaten at Dirt Candy, and love the food there. I also read a lot of indy comic books - I suggest Kate or Die if you find a copy, so I love the graphic novel format Amanda Cohen, Dunlavey, and Hendrix use. I was first introduced to Amanda's cooking through the Iron Chef episode, and I love the history she provides in this book along with her cooking methods. Super +1 - she gives the complete recipe for the smoked cauliflower and horseradish sauce with waffle dish, which is my favorite of her dishes. One improvement would be to let us know what her pickling spice breakdown is for the pickled shiitake recipe. I do understand everyone has their own pickle spice ratio they think is best, but I would love to know Ms. Cohen's particular blend.

Super interesting cookbook format and great, tasty recipes. The cookbook is formatted like a comic book which tells the story of how the restaurant was started.

Didn't like the way this book is set up. It's like a comic book. Not many recipes, mostly cartoons. Tried some of the recipes and they were very complicated to make.

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