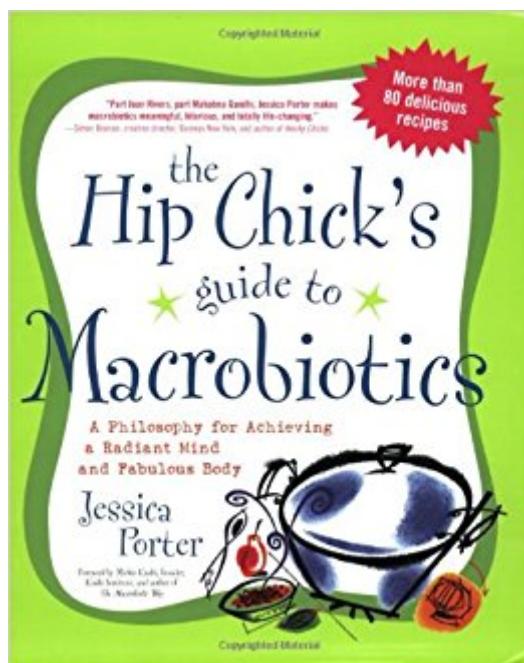


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The Hip Chick's Guide To Macrobiotics: A Philosophy For Achieving A Radiant Mind And A Fabulous Body



Synopsis

A modern girl's guide to the secrets of eating for health, beauty, and peace of mind."Part Joan Rivers, part Mahatma Gandhi, Jessica Porter makes macrobiotics meaningful, hilarious, and totally life-changing."Simon Doonan, creative director, Barneys New York and author of *Wacky Chicks*Heralded by New York magazine as one of the city's most popular diets, macrobiotics has become the latest trend in dieting, thanks to high-profile supporters like Madonna and Gwyneth Paltrow.Speaking to the generation of young women looking to extend their healthy lifestyles beyond yoga and Pilates, macrobiotic chef and instructor Jessica Porter offers fresh, contemporary, and accessible insight into one of the world's most popular diets that is based on century-old principles. She explains that through the right balance of food, women can find balance in every aspect of their lives—improved health, weight loss, or fulfilling relationships.The effects of eating a macrobiotic diet can extend beyond basic health to weight loss, beauty, better sex, and peace of mind. Cooking tips and recipes are combined with Jessica's no-nonsense philosophy and witty anecdotes to create a lifestyle book that will inspire women to hit the kitchen with an understanding of how to strengthen their mind and body through food.

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Jessica Porter is a macrobiotic chef, cooking instructor, and hypnotist. She completed her macrobiotic training at the Kushi Institute in Beckett, Massachusetts. She hosts a weekly radio show in Portland, Maine, has written and appeared in her own one-woman show, Zen Comedy, and has been featured in Simon Doonan's recent book, *Wacky Chicks: Life Lessons from Fearlessly Inappropriate and Fabulously Eccentric Women*.

This book isn't organized like a cookbook which usually has a chapter for each different type of dish (i.e. soup, vegetable, dessert, etc.). The recipes are all over the place and in no particular order. When I first got this book I put it aside b/c it didn't look like there were many recipes in it but after spending A LOT of time looking through it I discovered there are some delicious and creative recipes in here. I do think it was very sloppy of the author and especially the editor to allow the book to be published as is. If you are willing to take the time to wade through the book you will find some good stuff here. When I bought this book I also bought Simon Brown's & Mayumi Nishimura's books. I liked Brown's the best and I would recommend it--especially for beginners. For this book I created my own table of contents which categorizes the recipes. I will copy it here in case it may be helpful to others.

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Jessiaca is breather of fresh air in the super serious world of macrobiotics. Her personal stories (only in the beginning) and brilliant writing kept me listening and deciding to go on this journey. Yes, I'm a guy, but Jessica's wisdom still applies. It's distilled down to this: Use your BRAIN and your own experience with the PRINCIPLES of macrobiotics to achieve superior health and create sublime connection with your world, and those in it, What makes it great is she is NOT jamming scientific hooey down your throat to prove her points. She's sharing her own experience and showing you how to do that same. I am personally starting with the 10 day brown rice diet (which she briefly touches on) and found how to best do thru Zen Macrobiotics. Then transitioning to this is way of eating to be in line with my spiritual practices. I will definitely recommend her book to every new MB person I encounter. I'm also really enjoy the other books Jessica recommends that have even more recipes. One that has a gentler 'rejuvenation diet' (aka detox) and excellent quick (as in 10 minute) means is Modern Day Macrobiotics. Jessica's book also has recipes I can't wait to try and her audiobook comes with a free PDF of them too :)

I had been reading about Macrobiotics for a while online before buying this book. It was an easy read and it helped me go "whole hog". I have only been macrobiotic for a short time and have seen amazing transformations not only in myself but in my husband as well. I never thought he would have stuck with this diet since he enjoyed meat and dairy so much. I was vegan before so I knew it wouldn't be hard for me. But after seeing the results in just a few weeks we knew we were macro for

life. No more GMO's, no more processed foods, no more refined sugar, no more dairy and meat pumped full of hormones, no more feeling bloated and sluggish. We chew our food thoroughly and enjoy it and are never hungry. We eat good portions of great food. The fat and "sludge" in our bodies is melting off literally and I'm sure we aren't even balancing yin and yang that well yet or upward and downward foods etc. I can't imagine the benefits as we refine our knowledge. I threw out all our food not befitting any human and gave some other stuff away to friends in need. Then we took the time to find all the new ingredients but it's not too hard when you have Whole Foods Market or a Henry's nearby. I bought all kinds of new kitchen gadgets and tossed out the microwave and teflon items as well as any polycarbonate plastics with BPA's. I would recommend this book and way of life to anyone striving for health, vitality and energy. I used to drink a Rockstar before running at the gym or take an Herbal Nitro or Red Bull. Now I can run and workout without the use of stimulating sugars and caffeine that whack out the chemicals in your body and deplete needed vitamins from your system. I never thought I could have a strong workout without these enhancers. But since going macro I not only can have a great workout but my endurance is up and I'm doing more. This is a new way of life for us and I promise, it's a good one.

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