

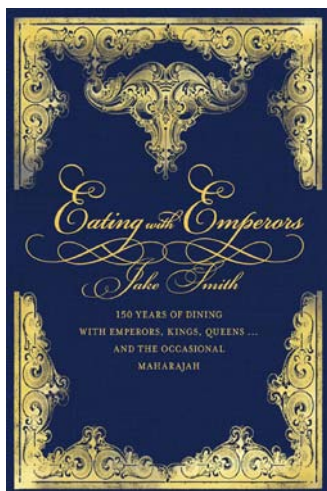
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EATING WITH EMPERORS

150 YEARS OF DINING WITH EMPERORS, KINGS, QUEENS ... AND THE OCCASIONAL MAHARAJAH

By Jake Smith

The world jeered when the Emperor of Iran served roast peacock to celebrate the anniversary of his empire; a White House chef threw a tantrum and resigned when asked to cook with frozen vegetables; ladies at the Russian Court would lick Rasputin's sunwashed hands believing them to be blessed; and the menus at the Buckingham Palace dinner table are written in French and not the Queen's English.

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Jake Smith spent his childhood travelling the world with his parents, developing a love for fine food and wine. After receiving original menu-cards from Margaret Thatcher, he amassed a collection of original menus from the tables of world leaders dating back 150 years.

Jake has worked as a political advisor to senior politicians and for the Queensland Government to promote gourmet food and new food-technologies. It is his twin love of food and politics that has driven him to research each menu, to find out who a world leader was entertaining and why.