

TOP CHEF *top 10*



Susan Feniger

The exuberant star of *Top Chef Masters Season 2* owns several Los Angeles restaurants, including the street food-celebrating *Street*. But, she tells *F&W's* Kate Krader, cooking is just one of her obsessions.



1 BICYCLE "I have an old blue 10-speed; I'd probably be fine with no speeds. Once a year, I ride my bike on the beach."

2 MOVIES "I love, love, love going to the movies. I've seen four in one day; on long plane rides, to places like India, I can watch even more. I love *Rabbit-Proof Fence*—the more depressing the movie, the more I like it."

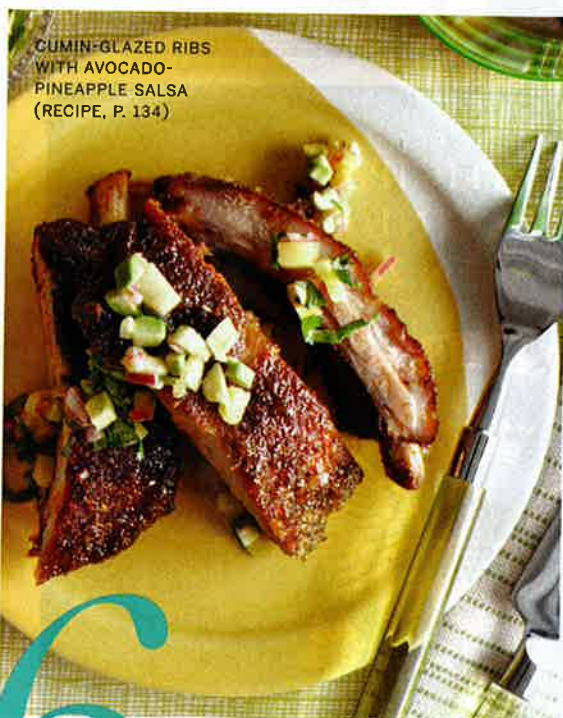


3 NOVELS "*She's Come Undone* by Wally Lamb is moving and sad and it feels real. It's about a young woman's struggles. I like things that teach you about real-life situations. It's why I love therapy."

4 MUSIC "Annie Lennox has the most amazing voice, and she's the most amazing songwriter. 'Why' is one of my all-time favorite songs. I have the biggest crush on her."



5 CHILDHOOD JOB "My father had a flower shop in Toledo, Ohio, called the Flower Market. I hung out there from the time I was five; my job was to put pins in the corsages. It was nuts during homecoming."



CUMIN-GLAZED RIBS WITH AVOCADO-PINEAPPLE SALSA (RECIPE, P. 134)

6 SPICE-RUBBED RIBS "I'm not a BBQ ribs person. But I like sweet, salty and spicy combos, so these ribs (recipe, p. 134) are perfect for me."



7 GERBERA DAISIES "I adore the way they look and their colors. Not regular daisies—just gerberas. I also like the simplicity of sunflowers."

8 RICE COOKERS "For anyone who doesn't like to cook, it's the greatest thing. You can make a big pot in the morning and have it sitting for hours."



9 VIETNAM "In an alley in Ho Chi Minh City, I had the most unbelievable *bun thit nuong*—a bowl of rice noodles with grilled pork, cucumbers, chiles and fish sauce."



10 EARRINGS "I have nine piercings in one ear. My sister did the first one; my parents had gone outside to see a fire truck and I told her, 'Quick, now!'"