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## Morocco Cookbooks 2005

On May 20, 2006 in Kuala Lumpur, Morocco is honoured with two key Gourmand World Cookbook Awards. Morocco is taking a clear leadership in food culture on the southern coasts of the Mediterranean.

The **Best in the World Gourmand Award for Foreign Cuisine** goes to the book “**Le Grand Livre de la Cuisine Marocaine**”, the great book of Morocco cooking, by **Fatema Hal** published by Hachette Pratique in France. The author has a doctorate in ethnology, and has gathered all the best traditional and modern recipes of Morocco. She runs the world famous “Mansouria Restaurant”, 11 rue Faidherbe, 75011 Paris. She is a lively television host, appearing in programs in Morocco, France, Spain, Argentina and Brazil.

Fatema Hal is the first “Best in the World” winner from Morocco, in all categories. Previous winners in this category have been:

1998	Germany – U.Holsten (Grafe und Unzer)
1999	US – Padmia Lakshmi (Hyperion)
2000	Spain – Salah Jamal (Zendrera Zariquiey)
2001	Australia (Murdoch Books)
2002	Australia – David Thompson (Viking)
2003	US – Arthur L.Meyer, Jon M.Vann (John Wiley)
2004	Austria – Florian Harm, Lux Jakel (C.Brandstatter)

The international jury also gave a special award to “**Arabesque: A Taste of Morocco, Turkey and Lebanon**” by **Claudia Roden** (Penguin-Michael Joseph). As Nigella Lawson says, Claudia Roden’s great gift is to conjure up not just a cuisine, but the culture from which it springs. Since 1968, Claudia Roden has revolutionized western attitudes to the cuisines of the southern coasts of the Mediterranean.

All information and other awards results are available in the Gourmand Yearbook 2006.

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