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The UK Wins 7 Gourmand Awards

On May 20 in Kuala Lumpur, the UK wins 7 Gourmand Awards, including 1 "Best in the World Cookbook Awards", 2 "Best in the World Wine Book Awards", and 4 "Special Awards of the Jury".

Cookbooks

The winner for **Best Entertaining Cookbook in the World** this year is **Pretty Party Cakes** by **Peggy Porschen**, published by Quadrille. After a course of french patisserie at the Cordon Bleu in London, Peggy Porschen quickly developed a highly individual style appreciated by Elton John, Gwynneth Paltrow and Tracy Chapman among others. Recently she has started supplying Fortnum and Mason.

Past Best in the World Winners in this category include:

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| 1998 | Canada – Margaret Dickenson (Random House) |
| 2000 | Japan – LCM (HK Publishing) |
| 2001 | The Netherlands – Amy Weldon (Het Spectrum) |
| 2002 | France – C.Gouvion, N.Sirot (Le Rouergue) |
| 2003 | New Zealand – Annabel Langbein (Int.Cul.Institute) |
| 2004 | Denmark – Arld Sandgren (Ashehoug) |

Wine Books

The Best in the World this year on wine outside Europe is **Wines of Lebanon**, by **Michael Karam**, photos by **Norbert Schiller**, with a foreword by **Tom Stevenson**, published by Saqi Books. Michael Karam is the leading wine writer in Lebanon, and Norbert Schiller one of the most prolific Middle East news photographers. They present in this book a journey from the Bekaa Valley to the vineyards of Mount Lebanon.

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| 1997 | J.Martthaes (Wine Appreciation Guild) – US |
| 1998 | Phyllis Hand Dave Hughes (Stefan Philip – Unifoto) – South Africa |
| 1999 | Jens Priewe (Zabert Sandmann) – Germany |
| 2000 | Jacques Orhon (Editions de L’Homme) – Canada |
| 2001 | Magdalena Leblanc (Ocho Libros) – Chile |
| 2002 | John and Erica Platter (Kyle Cathie) – UK |
| 2003 | Caroline Courtney (Random House of New Zealand) |
| 2004 | Hakan Nilsson (Liljedahl) – Sweden |

The **Best in the World Wine Literature Book** this year is **Wine, A Life Uncorced**, by **Hugh Johnson**, published by Weindenfeld and Nicolson. Hugh Johnson is probably the most respected wine writer in the world today, thanks to his **Encyclopaedia of Wine**, first published in 1970. He started then a change in the way wine was explained to the readers, followed by most other wine writers. His autobiography reads like **The history of the past decades of Wine**.

Past winners of this award include:

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| 1998 | Dr.Thomas Stuttaford (Faber and Faber) |
| 1999 | Jancis Robinson (Penguin) |
| 2000 | Joanne Harris (Doubleday) |
| 2001 | Michael Klonowski (Hallwag) |
| 2002 | Markus Del Monego (Heel) |
| 2003 | May-Eliane de Lencquesaing (Art et Arts) |
| 2004 | Hugo Loetscher (Neue Zurcherzeitung) |

Special Awards of the Jury:

Arabesque

A Taste of Morocco, Turkey and Lebanon
Claudia Roden
(Penguin-Michael Joseph)

East Meets West

Celebrity Charity Cookbook
For Tsunami Relief
Compiled by **Barbara Jayson** and **Jenny de Montfort**

(Accent Press)

Climbing the Mango Trees

By Madhur Jaffrey
(Ebury Press)

Culinary Pleasures

Cookbooks and the transformation of British food
Nicola Humble
(Faber and Faber)

Complete information on the Gourmand Awards will be published after May 20 in
The Gourmand Yearbook 2006.