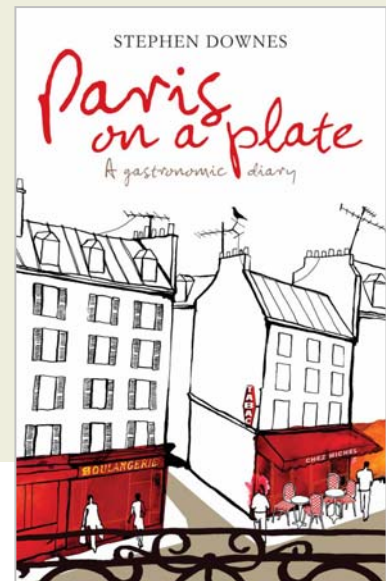


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Stephen Downes, now a renowned restaurant critic, returns to the city of lights and Michelin stars to test France's legendary reputation for fine dining. Is Paris still home to the 'great cathedrals' of restauration or — *sacré bleu* — is it a city of over-fussy, over-priced dinosaurs leftover from the days of haute cuisine? His exhaustive knowledge, dry humour and fervour for fine food make Stephen's diary a delicious, although sometimes unsavoury, read. You'll feel very keenly that you are experiencing an authentic Parisian treat.

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His history of Australian restaurants and cooking *Advanced Australian Fare* won Outstanding Food Book of the Year at the 2003 Australian Food Media Awards and was a runner-up in the culinary history category of the Gourmand World Cookbook Awards. Murdoch Books published *To Die For* by Stephen Downes in 2005 and this book won the Best Food Literature Book (English – Rest of the World category) in the Gourmand World Cookbook Awards.