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Together celebrates the power of cooking to connect us to one another.

In the aftermath of the Grenfell Tower fire, a group of local women gathered together to cook fresh food for their families and neighbours.

Over the chatter and aromas of the kitchen they discovered the power of cooking and eating together to create connections, restore hope and normality, and provide a sense of home. This was the start of the Hubb Community Kitchen.

Together is a storybook of this West London community, showcasing over 50 delicious recipes from the women of the Hubb Community Kitchen and including a foreword by HRH The Duchess of Sussex.

The women invite you to make their favourite simple dishes - many handed down over generations - from the Middle East, North Africa, Europe and Eastern Mediterranean for you and your loved ones.

Every dish tells a story of history, culture and family, and each has been developed to use few ingredients and easy methods so that anyone can cook these personal recipes.

Together features mouthwatering recipes including Green Chilli and Avocado Dip, Coconut Chicken Curry, Aubergine Masala, Persian Chicken with Barberry Rice, Caramelised Plum Upside-Down Cake, Spiced Mint Tea and lots more.

This stunning charity cookbook is a homage to life, friendship and togetherness.

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# From Reader Review Together: Our Community Cookbook for online ebook

## Kristin says

What a wonderful project and partnership! It's wonderful to see a community come together through food and love. As an ELL teacher I really enjoyed reading about some of the traditional dishes of my student's families! I really want to try some of these myself in my newly remodeled kitchen! I want to start with the avocado dip since it received such high praises from Meghan and an Ethiopian dish!

Meghan is already proving what an amazing royal she will be! ♥?

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## Stevie says

I tried the chile and avocado dip that Meghan Markle said she's made herself and it was sooo good - I literally don't even like avocado.

I blended them instead of using a food processor and it turned out fine, that's how my mama makes all her salsas anyways.

The Duchess of Sussex is my favorite lady this year, and this solo project did not shy away from ethnic food and cultural cuisines, I may be bias but most cookbooks that I've picked up aren't as diverse as this one is - I'm like so glad to try something different than mac and cheese and eggs.

Going to try the vegetable samosas next!

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## Laura C says

Got this book on Christmas Day and immediately started reading and planning meals to make in the new year. I've shown several friends and family members this cookbook and we are planning a potluck dinner, with recipes from this book, in 2019!!

Also, I'm happy the funds for this cookbook are going to such a good cause!!

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## Lisa says

Loved the format, the stories that introduced the recipes, the clear directions for how to make the food. Photography was spot on. It felt like you were reading more of a community diary of favorite dishes than a "cookbook". I will definitely be adding some of these to my favorites list. Was happy to see that some already were. The one thing that could bump it up to a five star rating is the addition of the nutrition breakdown (calories, carbs, etc.) which is very important to many people.

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## **Expanding Bookshelf says**

I can't actually rate this book until I've cooked some of the recipes but I am so excited and so hungry.

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## **Bernadette Geuy says**

There are some lovely family recipes from around the world. Support this community by buying this book.

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## **Ari Reavis says**

I love the foreword and stories behind each recipe. I look forward to making some of them.

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## **Onceinablue moon says**

I am not a royal watcher, but it's hard to miss all the bad blood her family spills, so happy for this young woman, she appears so well grounded and generous that I wanted to support her first endeavor. A beautiful cookbook with so many shining smiling faces, I hope she beats all expectations in profits. Me, well, I will be trying some new recipes this weekend! From such a horrific tragedy I hope a Phoenix can rise from the ashes.

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## **Dana Al-Basha ????? ?????? says**

I really admire Meghan for staying true to herself and her passion, that she continued with the good work she was doing before. This project is a ray of hope in a very dark time the whole world is going through... I can't wait to get this book. If I adored her before, I truly love her now.

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## **Obsidian says**

What a great cookbook! I have started to buy more cookbooks these days because I love to just make something to eat at home. It seems every winter like clockwork I go into hibernation mode (due to the

weather) and I want to be able to make something that is filling, that is not going to have 1,000 ingredients, and that for the most part I can get done in an hour or less.

"Together: Our Community Cookbook" is pretty great. I loved all of the color photos that accompanied the recipes, the foreword by HRH The Duchess of Sussex, and also the community members who added little personal anecdote before getting into the recipes. It made it seem as if a friend is sharing a recipe with you.

This cookbook is divided into the following: Foreword; Introduction; Breakfasts; Snacks, Sharing Plates and Dips; Lunches and Dinners; Salads and Sides; Desserts and Drinks; Index; The Royal Foundation; Cooking in the Community/Recipe Notes; and Acknowledgements.

Not going to lie, I don't recall one cookbook I currently own that gets into breakfasts. That is seriously my favorite meal of the day. Most of the recipes I have for breakfasts I just find on Pinterest. I do own Martha Stewart's one cookbook that gets into the type of meals that you can make depending on your cookware (crockpot, dutch oven, cast iron skillet, etc.) The first thing I am going to try though is the simple chocolate cake recipe. I really want something like this to enjoy over winter with a nice cup of coffee.

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### **farmwifetwo says**

A lot smaller book than I expected. Recipes appear to be very straight forward. Plan to try a few over the winter.

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### **Bonnie says**

I really like this cookbook. I've made several of the recipes, and they turned out great. There are more that I want to try. What a great way to raise funds, and also peruse many great recipes.

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### **Tim says**

This is a colourful cookbook of various Mediterranean, Middle-Eastern and North African recipes, brought together by newly retired TV actor Meghan Markle, Duchess of Sussex. While I haven't cooked any of them yet, most of the dishes look achievable. A few require more specialised ingredients, for example "injera", a large spongy flatbread from Ethiopia to serve with Misir Wot (lentils) and Gomen Wot (greens).

Profits from the book go to the Hubb Community Kitchen to enable them to serve more people through the week.

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### **Megan Marie says**

I know that Meghan isn't meant to be the "star" of this cookbook, and I think she did an amazing job of letting the women of Hubb Community Kitchen take center stage and share their stories and voices. But also... YAY MEGHAN YOU ARE AMAZING AND AN INSPIRATION!

...ok, I'm done now. Moving on.

I haven't cooked any of the recipes YET, but there are so many that I plan to try! Every single picture was mouth watering, and all the recipes looked easy to follow. The Green Rice, Lamb Pilao, and the Orange Blossom Ricotta-filled pancakes are dishes that will be appearing at the next three potlucks I am asked to attend. Seriously, the food looks SO GOOD!!!

I loved that each recipe began with an intro from the woman who provided it; their voices came through so clearly and made me feel like the recipes were more than just flavours flung together to make nourishment. This is FOOD, not just recipes. Every dish is something that is clearly meant to be shared and enjoyed as a family or gathering; very few dishes that would be served "pre-plated", this book is an homage to family-style cooking.

My wish (because clearly I'm never satisfied) would be for these women to go one step further and maybe continue this project as a cooking & community blog. As a self-professed "Food Blog Nerd", I would absolutely follow anything these women published about their foods, their communities, their cultures, and their journeys. I know this cookbook is a huge accomplishment but now I want MORE, lol!

The Duchess is right. Food is memories, food is family, and food brings people together. I'm so pleased to see her using her voice and her passion in a way that produces tangible results and helps these very deserving women to help themselves. Congratulations to every single person involved in this project. I am so excited to cook your food, and I am so happy to contribute (in the smallest way) to such a wonderful cause.

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### **Elizabeth Judd Taylor says**

Everything in this book looks super delicious, so I can't wait to get cooking, baking, and eating. Also, the proceeds from this book go to support the Hubb Community Kitchen, so this is really a win-win purchase.

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