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Healthy food doesn't have to be boring and bland. Look to the Mediterranean for innovative, fresh, and nutritious ideas. In **Against the Grain**, award-winning cookbook author **Diane Kochilas** offers up a collection of satisfying, good-for-you recipes inspired by the exotic dishes of the Mediterranean.

Whether you're trying to lose weight or simply improve your eating habits, sticking to a good carb diet is a great idea. The Mediterranean diet isn't all breads, grains, and pasta -- it includes plenty of fish, chicken, lamb, vegetables, and fruits. **Against the Grain** includes recipes for everything from light bites, such as tapas, soups, and salads, to hearty entrees and sides. The ingredient lists are supermarket-friendly and prep time is minimal, so busy home cooks can whip up healthy meals in minutes, every night of the week.

In addition to classics like Fresh Tomato Soup with Moroccan Spices, Chicken Cacciatore, and Pan-Seared Shrimp with Romesco Sauce, there are innovative, exotic new dishes like Grilled Skewered Lamb with Mint and Garlic Pesto, Pork Medallions Marinated with Olives and Orange, and Roasted Red Pepper and Feta Soufflé.

One of the basic principles of the Mediterranean lifestyle is that everything should be enjoyed in moderation. In **Against the Grain**, no foods are forbidden or totally off limits. Instead, you'll find formerly "sinful" ingredients like rich cheeses, potatoes, rice, fragrant nuts and oils, and wine incorporated into savory meals. Yes, the recipes are healthy and nutritious, but, more important, the dishes in *Against the Grain* are hearty, satisfying, and flavorful.

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Lindsey Duncan says

I picked up this book because I was interested in the Mediterranean aspect, not particularly the low ("good") carb focus, and found it very satisfying from that angle. There are a wide range of recipes; the author clearly both loves and is deeply knowledgeable about her subject matter; and she clearly explains where she has made alterations and why. Recommended.

Vex says

Good ideas, but currently not possible to implement. Maybe when I have more free time.

Jeanne says

As the title says this is a book with good carb (or low carb) Mediterranean recipes. If you're looking for meat or vegetable-focused dishes from Greece, Turkey, Spain, Morocco, Italy and France this is a good place to come. There are several salad recipes, plenty of eggplant recipes and several good-sounding lamb chop recipes that might make me rethink my aversion to lamb (I think it's all in my head anyway.).
