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Julia Child knew how to have fun, and she also knew how to whip up a delightful meal. After traveling around the world working for the U.S. government, Julia found her calling in the kitchen and devoted her life to learning, perfecting, and sharing the art of French cuisine. This delicious, illustrated biography is a portrait of the remarkable woman, author, and TV personality who captured our hearts with her sparkling personality. “Bon appétit!”

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## **Julia Child: An Extraordinary Life in Words and Pictures Details**

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## **From Reader Review Julia Child: An Extraordinary Life in Words and Pictures for online ebook**

### **Shannon says**

I found this book extraordinary (when my original intent was to just skim it with Nora for a school report). The life story from childhood, career details, quotes, and excerpts were all fascinating. I didn't realize she was 36 before beginning her culinary career, which was really inspiring.

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### **Jacqueline says**

Hagar does an excellent job of drawing the reader in right away to admire this fascinating woman. I am not much of a cook, not a fan of French cuisine, but I was rooting for Julia Child every moment of this book. She is a wonderful role model of perseverance and going after your dreams a little later in life. The illustrations by Joanna Gorham are quite lovely. Well written, beautifully designed. Highly recommended!

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### **Joann Glasser says**

Though the book on the outside looked like a book for a child I was really glad to receive the book from goodreads. The book was really enjoyable, learned a lot about Julia Child I didn't know and had a couple of really good laughs. Julia was far more than just a chef, She was quite the human being.

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### **Paula says**

Holy cow, man! I have been hearing about this book literally for years, as Erin Hagar is local and a friend of a couple of my co-workers. So I was prepared to like it. And of course, also, it's Julia, and who doesn't love Julia?

But it is SO GOOD. Julia's voice rings out from the pages, whether she is bored doing office work, climbing trees with her childhood friend, or admiring her new kitchen ("it's a wowzer!" she writes in a letter to her longtime long-distance friend Avis DeVoto).

Like other reviewers on Goodreads, I found myself pausing my reading to fire up YouTube to watch her burn French onion soup in her second episode on WGBH, and giggle anew at her forthright manner. I realized that everything my dad taught me about kitchen knives probably came from Julia. I also realized that everything I want to be when I speak in public - relaxed, knowledgeable, warm - comes from Julia too.

There are a lot of books about Julia. This is the one that captures her personality the way her recipes do, the way the cameras did in Boston for all those years. And the art does this too. Magnificent wordless pages give us scenes from Julia's life like film stills - in a muted, nostalgia-tinged palette and with nearly photorealistic detail the content comes forward, allowing us to examine a menu, a camera, a page from her first cookbook. The expertise and sensitivity of this artist is deep and wide.

I am so thrilled that Erin Hagar will be talking about this book at KidLitCon 2015, October 9-10 at the Baltimore HyattPlace Hotel.

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### **Erin says**

This story captures Julia Child's fascinating quirkiness in both the text and the delightfully detailed pictures. But the best review I could give this is to say how completely effective it was in conveying Julia's monstrous enthusiasm. So much so that immediately upon closing the book, I watched a clip of the Omelette Show, then made two French omelettes all by myself.

They were delicious.

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### **Sarah Gale Pascual says**

Short but full of information now I understand Julia's wonderful culinary journey. Now I admire her more and his husband paul! This will be the start of my Julia Child obsession lol

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### **Annie Oosterwyk says**

I am not a cook and have never been interested in food beyond survival.  
I found this book so interesting that I googled Julia's cooking show and called my 6th grader over to watch with me. We now have plans to make shirred eggs and omelettes.  
I will also shortly be watching the SNL version of The French Chef with Dan Ackroyd.  
It is so great to read about someone who enjoyed life and lived fully.

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### **Stefanie Lyons says**

This is a beautifully written book with all the charm and joy of Julia herself. Loved it!

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### **Sienna says**

I liked this book because it was interesting because it was about a woman named Julia Child who had a very interesting life.

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### **American Mensa says**

Julia Child: An extraordinary life in words and pictures isn't a boring old history textbook with no illustrations, no excitement. Big things in her life were told in both words and pictures. Chapters in the book

were sequential. Exciting events were captured in colorful pictures by Joanna Gorham.

Julia Child changed from being a mischievous child with no interest in cooking food to having her own color television show. Julia Child tried to enlist in the Navy but was too tall at 6 foot 2 inches. Julia Child worked for Office of Strategic Services (OSS), which would later become the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). Julia Child tested survival equipment such as shark repellent and exposure suits. I think Julia Child cared about the nation by not giving up.

This a good book about a great person.

Review by Madeleine L., 11, Nebraska-Western Iowa Mensa

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### **Hannahlily says**

Completely delightful. Hager does a good job of telling the basics of Child's life while still including enough details to prove why she was (and is) so important and so beloved. Loved how some of the most important points in Child's life are told solely through the illustration.

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### **Lexi Vida says**

This was a lovely, quick read of Julia Child's life and accomplishments.

I read the entire book aloud to my sister in the car and it took the duration of our 2 1/2 hour drive. We both loved the illustrations and the verve and vigor in which Julia lived her life! Growing up, I only read biographies to complete papers for school, so to read a biography simply for the joy of learning about someone was truly wonderful. My only complaint about the book is that it is poorly edited in terms of grammar. While reading it, I noticed probably 20 typos, which was disappointing. We loved the story overall, though! We plan to make boeuf bourguignon from "The Art of French Cooking" sometime this week!

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### **Sophie says**

Amazing pictures and an amazing book. It was short, but had a ton of information and was extremely interesting, coming from someone who rarely reads non fiction.

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### **Samantha says**

I want to Julia Child all the things now. I find her very inspirational, and this book did not disappoint me. I really liked the way they had sections of illustrations followed by chapters. The nitpicky part of me wishes the quotes had specific attributions in the back, rather than just a list of sources, but that's a minor caveat.

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### **Tari says**

Oh, how I love Julia and this book went through her whole story from childhood to the end. Such a fun story.

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