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## *Silence of the Chefs* *An Outsiders Story of Kitchen Life*

Andreas Liebe Delsett was offered what many food enthusiasts dream of: Would he work for a period in the restaurant kitchen, learn the profession, cook at a really high level?

Few places in society are as diverse as the restaurant kitchen. The chefs have become oracles, celebrities and cultural heroes, and the professional kitchen is constantly presented as mythical and magical in magazines, TV series and popular culture. At the same time, the cooking profession is a low-status occupation, with poor pay, low recruitment, difficult working conditions and tough physical demands. In the eyes of society, the chef is at the same time an artist and craftsman, ruler and servant, oracle and idiot. What reality really awaits those who choose the Kitchen Life?

Andreas envisioned a few months in an exciting world, an easy shortcut to the master chefs' recipes and insights. Instead, the time at the kitchen counter at Restaurant Stock in Oslo became an exhausting and challenging encounter with a different reality. *Silence of the Chefs* is a book about food, collaboration, crafts, repetitions, fellowship, mistakes, knowledge, kitchen appliances, creativity, boredom and class. In addition, the book is one of the most vivid and insightful portrait of the professional kitchen to date.

*I can't remember reading such an unaffected, thorough and immersive book about life in the kitchen.*

- Morgenbladet

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Andreas Liebe Delsett (b. 1984) is Artistic Director at the House of Literature in Oslo. After an apprenticeship at Restaurant Stock in Oslo, Andreas has conducted an informal trade certificate examination as a chef. *Silence of the Chefs* is his debut as an author.



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