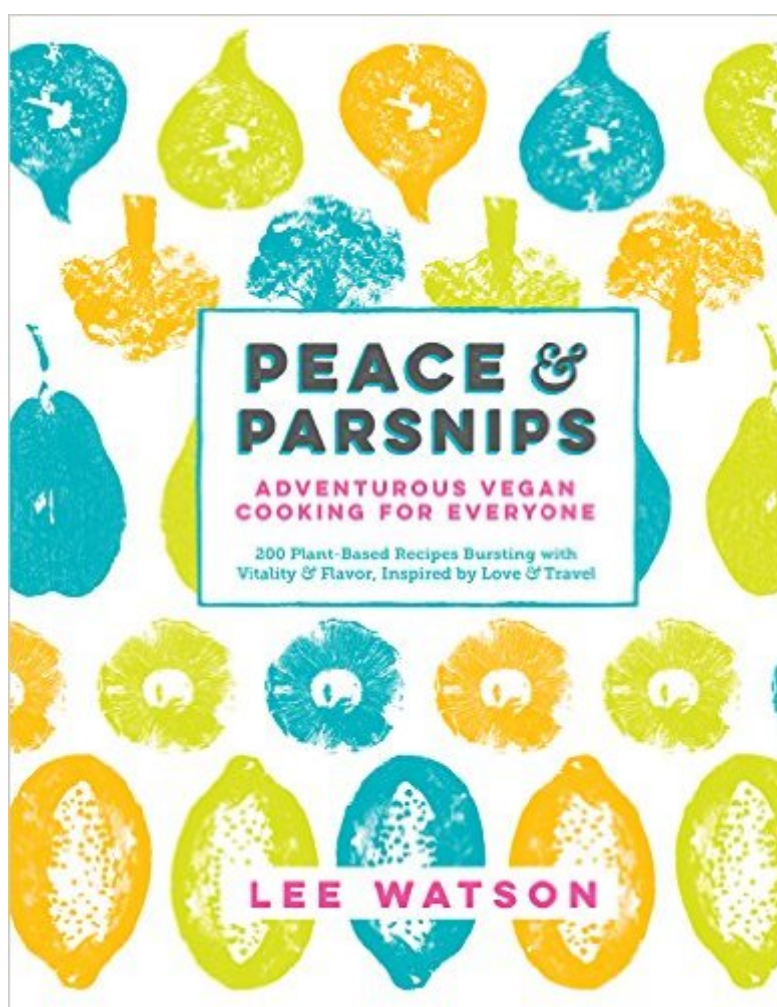


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Peace & Parsnips: Adventurous Vegan Cooking For Everyone: 200 Plant-Based Recipes Bursting With Vitality & Flavor, Inspired By Love & Travel



Synopsis

Plant-based recipes from a fun-loving, world-wandering chef you'll want to follow everywhere! Chef Lee Watson was once, in his own words, "the mightiest nose-to-tail carnivore of them all." But four years ago, he went completely vegan "and today, he's an easygoing evangelist for peaceful, plant-full eating! Now, *Peace & Parsnips* captures 200 of Lee's extraordinarily creative recipes, all "rooted" in his love of life and his many travels "from the streets of Mexico and the food bazaars of Turkey to the French countryside, the shores of Spain, the spice markets of India and beyond! Twelve chapters burst with gorgeous photos (200 in all!), tempting us with Lee's mouthwatering recipes "all meat-free, dairy-free and egg-free, and many gluten-free" that are brimming with goodness. Get set to savor: **Breakfast:** Plantain Breakfast Burrito with Pico de Gallo **Smoothies, Juices & Hot Drinks:** Healthy Hot Chocolate **Soups:** Zen Noodle Broth **Salads:** Fennel, Walnut & Celeriac Salad with Caesar-ish Dressing **Sides:** Turkish-Style Spinach with Creamy Tofu Ricotta **Nibbles, Dips & Small Plates:** Shiitake Tempura with Wasabi Mayo **Big Plates:** Parsnip & Walnut Rumbledethumps with Baked Beans **Curries:** Roasted Almond & Kohlrabi Koftas with Tomato & Ginger Masala **Burgers & More:** Portobello Pecan Burgers with Roasted Pumpkin Wedges **Baked & Stuffed:** Mexican "Pastor" Pie **Sweet Treats:** Raw Blueberry & Macadamia Cheesecake; Dark Chocolate & Beet Brownies **Sauces, Dressings, Toppers & other Extras:** Smoky Chipotle & Cauliflower Cheese Sauce; Tofu & Herb Feta! Lee's thoughtful, enthusiastic advice makes it easier than you think (and great fun) to create unforgettable meals from an inspiring array of seasonal fruits, fresh vegetables and easy-to-find staples. This is food that explodes with flavor, color and texture "and will delight and nourish everyone.

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Customer Reviews

Peace and Parsnips by Lee Watson is an astonishing book bursting with delicious and highly innovative recipes. For me this is more than just a standard vegan cookbook. Vegan food is still quite misunderstood (although this has been changing dramatically in just the last few years), which is a shame and sadly there are still the same old tired cliches being thrown around. Unfortunately there still exists a contingent of people who give Veganism a bad name and so the stereotypes continue. Peace and Parsnips smashes all these stereotypes and preconceived notions to smithereens. Where it really excels is in presenting vegan food in an exciting, adventurous and interesting way. And it is a cookbook with attitude, which is refreshing as most cookbooks can be a dull and bland experience. If you are a fan of Anthony Bourdain, then you will love this book. And like Bourdain, Watson has travelled extensively around the world and this can be seen clearly in the book. He also has a fantastic blog called the Beach House Kitchen ([...]), which contains hundreds of delicious vegan recipes as well as lots of great photos from his world travels. This is a global cookbook with an extraordinary vegan twist on world dishes. It is a compendium of awesomely healthy and tasty recipes for everyone, not solely vegans. I am a non-vegan yet from time to time I like to have good and tasty no-nonsense food, which is meat and dairy free. This book has been perfect for me in this respect. Some of the recipes are truly off the wall. The veggie burger and falafel recipes are top notch. The Portobello Pecan Burger with Roasted Pumpkin Wedges recipe is a winner as is the Chickpea, Squash and Apricot Burgers with a Red Onion, Orange and Black Olive Salad recipe (takes falafels to another level). I am a huge fan of Indian/South Asian cuisine and this book doesn't disappoint. The "Curries" section contains some very exotic, hearty and delicious curry recipes. The Keralan Coconut and Vegetable Curry with Pineapple and Watermelon Salad is a truly exquisite and wonderfully tasty south Indian dish. I also highly rate the Kashmiri Turnip and Spinach Curry with Beetroot Raita and the Pakistani Pumpkin and Beetroot Bhuna with Banana and Lime Raita; just those names alone are enough to wet anyone's appetite! The dessert section ("Sweet Treats") of this book is a veritable delight. Particular favourites are the Raw Spiced Apple and Date Pie (an amazingly tasty and inventive raw dessert consisting of apples, dates and cashews and walnuts), the Choc and Beet brownies (the richest and most delicious brownies I've ever tasted), and the Brazil Nut and Chocolate Spelt Cookies (delicious and very easy to make. It's also a brilliant recipe if you don't have lots of free time to cook and

would make a great and highly appreciated treat for friends and family members). This is an outstanding cookbook and a real labour of love. The writing, photographs and general layout of the book are first class and would make a wonderful companion for anyone with even just a passing interest in vegan cuisine. More importantly, I feel that once you have immersed yourself in this beautiful book and given some of the many exciting recipes a whirl, you will begin to look at vegan food in a completely different way. Indispensable.

Longtime vegan Lee Watson works as a vegan chef at a retreat center in Snowdonia National Park, Wales. In *Peace and Parsnips*, he collects 200 of his favorite recipes for smoothies, salads, nibbles, big plates, curries, burgers, desserts and more to prove that vegan food doesn't have to be limited to spongy tofu and rubber-like nut cutlets. Inspired by his travels to Mexico, Turkish bazaars, Europe, Indian spice markets, and beyond, with minimal fuss and plenty of accessible ingredients he creates delicious meals that even carnivores will appreciate. With an emphasis on seasonality and mindful eating, you'll find a well-rounded guide to the vegan pantry, including homemade nut milks (soy, cashew, almond, sprouted green lentil), spice blends, sauces and pestos, and even vegan feta that will allow you to create beautiful, healthful dishes that everyone can enjoy (in addition to being vegan, many of the recipes are also gluten-free). Lee includes many international influences in his recipes from Latin America (tostadas with salsa verde, the Middle East (couscous, hummus, tabbouleh, mujaddara, falafel, muhammara), Europe (borscht, filo pie, eggplant involtini, pastas, tempeh chorizo), India (curries, koftas, pulao) and Asia (udon, lumpia, fried rice). You'll also find a chapter devoted exclusively to *meaty* burgers from Portobello pecan to beet quarter-pounders, spinach bhaji burgers, chickpea, butternut, and apricot burgers, and puy lentil and walnut burgers. The first recipe I tried was the kasha with rosemary, apricots, and walnuts. My Polish grandmother would frequently fix kasha when I was growing up; I have fond memories of the smell of kasha toasting in the pan before she would add mushrooms or turn it into pieróg lubelski (buckwheat pie in a pastry crust). I also love all things apricots and walnuts, so was interested to see how this flavor combination would work out. It was an incredibly satisfying combination of crunch (from the walnuts), toothsome buckwheat, and sweet notes from the apricots, plus it freezes well. This may be my new favorite way to serve kasha, and will definitely be going on my lunchtime rotation again soon! The maple and orange-glazed tempeh with bok choy and soba noodles is another winner; I used green tea (matcha) soba as that is what I had on hand, and shimadofu (Okinawan tofu) as tofu is suggested as a possible variation. The beautifully citrus-infused tofu contrasts with the savory soy-based broth (I left out the cilantro as it is

not commonly used with noodle dishes here in Japan). I also loved Lee's stuffed dishes, like the leek and wild mushroom-stuffed potato skins with lemon and chive yogurt, and his many ideas for millet. Although I regularly cook with whole grains, millet is new to me, and I loved the idea of using it as a filling for chard leaves (beet, millet, and raisin-stuffed ruby chard bundles with brazil nut and rosemary cream). Here are two recipes to whet your appetite: Pappardelle with Artichoke & Almond Sauce, Purple Kale & White Asparagus. This dish is a delight! So many shades of green, all bursting with flavor and nutrition. Artichokes make a surprisingly creamy puree. Throw a few almonds into the mix and you're well on your way to deliciousness. In Spain, I buy fresh artichokes for pennies – pounds of the things are piled around our small kitchen and it can be difficult to know what to do with them. However, I recommend using high-quality jarred artichokes here. In this dish I tend to use white asparagus, but in autumn and winter I'd try to seek out some salsify. It's a rich root vegetable, perfect with this tangy sauce. Gluten-free option: use GF pasta.

THE BITS
14 ounces (400g) purple kale, stalks removed, thickly chopped
8 white asparagus spears
2 teaspoons olive oil
1/3 cup (75ml) nice white wine (vegan)
sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
14 ounces (400g) pappardelle (or similar egg-free pasta)

For the artichoke & almond sauce
5 tablespoons olive oil
a handful of almonds, soaked for 2 hours, skins removed if you have time
2 cloves of garlic, peeled and crushed
4 big handfuls of watercress leaves
14 ounces (390g) artichoke hearts
juice of 1 lemon

For the topping
a small handful of toasted almonds, finely chopped
a big handful of fresh parsley, chopped
a handful of watercress

DO IT
To make the sauce, heat 1 tablespoon of oil in a frying pan and add the almonds. Sauté for 1 minute, then add the garlic and continue cooking for 2 minutes more. Add the watercress leaves, cover the pan, remove from the heat and allow to cool. Place the contents of the frying pan in a food processor with the artichokes, lemon juice and 4 tablespoons of olive oil, and blend to a smooth puree. The sauce should be thick and shiny. Add water to thin it out if necessary. Heat 2 teaspoons of olive oil in a large heavy-bottomed frying pan on medium and add the asparagus. Pan-fry for 6–8 minutes, until nicely caramelized. Add a glug of white wine, and when the liquid has evaporated, season and cover. Leave to sit. Bring a big pan of salted water to a boil and cook your pasta for roughly 8 minutes, until al dente. Add the kale halfway through the cooking time. Drain well, keeping aside a little of the pasta water. Add the drained pasta and kale to the artichoke sauce and toss together, adding some of the pasta water if it is looking a bit dry. Spoon into warm shallow bowls and top with criss-crosses of asparagus and a sprinkling of toasted almonds and parsley. Garnish with the watercress and season with sea salt and black pepper. Recipe from *Peace & Parsnips: Adventurous Vegan Cooking For Everyone* © Lee Watson, 2016. Reprinted by

permission of the publisher, The Experiment. Available wherever books are sold.

theexperimentpublishing.com Leek & Wild Mushroom “Stuffed Potato Skins with Lemon & Chive Yogurt” This is really just a blinged-up baked potato. Hardly any more trouble than the standard, but the simple flavors knock your socks clean off! You can use any mushrooms here, but the wilder and more intense in flavor, the better. For 4 THE BITS 4 large baking potatoes 3 tablespoons olive oil 1 leek, finely sliced, green parts included 4 cloves of garlic, peeled and crushed 1 small head of broccoli, florets and stems finely diced 10 ounces (300g) wild mushrooms of your choice, roughly chopped 1 teaspoon dried rosemary 1 teaspoon dried sage 1 teaspoon dried thyme (or 2 teaspoons mixed herbs instead of the previous three) 1 teaspoon salt 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper 1/3 cup (75ml) almond milk or soy milk a big handful of toasted sunflower seeds 2 tablespoons nutritional yeast flakes 2 tablespoons whole grain mustard For the lemon & chive yogurt a handful of fresh chives, finely chopped 1 cup (300ml) unsweetened soy yogurt 1 tablespoon lemon juice 1/2 tablespoon lemon zesta large pinch of sea salt DO IT Preheat the oven to 350 F (180 C). Prick the potatoes all over with a fork and rub them with oil. Bake for 1 1/2 hours, until golden and soft, turning them over once during that time. Cut them in half and leave to cool. Heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil in a large frying pan on medium and sauté your leeks for 6 minutes, until softened. Add the garlic, broccoli and mushrooms and cook for another 5 minutes. Pop in the dried herbs, stir and season, then remove from the heat and cover. The potatoes should now be cool enough to handle. Carefully scoop out the insides and put them into a bowl, leaving the crispy skins intact. These will be our stuffing vessels! Mash the insides with the milk, then stir in the vegetables, seeds, nutritional yeast flakes and mustard, adding a little more salt as needed. Spoon the mash back into the waiting skins, packing them full to bursting, and place them on an oiled baking tray. Pop the potatoes back into the oven for 10–15 minutes, until piping hot. To make the lemon and chive yogurt, mix all the ingredients together in a bowl. Serve the stuffed potato skins with a good dollop of lemon and chive yogurt on the side. Recipe from Peace & Parsnips: Adventurous Vegan Cooking For Everyone © Lee Watson, 2016. Reprinted by permission of the publisher, The Experiment. Available wherever books are sold.

theexperimentpublishing.com Along the way, gorgeous photographs by Alistair Richardson on matte pages (which makes it MUCH easier to cook from) makes for an attractive presentation, and I appreciated that both the metric and US measurements are listed (many times when books are adapted for the US market, the metric measurements are left out, but I prefer to cook in metric if that’s how the book was written / tested). I also appreciate that unlike many vegan cookbooks, Lee avoids the heavily processed soy meat and cheese/dairy analogs (faux

chickpea nuggets, ground beef, soy cheese, etc.) in favor of tempeh, tofu, or homemade alternatives. Whether you're a longtime vegan, a transitioning vegan, or simply someone who appreciates good food and is looking for healthy and delicious weeknight meals, *Peace and Parsnips* deserves a spot on your shelf! (Review copy courtesy of my friends at The Experiment)

Wow, this cookbook is so special, unlike any I have come across. It is packed full of mouth-watering recipes that are sure to please everyone at the table. I loved the beautiful pictures through out this book and the attention to seasonal produce. You really feel as if you are on a journey with Lee as he shares about his travels and journey to a plant-based lifestyle. Quite a unique and inspirational cookbook that will be a staple in my kitchen for years to come!

What style and splendour! A truly beautiful praise of all that is plant-based! Lee takes the reader on a journey through each dish, and you can feel his personality shine through the pages- like you've been there with him on the trail, through the many kitchens, eateries, table tops and plates across the planet. Filled with wisdom he has picked up along his travels- his tidbits offer much insight, as he so simply shows us how diverse and exciting (and easy) eating a plant-based diet can be. He has truly inspired my palate!

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