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Body parts murderer John Martin, who was trained in butchery, was the first serial killer to be convicted in Singapore.

His modus operandi was to first bash his victims with a hammer and then cut up their bodies at the joints with a small knife.

He could have gone scot-free but for underestimating the mettle of his foe — the Singapore Police Force.

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**TAN OOI BOON | AUTHOR**

A legally-trained writer, Tan Ooi Boon first broke John Martin’s sensational serial murders in March 1995 when he was the law and crime journalist with Singapore’s main daily, The Straits Times. He had written extensively on law and crime matters. This is his sixth book.
Creative Baking Deco Choux Pastry

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Light, airy and crisp, cream puffs or profiteroles are a favourite the world over. Typically filled with chilled vanilla pastry cream, they make a delicious treat for any occasion. And with some know-how and lots of creativity, creative baker Tan Phay Shing, has taken the golden puffs to new heights. In this book, she shares her recipes and techniques to making choux pastry, and shows how you can pipe, decorate and assemble the choux to create different designs to suit any occasion. Complete with printable templates, illustrated step-by-step instructions and video links, Creative Baking: Deco Choux Pastries will enable you to start creating these irresistible treats in no time!

About the Author

Tan Phay Shing holds a postgraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering and worked in engineering research before she chose to stay home to spend time with her children. However, her experiments did not end when she left the lab. She continues to conduct experiments, albeit of a different kind, in her home kitchen, where she bakes creative macarons, cookies, buns and chiffon cakes.

Phay Shing shares a blog, LovingCreations4U, with Susanne Ng, bestselling author of Chiffon Cakes, Deco Chiffon Cakes and Deco Chiffon Cake Basics, where they delight readers with their unique creations.
Take a culinary voyage through the vibrant flavours of Malaysia with MasterChef UK contestant, Zaleha Kadir Olpin, as she shares her favourite family recipes in this cookbook. Malaysian-born Zaleha pays tribute to dishes she grew up with, including laksam, a rolled rice noodle dish unique to the East Coast of Malaysia; nasi lemak, one of Malaysia’s most iconic dishes; as well as chicken rendang, the controversial dish she prepared on the show.

Mostly handed down from her mother and grandmother, Zaleha’s recipes maintain traditional methods of cooking, but are suitable for use in the modern kitchen so you can experience Malaysian cuisine in all its authenticity. She also shares lessons she learnt growing up in a culinary family, with insights into the importance of food in Malaysian culture. Written from the heart, this book will appeal to anyone looking to expand their flavour repertoire or just wanting to dip their toes into the delightful world of Malaysian cooking.

“This book is a warm plate of Malaysian goodness, perfect for serving from all kitchens, at home and abroad.”
—Chef Dato’ Fazley Yaakob, Executive Chef, SukaSucre Bistro, Kuala Lumpur

“Zaleha Olpin is someone who wouldn’t allow a word to crush her. She made it work for her – thus the title of this beautiful book that showcases authentic Malaysian food at its finest.”
—Zaharah Othman, New Straits Times, Malaysia

About the Author
Zaleha Kadir Olpin is most well-known for being a contestant in MasterChef UK Season 14, where her traditional chicken rendang was criticised by judges for not being crispy, causing her to be eliminated from the competition. Since then, Zaleha has gained tremendous support from foodies all over the world.

Zaleha grew up in Malaysia and was taught to cook traditional Malaysian dishes by her mother from an early age. Today, Zaleha lives in Bristol, UK, where she runs the successful Malaysian Kitchen UK with friends. She also teaches at a cookery school to share the tastes and flavours of Malaysian cuisine with others.
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