



If you can't stand the heat. . .

PERRY and Moran, *Detective* confidently predicts, will be far more successful in their endeavours than **Richard Roose**, former chef to the **Bishop of Rochester**, whose culinary ineptitude in 1532 resulted in the death of two of the bishop's dinner guests. By way of punishment, Roose was placed in a giant cauldron hung over a fire at London's **Smithfield Market**, where he was boiled alive. A bit drastic, *Detective* reckons, but certainly an incentive for other lackadaisical chefs to lift their game. This and other juicy tidbits can be found in the newly released *Eating with Emperors: 150 Years of Dining With Emperors, Kings, Queens and the Occasional Maharajah* (The Miegunyah Press, \$59.99).

The book, compiled by Australian former political adviser **Jake Smith**, contains original menus from the tables of world leaders dating back 150 years, alongside dozens of fascinating culinary snippets.

Queen Victoria, Smith reveals, would travel about her estate taking breakfast in small revolving huts mounted on turntables so they could be faced away from the wind; **Diana, princess of Wales** adored nothing more than lobster quiche; while a White House chef was so appalled by **Lady Bird Johnson's** request for frozen veggies that he threw down his chef's hat and quit. *Detective* is enthralled.



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