

Identifying Details: Julia Child



Read this passage about Julia Child. When you're finished, write down 4 details about her life that made the story more interesting.

There was much more to Julia Child than met the eye! Julia Child was a famous chef who helped America discover glamorous French cooking. Before she was a famous chef, she worked for the government. In 1941, she volunteered to join the OSS. She played an important part in top-secret government missions, and traveled all over the world as a spy for the U.S. government. Two years later, her husband was sent to France on business. She went with him to France, where she fell in love with French cooking. She studied at France's most famous cooking school, and worked with talented chefs.

At the time, most Americans considered French food to be very expensive and not easy to cook at home. Together with her friends, she wrote a cookbook about French food, called *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*. Publishers didn't think anyone would want to read it – it was over 700 pages long! – but the book became a huge success in the United States.

After the success of the book, she went on a local television show in Boston to demonstrate how to cook an omelet. Viewers were so impressed that she decided to start her own cooking show. It was called *The French Chef*, and it showed her cooking recipes step-by-step so viewers could follow along. For the rest of her life, she hosted cooking shows and wrote many books, and helped people see cooking as not a chore, but as an art form.

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