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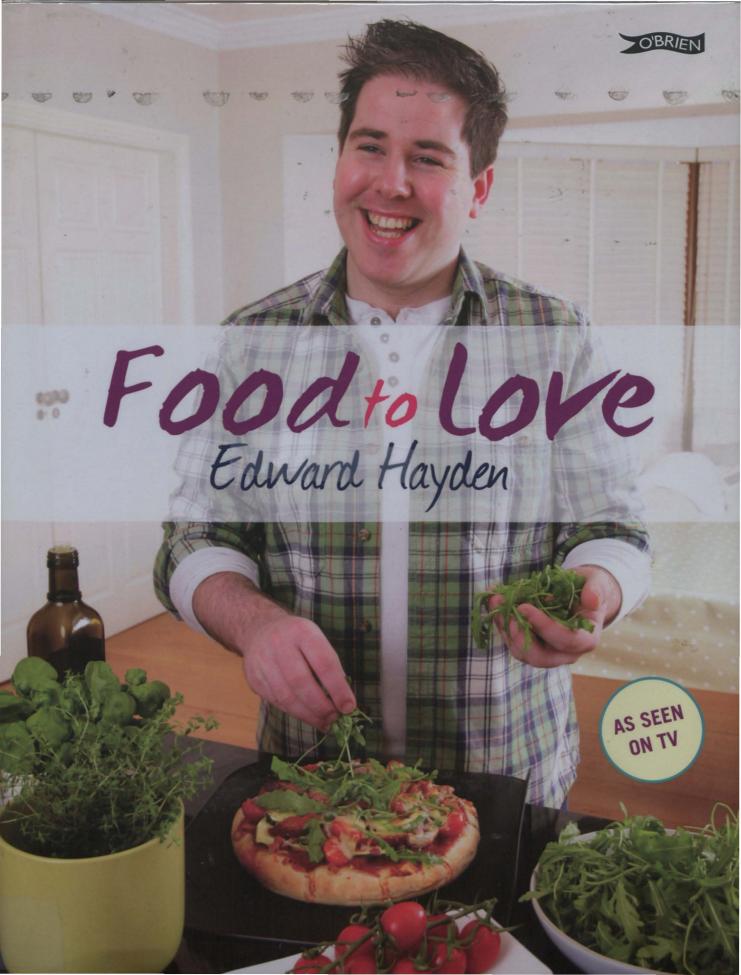


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'I have the perfect recipe for you, whether you're looking for something simple and delicious to cook on a week night, light bites for a family get-together, or something more elaborate for a dinner party!

I've packed this book with all my favourites – I've prepared these dishes time and time again for family and friends. We enjoy them so much; I know you and your family will love them too!'

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Dedication

I would like to dedicate this book to my father. Sadly, he passed away before it was taken on by the publisher and hit the 'big time'. He always encouraged me to write this book and was constantly in my mind as I did.

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