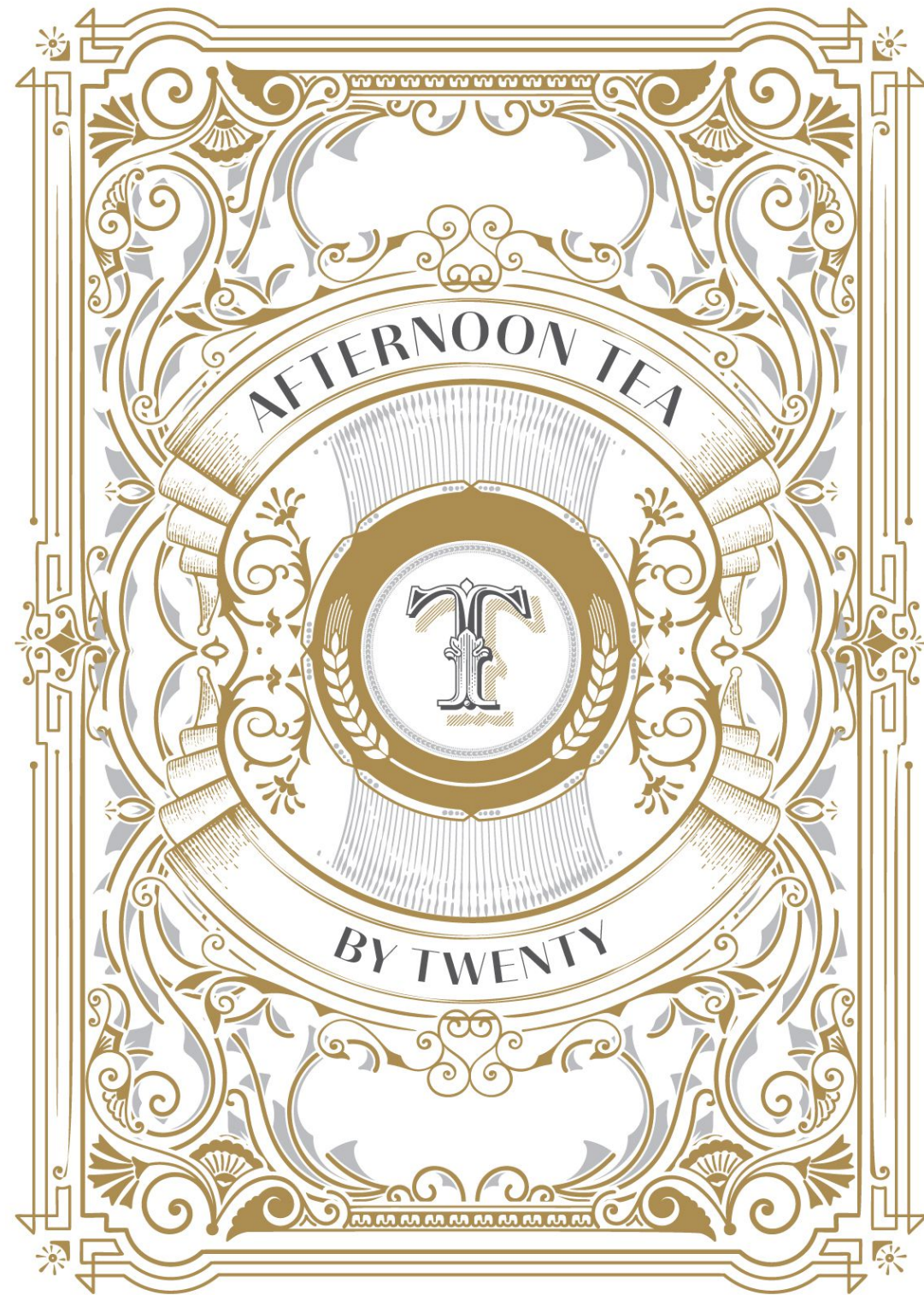


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Michael Morpurgo,
The Butterfly Lion

Joan Bauer,
Rules of the Road

Patricia Gaffney,
The Saving Graces

Sandra Dallas,
The Persian
Pickle Club

Roald Dahl,
Charlie and the
Chocolate Factory

'Here was the soup... One could have seen through the transparent liquid any pattern that there might have been on the plate itself.' Soon after, 'the smell of the scones wafted through the kitchen. They were sweet and crumbly and succulent.'

'I stood at the long-tiled kitchen counter, brushing olive oil on thick oatmeal bread; I spread the other side with honey mustard, layered on cheddar cheese, tomato slice, and sautéed bacon, placed a slice of oatmeal bread on top, put the two sandwiches in a cast-iron skillet sizzling with butter.' Mrs. Gladstone 'took a bite of the sandwich; her face lit up.' 'She was in a good mood. The hiss and sizzle of delicious things hitting a hot frying pan' excited her. Not long after she joined me, making 'the chicken she had invented (using honey and soy sauce and an ancient bottle of horseradish)' and her prawn crumpets.

'I'm supposed to be a feminist,' she said. 'It's part of my identity, my persona. Old maid. I'm supposed to be above thinking that excessive shrimp-cleaning, apple-peeling, and snow pea string-pulling are only worth it if men are coming for tea.

Ach, but I do love my gerruls,' she exclaimed, imitating 'a Scottish brogue, because we'd just heard this guy interviewed, Lonnie McSomething.' Speak of the devil and they did appear - the gerruls: Queenie with her magic wand, Clara, Emma, and Alsana, who wasted no time 'to reveal today's particular delight': flaky triangles of 'thin pastry with spiced beef inside'.

"Did you hear what happened at the lay readers meeting last night?" Emma asked.'

"Esther Bolick did her impersonation of the bishop?"

"Worse than that. Somebody stole her famous orange marmalade cake out of the parish hall fridge", she explained - while, as expected, unwrapping the several layers of tin foil that hid Esther's cake.

"The Chinese say it's better to be deprived of food for three days than tea for one," Mrs Gladstone said, tongue in cheek.

We all then 'sat on the folding chairs outside and ate halwa with our fingers from a common bowl', Esthers cake of course, and Queenie's pie. "What kind of pie is this anyway?," I asked. "Rhubarb," she said. "Don't you know rhubarb pie? I thought it was your favourite," she answered, with a half-smile, knowing exactly what I was after. "You prefer strudel, huh honey? Strudel it is." And 'with a flick of her wand, she sent raisins, apples and pastry flying into the air. The concoction neatly wrapped itself up into a cylindrical pie, baking on the spot, complete with a dusting of sugar.'

"Watch the pipe!" Mrs Gladstone shouted, thinking that the strudel would be made into marshmallows if it went up the pipe.

"Don't worry," I assured her, "because that pipe doesn't go to the Marshmallow Room! That pipe happens to lead directly to the room where I make a most delicious kind of strawberry-flavoured chocolate-coated fudge."

Virginia Woolf,
A Room of One's Own

Abigail Thomas,
Herb's Pajamas

Jadie Smith,
White Teeth

Jan Karon,
At Home in Mitford

Khaled Hosseini,
A Thousand
Splendid Suns

J. K. Rowling,
Fantastic Beasts and
Where to Find Them



AMUSE BOUCHE

mushroom consommé

SAVOURIES

grilled cheese and bacon sandwich

lemon and honey roasted chicken sandwich

prawn, pea and apple crumpet

spiced beef pie

SCONES

plain and fruit scones

SWEETS

chocolate and marmalade cake

carrot and mascarpone halwa

rhubarb and almond tart

apple and raisin strudel

AFTER-TEA

strawberry and chocolate fudge

TRADITIONAL 35

CHAMPAGNE 45

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Glass 7.4 | Btl 42

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Glass 12 | Btl 72

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Glass 13 | Btl 78

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175ml 6.4 | 250ml 9.3 | Btl 28

VOIGNIER, ROUTAS. FRANCE

Peach flavours dominate this lush white, which features honeydew melon and coconut notes, with hints of cumin on the textured finish.
175ml 7.3 | 250ml 10.5 | Btl 32

ROSE WINE

PROVENCE ROSE, CHATEAU ROUTAS. FRANCE

A vibrant, dry rose, with a nose of fresh strawberries, watermelon, peach and anise.
175ml 9 | 250ml 12 | Btl 36

WHISPERING ANGEL. COTES DE PROVENCE FRANCE

This pale pink rose wine has appealing floral light fruity aromas of strawberries, peaches and lemon zest.
Btl 56

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