

Irena Chalmers
Biography (Short Version)

IRENA CHALMERS
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Irena Chalmers is recognized as the pioneer of the single subject cookbook. Her many engaging books have sold over 18 million copies and have won numerous awards; the most recent, the Gourmand World Cookbook Award - Best Book for Food Professionals in the World for *FOOD JOBS: 150 Great Jobs for Culinary Students, Career Changers and Food Lovers*. A companion second volume, *Great Food Jobs 2: Ideas and Inspiration for Your Job Search* has just been released.

A James Beard Foundation "Who's Who" of Food and Beverage in America award recipient, Chalmers has delighted and captivated audiences and readers with her wit and commentary on the food world and its many trends and personalities. She is a past president and founding member of the International Association of Culinary Professionals and Les Dames d'Escoffier. She also is a member of the faculty of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY, a national food essayist and columnist for *Chef* magazine, and a culinary mentor to many about to embark on their culinary adventure.