

### Meet the Author

**Ariane Smith** has been sharing her versatile talents with children since 1986. Children are her passion; reaching them through entertainment her goal. She is a master interactive storyteller, a writer-producer for theater, and now a children's book author. Her first book, **Enchanted Thyme, Book One: The Delicious Adventure Series**, released in September 2008, is the first title in a 6-part series (Big Word Press, NY, NY, \$17.95 dust-jacketed hardcover, [www.enchantedthyme.com](http://www.enchantedthyme.com)).



Through her world travels with her professional ballet dancer parents, members of prestigious companies such as The American Ballet Theater and The Joffrey, Smith found inspiration in the fantasy of dance and experiences from other cultures, and draws from a suitcase full of creative background.

Smith's award-winning play trilogy, *The Venus Cycle*, was commissioned by the Tribeca Performing Art Center. She also earned an appearance on television as one of New York City's top children's entertainers. Her intellectual shuttles between the grandiloquence of plays and euphemisms of children's literature demonstrate a diversity of mind that was formally trained at Skidmore, where she majored in Theatre and Dance.

Smith's audiences have included employees and friends of Goldman Sachs, Carnegie Hall, The French Culinary Institute, The Whitney Museum and well-known personalities such as Diane von Furstenberg, Donald Trump, Sarah Jessica Parker and Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

When time permits, she loves looking for antique and vintage cookbooks to add to her collection.

### Meet the Chef

**Michael Wilson** is an acclaimed New York chef who has received high marks for his eclectic seasonal American menus based on organically-inspired recipes.

Wilson, a graduate of the New York Restaurant School, has weaved his culinary delights throughout the Tri-State area for nearly 20 years. Currently, Wilson is the executive chef and partner for JT's Corner Café and JT's on the Bay in Long Island, New York – recently named a "Top Five Water View" restaurant by *Newsday*.

Over the course of his career, Wilson has worked with some of the areas most acclaimed restaurateurs. He was the chef at Home in New York City with David Page, the Perryville Inn with Paul Ingenito from the Russian Tea Room as well as at the Manor House with the legendary Chef Tell.

The 15 recipes Chef Michael created for **Enchanted Thyme, Book One** each emphasize his overall philosophy that Fresh Good Foods = Great Flavor!

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Questions **Ariane Smith**, author of **Enchanted Thyme**, award-winning playwright, and master interactive storyteller, is frequently asked

1. Why do you focus on entertaining children?
2. What is your favorite childhood memory? Does this play a part in any of your endeavors?
3. Why did you decide to combine food and fantasy in your book?
4. Which of the recipes in **Enchanted Thyme** is your favorite dish?
5. Did you offer Chef Michael Wilson suggestions, or just give him the manuscript?
6. Where do you do your storytelling?
7. Do you have any new plays in production?
8. I notice your book includes many large words. Doesn't this make it difficult for a 6 - 11 year old child to understand?
9. When will the next book in the *Delicious Adventure Series* be available?
10. I understand you collect antique and vintage cookbooks? What is the oldest cookbook in your collection? Do you ever cook from the old cookbooks?
11. Did you test out your story with children before it was published?
12. Where are you performing next? Where can people get **Enchanted Thyme**?

To request a review copy of **Enchanted Thyme**, to arrange an interview with Ariane Smith, to receive art electronically, or for any additional information, please contact Kate Bandos at KSB Promotions: **800-304-3269** or 616-676-0758 • [kate@ksbpromotions.com](mailto:kate@ksbpromotions.com)

## **Enchanted Thyme**

### **Book One: The Delicious Adventure Series**

By Ariane Smith

Recipes by Michael Wilson

Line illustrations by Andy Roth

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15 recipes • For children ages 6 - 11

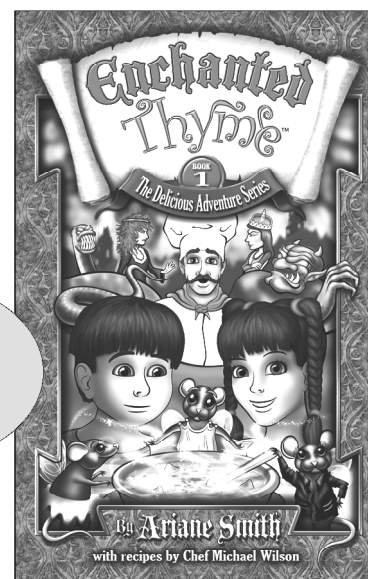
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