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Food & Culture Writer

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Bio

Born and raised in the Chicago area, Leena Trivedi is a writer living in Oakland, California. She specializes in all aspects of food (including profiles, history, recipe development and testing) and culture. Her work is deeply rooted in sharing untold stories.

Education

B.A., Speech Communications, Minor Creative Writing, Bradley University, 2000

A.A.S., Culinary Arts, Joliet Junior College, 2006

M.A., Gastronomy, University of Adelaide, 2009

Selected Works

"San Francisco Chef Heena Patel Evangelizes about Regional Gujarati Food," Washington Post (2023)

"Racism Causes Early Graying. Now I Turn It into Hair Art," The Cut (2022)

"There's a lot More to Masala Chai than Spiced Milk Tea," "Dried Ginger Masala Chai Recipe," "Fresh Ginger Masala Chai Recipe," Epicurious (2021)

"A Chef's Childhood in Iran Shaped His Cooking in the Pandemic," "Sour Plum Molasses Recipe," "Bademjan Kebab Recipe," New York Times (2020)

"East Bay group promotes postpartum justice through traditional foods, especially in the pandemic," San Francisco Chronicle (2020)

"A Queer Path to Vietnamese Food and Tradition in the Bay Area," San Francisco Chronicle (2020)

"How I Cooked My Way Out of Indian Imposter Syndrome," San Francisco Chronicle (2020)

"A World Tour of Pickles in the Bay Area and How to Make Them," San Francisco Chronicle (2019)

"The Tenacity of Chef Reem Assil," Vice (2018)

"Chamoy is Mexico's Flavor Fiesta Condiment, Courtesy of China," NPR (2017)

"As a Child, I Ran Away From My Indian Heritage. Now I'm Cooking My Way Back to It," Washington Post (2016)

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Current Work

The Rize Up Bakery Cookbook/ Co-writer

September 2023 - Present, San Francisco Bay Area

Co-writing with Azikiwee Anderson, owner of Rize Up Bakery in San Francisco, including writing, recipe development, writing, to be published by Artisan in 2027.

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Featured In

“Chinese Tea with Teresa Wong and Masala Chai with Leena Trivedi-Grenier,” The Splendid Table Podcast (2023)

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Awards

Winner best food essay, Association of Food Journalists (2020)

2nd place best food Column, Association of Food Journalists (2020)

Finalist best narrative beverage writing with recipes, International Association of Culinary Professionals (2022)