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## Victoria Vanransom

### World Traveler

Victoria Vanransom was a globetrotting culinary chef whose journey spanned the vibrant landscape of Asia, Europe, and South America. With a deep love for authentic flavors, her extensive travels and rich experiences are reflected in *The Captain's Cook*. Asian culture profoundly shaped Victoria's culinary philosophy because she had the unique opportunity to learn directly from native women. Sharing time in the kitchen taught her about their cuisines, spices, and time-honored cooking techniques. These immersive experiences have given her a deep appreciation for the cultural significance of food and the stories it tells.

### The Chef

In 1977, Victoria joined The Good Earth Restaurant in Boulder, Colorado and spent 12 years developing recipes and opening new locations. She then developed and successfully managed her own restaurant in Encinitas, California, by blending her international experiences with innovative techniques. Victoria's dishes reflected her adventurous spirit and dedication to authentic cooking, making her a sought-after chef. In 1997, she was back to corporate life as Executive Chef for a Palm Springs Marriott property. When her heart longed to see the ocean again, she moved to Malibu where she catered to private clients.

### The Sailor

Having logged over 150,000 sea miles as a sailboat chef, Ms. Vanransom is truly a remarkable sailor. She has traversed some of the most challenging and beautiful waters from Los Angeles to the Federated Islands of Micronesia, navigating through the South Pacific and crossing seven oceans. Her sea journey beginning in 2010, not only tested her sailing skills, but her ability to adapt her culinary talents to the unique needs of shopping, prepping and cooking at sea. Victoria's story is an inspiring example of how skills from different disciplines can converge to create extraordinary experiences, proving that adventure and culinary innovation often go hand and hand.

### Book Lover

Ms. Vanransom is an avid reader of fiction, non-fiction and current events. She lives in California with her whiskered writing assistants Cleo, Juji, and Piper.

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