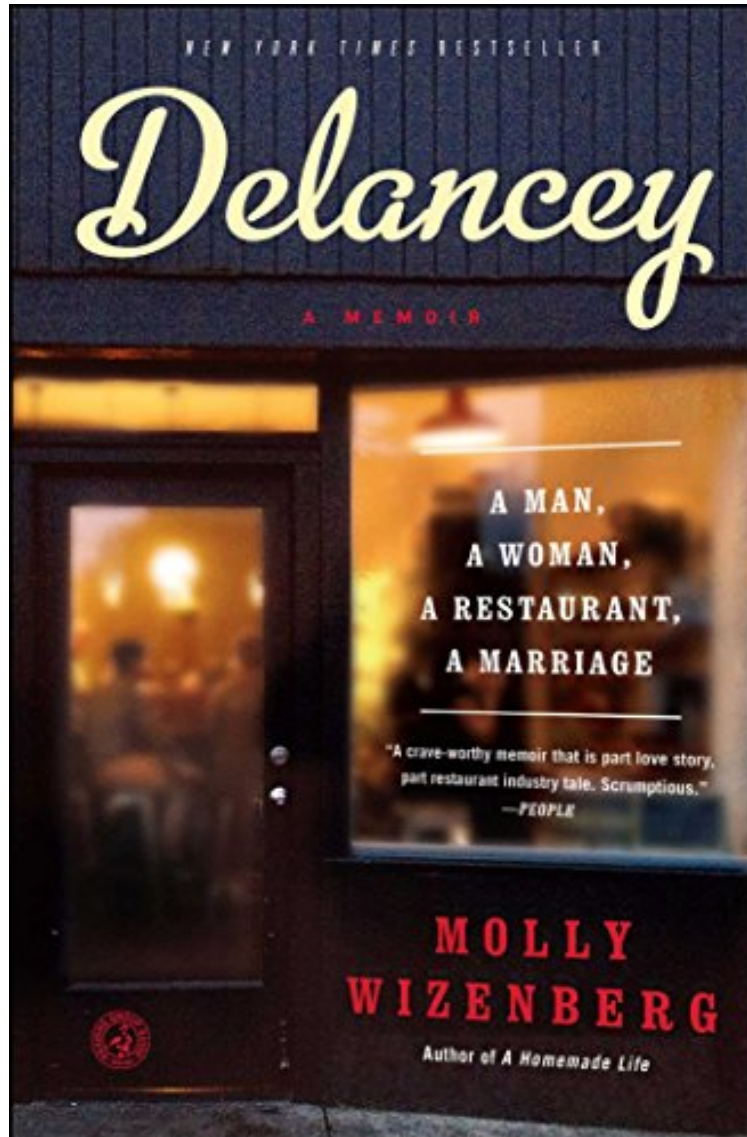


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**Molly Wizenberg : Delancey: A Man, a Woman, a Restaurant, a Marriage** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Delancey: A Man, a Woman, a Restaurant, a Marriage:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I enjoyed it, but I also love Orangette and "A Homemade Life," so I'm a bit biased!By Laura R.I first became a fan of Orangette when I was in college, around 2009 or so. I loved her style of writing, and her simple, yummy recipes. She writes with heart and she writes in a very conversational tone. I read her other book a couple of years ago, and enjoyed it sooo much. This one I enjoyed, but not as much as that book. I think I enjoyed this book because it was written by Molly, and Irsquo;m already sort of partial to her writing and

recipes. So, first and foremost, if you enjoy the Orangette blog or the "A Homemade Life," you might enjoy this book. Secondly, if you're really into pizza—and I really REALLY—as in you're interested in the mechanics behind opening your own pizzeria and all that goes into it, I think you might also enjoy this book. But otherwise, I'm not sure if the typical reader who has never heard of Molly would be too into it. Sure, Molly is a fantastic writer, and she's very personable, but the book itself doesn't seem to have much heart like the previous book. It delves into the marital issues and into the nitty gritty of the restaurant, dipping into things but never really fleshing them out. I'm guessing this is due to it being of a personal nature. Molly touches in the book about the lack of recipes, because it sort of morphs into this on its own, even surprising her. But there really is a super limited run of them. I would have appreciated more recipes associated with the pizza-making experience, even if very little other recipes were given. Most of the recipes (and again, Molly touches on this in the beginning) were simple in nature and often something a friend would make for them, because there simply wasn't a lot of time while running around trying to open the restaurant. I understand if you don't want to give us a dough recipe, but something like a cheese recipe or maybe even a poor man's pizza might have been fun additions, or maybe even more of Brandon's recipes, since the moon centers around him. All in all, I liked it, and I can only hope that Molly plans on eventually writing a true blue cookbook at some point in the future. I would buy that in an instant.

0 people found the following review helpful. but it's like that. When two people get together in life By Almir I will add two things that I've learned from this book, and I think that everyone who read this book will probably learn the same, and that is: 1). Working hard and give as much as you can to succeed with your idea. Work has always been thing that pays out; for someone it's more, for other is less, but one thing is sure that it always pays out. And that what Brandon and Molly did, they overcome everything that was pulling them back. 2). Importance of having the right partner is crucial, not only for business, but in life, marriage. We all know that two horses are pulling the carriage, and if one of that two horses stall and doesn't want to pull the carriage the other one will spend and his energy much sooner. I know that using this kind of example for someone might not be appropriate, but it's like that. When two people get together in life, and have similar goals, and desire to succeed, they will get through every obstacle on their road. And this book could be used as a good life lesson. If you are not in food and serving industry, majority of the book will be confusing for you. But I think everyone could learn these two things that I've mentioned above. You can read full review of this book on my Blog: [imeducatingmyself.com/delancey-a-man-a-woman-a-restaurant-a-marriage-by-molly-wizenberg-book-review/](http://imeducatingmyself.com/delancey-a-man-a-woman-a-restaurant-a-marriage-by-molly-wizenberg-book-review/) 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Delancey: Great read, Great insight, Great restaurant! By Lee Soule In a recent issue of Coastal Living I'm going over the suggested summer reads and come across Delancey: A Man....etc. Wait, wait, wait, back up the truck... I think I've dined at a delightful little pizza (and so much more) restaurant in Seattle by the same name, literally around the corner from my son's apartment in Ballard. Could it be? Why yes, it was. It's always interesting to read the inner workings of places I frequent but know little about. I knew nothing about how a restaurant works. Molly takes the reader from the concept, through the execution, and beyond; revealing vibrant characters, and the interesting personalities that make up the industry. The genius of Delancey, isn't the good writing or the framing of the story- the restaurant business. A fair and honest portrait of a young couple building a life together is what makes this book so great. Oh, and I forgot about the recipes Molly slipped in! Can't wait to try them, in fact, planning on making the spicy shrimp tonight. I love happy endings and hope they keep making delicious pizzas for years to come. Next time I'm in Seattle I'm considering settling at one of their tables, and later hanging the bar to wait for an autograph. If I can only figure out a way to have Molly sign my e-reader.

The New York Times bestseller from the author of *A Homemade Life* and the blog Orangette about opening a restaurant with her new husband: "I feel the warmth from this pizza oven...cheerfully honest...warm and inclusive, just like her cooking" (USA TODAY). When Molly Wizenberg married Brandon Pettit, he was a trained composer with a handful of offbeat interests: espresso machines, wooden boats, violin-building, and ice cream-making. So when Brandon decided to open a pizza restaurant, Molly was supportive—not because she wanted him to do it, but because the idea was so far-fetched that she didn't think he would. Before she knew it, she'd signed a lease on a space. The restaurant, Delancey, was going to be a reality, and all of Molly's assumptions about her marriage were about to change. Together they built Delancey: gutting and renovating the space on a cobbled-together budget, developing a menu, hiring staff, and passing inspections. Delancey became a success, and Molly tried to convince herself that she was happy in their new life until—in the heat and pressure of the restaurant kitchen—she realized that she hadn't been honest with herself or Brandon. With evocative photos by Molly and twenty new recipes for the kind of simple, delicious food that chefs eat at home, *Delancey* explores that intimate territory where food and life meet. This moving and honest account of two people learning to give in and let go in order to grow together is "a crave-worthy memoir that is part love story, part restaurant industry tale. Scrumptious" (People).

.com An Best Book of the Month, May 2014: When Orangette blogger and Bon Appetit columnist Molly

Wizenberg emerged from the whirlwind of publishing her best-selling debut memoir, *A Homemade Life*, she was shocked to realize that her new husband's latest ambitious/crazy scheme was coming to pass: with scant restaurant experience, he was opening a Brooklyn-style wood-fire pizza place in their Seattle neighborhood. Brandon and the restaurant were on the move, and she could give into their momentum or risk an unraveling marriage. In *Delancey: A Man, A Woman, a Restaurant, a Marriage*, we get Wizenberg's hilariously unvarnished, poignant account of how she found her place in their new life, and what it took both of them--as well as the friends, relatives, and strangers-turned-friends who rallied to their aid--to transform an empty space into a community that feeds them, plus an expectant crowd that often snakes down the block (and occasionally feels like a zombie horde). If you have gauzy dreams of opening your own little place, you'll glean essential lessons, like that you should really reconsider. But any fan of great food (especially pizza) will find much to love, including recipes for the meals they most enjoyed in the Delancey-opening era--food and cocktails that are improvisational, delicious, made memorable by time spent with excellent friends. Wizenberg finished her manuscript when she was 37-weeks pregnant with their daughter, June--the heart of the pizza party--and just as they opened bar-next-door Essex, events that we think call for another memoir.

--Mari Malcolm  
From Booklist  
Marriage plus business isn't always the best formula to produce happiness. Just ask author Wizenberg and her husband, Brandon Pettit. Armed with a lot of enthusiasm and youthful vigor, the two opened a Seattle pizzeria, determined to produce unique pies from fresh ingredients. A trained music composer, Brandon has multiple passions, including food and cooking. His zeal swept his wife along until, as owners of both a lease and an oven, they had to carry through with their dreams and actually hire staff, create a menu, and open the doors for paying customers. Despite the pizzeria's success and her continued love for her husband, Wizenberg finds daily work stresses often overwhelming. Throughout the text, Wizenberg records recipes, not merely from the restaurant's repertoire but from her own files of favorite foods. Anyone, married or not, considering launching a restaurant will take away from this memoir some valuable personal and professional lessons.

--Mark Knoblauch  
"When I sit down with Molly Wizenberg's writing, it feels as though she's just across the counter, coffee cup in hand, sharing an intimate truth. Inspiring, entertaining and informative, [Delancey] is a satisfying read." (Minneapolis Star Tribune)  
"Entertaining and wondering and plainspoken...full of the hard work and trial and error of emerging into adulthood." (Bookforum)  
"Molly Wizenberg writes with the sweet candor of Laurie Colwin and the sly amusement of M.F.K. Fisher. Delancey is the perfect restaurant tale -- gripping, nutty, and yet somehow meant to be." (Amanda Hesser co-founder of Food52 and author of *The Essential New York Times Cookbook*)  
"Delancey is so riveting, well-written, and interesting, I found myself wishing it were twice as long. Molly Wizenberg writes as well about life as she does about food. Her voice is so charming and funny and poignant, it made me want to invite myself over to her place for dinner, where I would certainly overstay. I loved this book." (Kate Christensen author of *Blue Plate Special: An Autobiography of My Appetites*)  
"You might think making pizza is a piece of cake (or pie!) But Molly Wizenberg's tale of triumph as she and her husband learn to make the perfect pie, and construct the restaurant to serve it in, make for delicious and dramatic reading. Told with humility and humor, Delancey shows that with hard work and determination, dreams can come true . . . no matter what obstacles lie in your way." (David Lebovitz author of *My Paris Kitchen*)  
"Molly Wizenberg's Delancey is so much more than a memoir about opening a highly regarded pizza restaurant. It is a story about building a marriage and a beloved community through grit, thrift, and self-determination in the pursuit of excellence. Ultimately this is a story about whole-heartedly embracing the one you love without trying to smooth away the rough edges or edit out the hard parts. It is also a most delicious read (with recipes!) that sent me to the kitchen as soon as I turned the final page." (Susan Rebecca White author of *A Place at the Table*)  
"Delancey is the extraordinary tale of what it means to build a life with the person you love, and the professional roller coaster ride that is opening and running a wildly successful restaurant together. Molly Wizenberg has, in her inimitable way, written a modern love story that marries razor-edged wit to warmth, and passion to flavor; Delancey is an utterly delicious read." (Elissa Altman *Poor Man's Feast*)  
"Fun and engaging." (Publishers Weekly)  
"Charming . . . humorous, intimate, and honest." (Library Journal (starred review))  
"You'll feel the warmth from this pizza oven...affectionate...cheerfully honest...warm and inclusive, just like her cooking." (USA Today)  
"Wizenberg shines as a writer. She brilliantly turns the ups and downs of their do-it-yourself project into a compelling yet hilarious narrative....Like dipping into a lively, keenly observed diary....Charming." (Boston Globe)