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Review

“For each [type of pasta], the book provides a mathematical equation, a mouth-watering picture and a paragraph of suggestions, like sauces to eat it with.” (New York Times)

“The book classifies 92 kinds of pasta, organizing them into an evolutionlike family tree.” (New York Times)

“On first glance, this design-based typology of pasta appears to be a mathematically inclined reference that makes an ideal gift at holiday time. Look a little deeper, however, and you’ll find an amazing cookbook.” (Gastronomica)

“Culinary advice on cooking these forms accompany an artistic presentation suitable for arts and culinary holdings alike.” (The Midwest Book Review)

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George L. Legendre is principal of IJP Architects in London and a leading specialist in complex surfaces.

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