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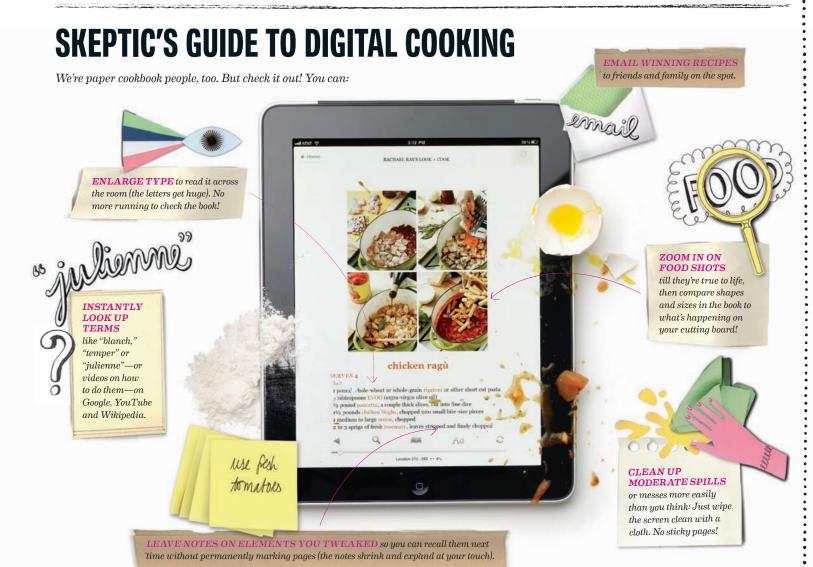
SO WHAT DOES IT TASTE LIKE?!

"Lionfish is white and flaky, with a bright taste. The small fillets are perfect for ceviche, where they're 'cooked' in lemon juice."



If you see lionfish on a restaurant specials menu, order it! Chefs are serving it more and more because it's suddenly became crazy plentiful on the East Coast. Supposedly, half a dozen escaped into the Atlantic Ocean in the early '90s, when an aquarium tank broke during a hurricane. They have no natural predators in these waters, so they've been spreading north ever since. Lucky for us, experts say they're delicious, and eating them will help keep their population in check. Coastal towns in places like North Carolina and Florida are setting up lionfish "rodeos" guided dives to catch them (they're easy to scoop up with a quick hand and a butterfly net).

-BARTON SEAVER, AUTHOR OF FOR COD AND COUNTRY



nibble on This!

Pink bubble gum flavor might be hard to describe as anything else, but it comes from a surprising spice combination—a fusion of vanilla, wintergreen, peppermint and cassia, a lesser-known (but equally delicious) cousin of cinnamon.

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