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Marie Viljoen's beautiful first book draws the reader into a world of unfolding seasons, seen from the perspective of an expert gardener, cook and photographer. Each chapter is a month, divided into three parts: New York City, the author's garden, and her kitchen, each setting the stage for a lavish seasonal menu with recipes drawn from farmers markets, wild-foraged ingredients, and produce grown on her city terrace and roof farm.

Named for the size of her tiny Brooklyn terrace, and the blog it inspired, Viljoen's book is a unique perspective of the concrete jungle, where the month is known by the flowers in bloom, the vegetable in season, and the migrating birds criss-crossing a Brooklyn sky. It reveals a side of the city that few people know, and inspires a thoughtful way of living that is gaining traction in the 21st century.

Set against a backdrop of growing up in South Africa and moving to the United States, meeting her French husband, and finding a culinary and emotional home in Brooklyn, Viljoen's book is a love letter to living seasonally in the most famous city on the planet.

Praise for 66 Square Feet:

"With lush photographs and spare prose, Ms. Viljoen has used 66 Square Feet to record her life as a gardener, a cook and an urban forager, harvesting mushrooms from Green-Wood Cemetery, beach plums from Jamaica Bay and century-old glass bottles from the dump at Dead Horse Bay..." - New York Times
"This book shows you a New York City you will never forget." - Wilder Quarterly

"When people call Gotham an urban jungle, they seldom mean anything about flora or fauna. But if you don't think of this city as a living ecosystem, Marie Viljoen will change your perspective forever. This is creative nonfiction, cut from the same cloth as great nature writing..." - Edible Brooklyn

"This is an engaging, grounded and gorgeous book." - Edible San Diego

"This is my favorite kind of cookbook. Stories on every page with recipes tucked in between, gorgeous photos that make me see the streets of New York in a completely different light, and an emphasis on sharing meals with friends. It's the kind of cookbook that I keep by my bedside to read in the drowsy, restful moments before sleep and then carry with me into the kitchen the next day...This book is the full package!" - The Kitchn /Apartment Therapy

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