



COOK & BOOK



## Cook & Book

A bookstore/restaurant concept

8 bookstores and 1 music section

9 surprising atmospheres

9 lunch and dinner spaces

Private events

Cultural events

Present on book fairs

1 publishing house

The largest terrace in Brussels

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**At once a bookstore, a restaurant, and a shop,  
Cook & Book offers a fresh approach to books,  
mingling the cultural and the convivial...**

**1.500 m2 to feel the trends**

**1.500 reasons to visit us and get cosy...**

# Comic books

## Section

Located at the entrance of bookstore/restaurant Cook & Book, the comic books section is where the visitors start their journey through the 9 amazing spaces we offer.

Let the trip begin!

The Comic Books section is furnished with in warm, wooden colors and inhabited by life-size, limited edition character replicas like Superman, Batman or Obélix who will surprise and delight children and adults alike.

As an invitation to relaxation, a large communal table lies at the centre of the space.

The comic books section offers a vast selection of Belgian and foreign comics, from the all-time classics to edgier collections, as well as a large choice ranging from independent publishers to mangas. The expansive shelves and drawers remind a seed merchant's shop.

Recently, the long light fitting – specially designed for Cook and Book – above the communal table has become the home for a multitude of action figures coming straight from the most famous comic books.







## Travel Section

Next to the Comic Books section, an Airstream caravan – the mythical US company – stands as a full-blown invitation to travel...

Completely refurbished, the trailer fires everyone's imagination: Is it a spaceship? A train? A Panmarenko? The vehicle may be booked for every occasion: business meetings, romantic dinners, or a child's birthday party.

Any time of the day, the green and orange small tables placed below Campbell lamps created by designer Ingo Maurer welcome thirsty or hungry visitors.

Travel guides, coffee table books, and travel narratives sit next to flag mugs, Mariage Frères tea as well as many other surprising products...

Last but not least, the Travel section now exhibits two gorgeous prints taken from Serge Anton's Perpetual Calendar. A simply mesmerizing space...

## Children's Section

Follow the Belgian-flag coloured canister leading to the first floor, and discover a space entirely devoted to children.

Underneath a glass floor, children will admire Marklin's largest model railway track. At the centre of the room, "Puppy"-like figurines designed by Eero Aamio, hens and "cat-chairs" invite young readers to sit and browse through the books while Caroline Notté's coloured ceiling light illuminate MDF shelves displaying an impressive selection of children's books as well as games, colouring notebooks, figurines, Barbapapa cushions and many other surprising gifts such as the stupendous AMAK EXAGÈRE shelves designed by Diederick van Hövell.







## Arts Section

The impressive selection of art books called for a separation between the shelves and the restaurant space. The latter is furnished with Ingo Maurer Campari lights, Ame Jacobsens chairs as well as an extremely long mirror-table, a genuine source of trouble for the waiters and the whole bookstore space.

In the arts section, two rose- and yellow-dyed glass cubes create a resolutely contemporary atmosphere. Do not forget to check the red neon lights zigzagging on the walls, as well as the light buckets directed on a magnificent composition by Paul Dumont made out of various images and of key actors of the art world past and present.

The selection we offer is both cutting edge and extremely original: art, architecture, painting, design, fashion, cinema, and photography, everything is there for the enjoyment of neophytes and professionals alike, without forgetting a profusion of gadgets, pop-up books, pencils, notebooks, agendas, boxes and small figurines.

We also thought of the amateurs of fine editions, who must absolutely check the Fine Arts section.

Art books lovers beware!











## Music Section

After the first leg of our trip through a world of books and fine food, we thought something went missing... Where is the music?

As you leave the Arts section, you pass through a hallway « graffitied » by promising young Belgian artist Arnaud Kool, before entering a space dedicated to two of the most essential pleasures in life... music and wine.

And a space: underneath a gigantic "lighter-made" fresco – the work of artists John Gillis and Aline Bouvy, thousands of CDs ranging from classical to pop rock via jazz and world music are waiting for you, as well as a large choice of books and vinyls that will rejoice every music lover. This wonderful space is also one of celebration: come join our two professional record sellers and their already faithful clientele for various events: concerts, showcases, short movies projections as well as private dinners, parties and press conferences...



## The Greenhouse - Lifestyle Section

The particular atmosphere of the Greenhouse is born from the vertical bricks set directly on the ground, street lamps formerly used in the very streets of Brussels, the large glass roof overlooking a series of wooden tables, benches and chairs, and the wall carpeted with synthetic grass where frolic Snow White and the seven dwarfs.

There, you will find everything you always wanted to know about gardening, interior decoration, beauty and health (but were afraid to ask): the Greenhouse shelters a large selection of books on those subjects along with a vast array of products. Should you be starved by your quest, you can get a break and marvel at the restaurant menu, based on vegetarian and Italian cuisine.

And do not miss the Sunday brunch, which takes place every week between 11:30 am and 3:30 pm: it is a unique experience!

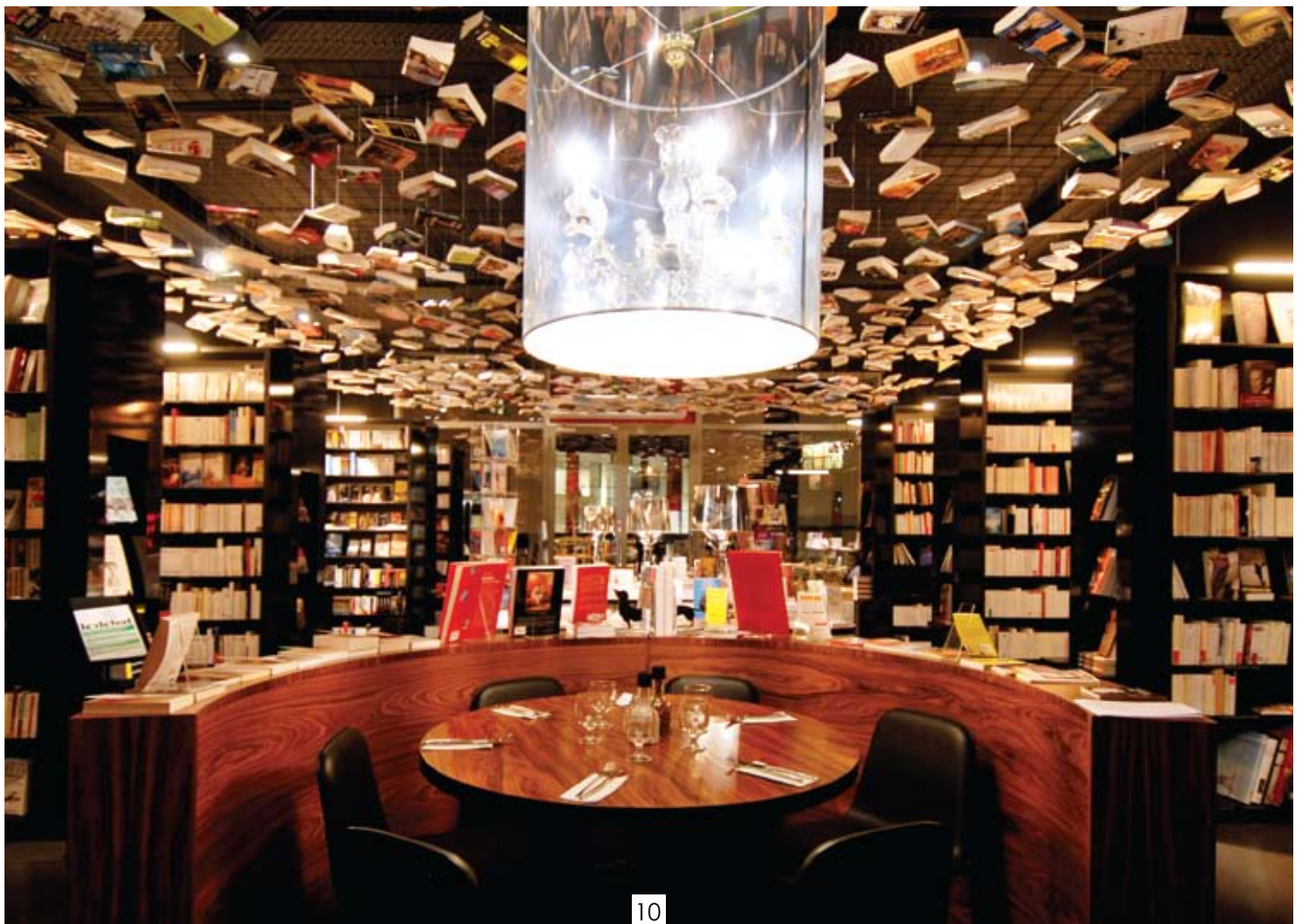




## Literature Section

Upon entering the literature space, prepare to be surprised if you look up: above your head hang no less than 800 books – a genuine literary ceiling covers this new section of Cook & Book. Now look towards the end of the room: the wall is covered with the type of felt used in recording studios. Next to it, a series of red thermoformed-foam seats are waiting for you. On the display table featuring an impressive selection of new books, everyone here loves the Kartell's batch-dyed Bourgie lamps and their plissé effect casting light on Francophone and foreign novels, crime and historical fictions, essays and documents...

Next to these tables are the shelves that constitute our literature stock. Get a closer look: you'll discover various objects and references: Acqua Di Parma fragrances, customized motorcycle helmets, champagne bottles, book holders, pocket lamps, delicious chocolate...





## Cucina - Cook Books Section

How could a place called "Cook & Book" be deprived of a section dedicated to cooking and gastronomy?

Designed like a genuine, classic trattoria, La Cucina sets you on a trip to a fantasized Italy:

The floor and the walls are tiled. The black shelves topped with white marble bearing ancient Latin inscriptions, a large glass panel gives you a peep into the busy kitchen, and a vintage Fiat 500 with reversed seats waits for children to get on board. The picture would not be complete without typically Italian scents. Here, the book selection will delight professionals and amateurs alike: savoury, sweet, or vegetarian recipes, chef books, and volumes about wine and beer...

Pepper this with a large selection of coffee table books, kitchen utensils, vinegar and olive oil in spray bottles, salt and pepper vials, and champagne bottles, and you will get the perfect recipe for a celebration of taste and flavour.



## English books

### Section

Goodness gracious me! The whole English books section is a play on typically British clichés.

A thick, hotel-like carpeted floor, old-fashioned blue library shelves topped with busts, S-shaped conversation chairs, a long library table furnished with small study lamps, chairs numbered like billiard balls, and – cherry on the cake – Union-Jack lampshades hanging from the ceiling.

Merging the tee house and the library, the cosy atmosphere of the English bookstore is an invitation to plunge into a good novel while enjoying a cup of tea and a couple of scones.

The bookstore specializes in literature, but one may choose among a large selection of books: children's, food and drink, architecture and leisure, without forgetting famously British products: stationery, fruit jams, teas—all hiding in the corners of the English bookstore.

