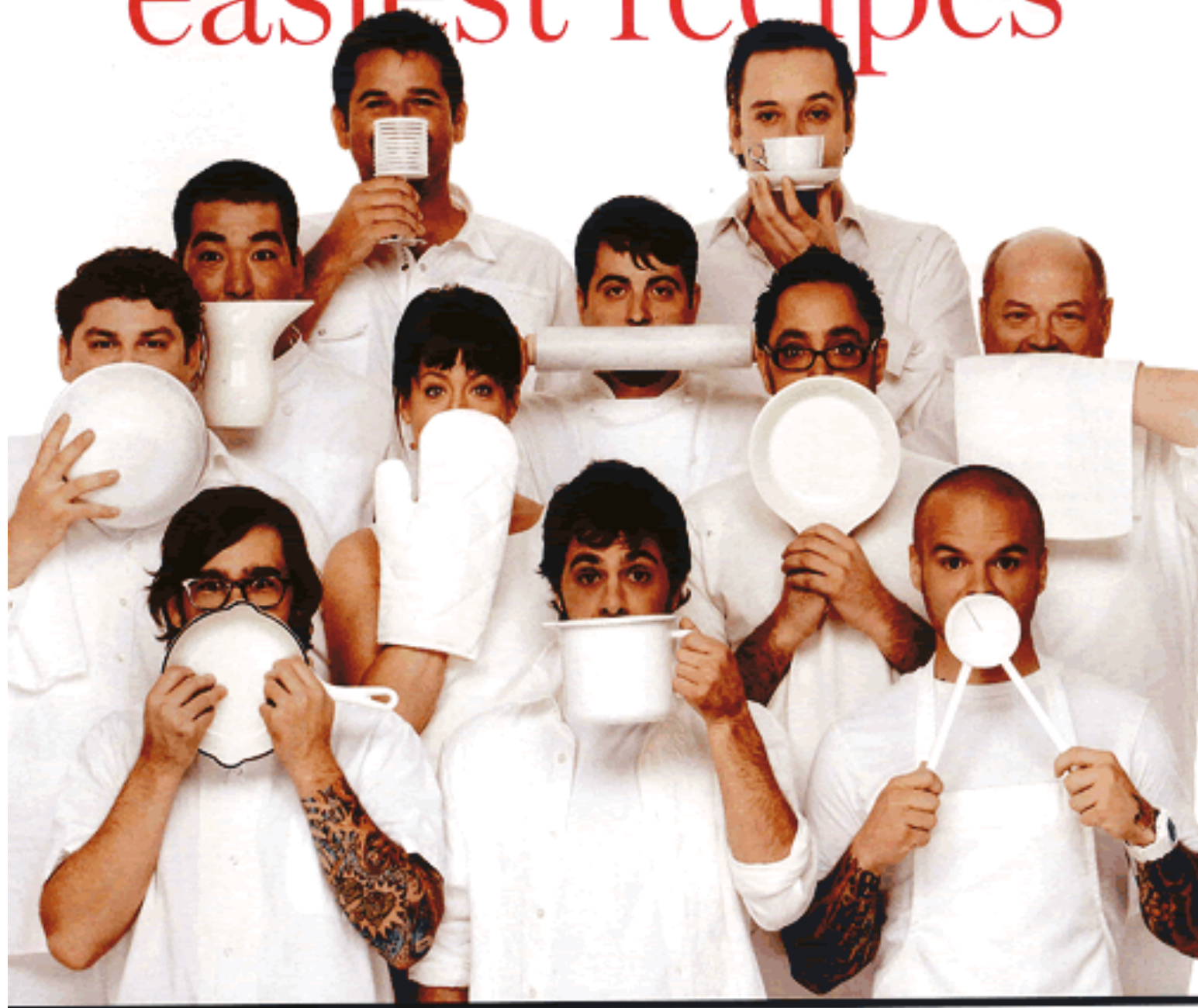


# best new chefs AND THEIR easiest recipes



For anyone wondering how to be an F&W Best New Chef, here's the answer: Cook food that's personal, creative and delicious. Head up a kitchen for no more than five years. Be prepared for editors to visit, anonymously. And keep your eyes on the prize: One of this year's winners, Nate Appleman, still has a copy of the 1998 Best New Chefs story that inspired him.

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