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## Objects of Our Obsession

### 1. PORK PRAISE

Like a lot of chefs, Kevin Gillespie's favorite protein is pork. His new book helps me tackle everything from barbacoa to banh mi. \$30. —Kate Heddings

### 2. U.S. ABSINTHE

If you're a licorice obsessive like me, you'll love the deep flavor of this Kentucky-made absinthe. \$55; [copperandkings.com](http://copperandkings.com). —Tina Ujlaki

### 3. TINY COOKIES

Microchip cookies are basically a single chocolate chip encased in dough. They're cute, crispy and super-chocolaty. From \$14 for 4 oz.; [jkchocolate.com](http://jkchocolate.com). —Christine Quinlan

### 4. SOUTHERN SALT

Bulls Bay salt from South Carolina has large, delicate flakes that melt when I sprinkle them on warm vegetables, but keep a nice little crunch. \$15 for 4 oz.; [bullsbaysaltworks.com](http://bullsbaysaltworks.com). —M. Elizabeth Sheldon

### 5. BENDABLE LADLE

Le Creuset's spoon has a flexible edge that bends to get every last bit out of my pot. \$24; [lecreuset.com](http://lecreuset.com). —CQ

### 6. ARTISANAL ICED TEA

Tracy Stern Tea & Co. specializes in blends for iced tea. The oolong lychee is so complex and delicious that I'll brew it even on a cold, wet day in March. \$20 for 3 oz.; [amazon.com](http://amazon.com). —KH

### 7. GARLICKY HOT SAUCE

Filfil's No. 7 sauce is incredibly versatile; I stir it into mayo and vinaigrettes or just drizzle it on dishes for an intense flavor boost. \$15 for 8.5 oz.; [filfilfoods.com](http://filfilfoods.com). —TU

### 8. COCONUT OIL

Best known for its ubiquitous coconut water, Vita Coco now makes a raw coconut oil that's amazing in my favorite carrot cake recipe. \$10 for 18 oz.; [vitacoco.com](http://vitacoco.com). —Ben Mims

### 9. CREAMY CARAMELS

These candies from Serendipity Confections are fantastically buttery and not too sweet. \$12 for 8 pieces; [serendipityconfections.com](http://serendipityconfections.com). —Chelsea Morse

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ACTUAL SIZE!

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### 10. MODERN ROME HOTEL

The high-design J.K. Roma hotel is in a stunning 17th-century building that once housed an architecture school. Doubles from \$700; [JKROMA.COM](http://JKROMA.COM). —CQ

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