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**COUNTER INTELLIGENCE:** Stars of the Food Network were bumping into each other while in Vegas this weekend. It was the first time that *Everyday Italian* chef Giada De Laurentiis, who also appears on the NBC *Today* show, came in for a book signing. "I was here earlier this year to film -- and eat -- at RAO's in Caesars Palace," she told me, "but this was a quick overnight visit to sign my new cookbook *Giada's Kitchen - New Italian Favorites*. Fans lined up for two hours at the Sur La Table kitchen store in the Miracle Mile at Planet Hollywood to get their autographed copy. She signed non-stop six copies a minute for two straight hours!

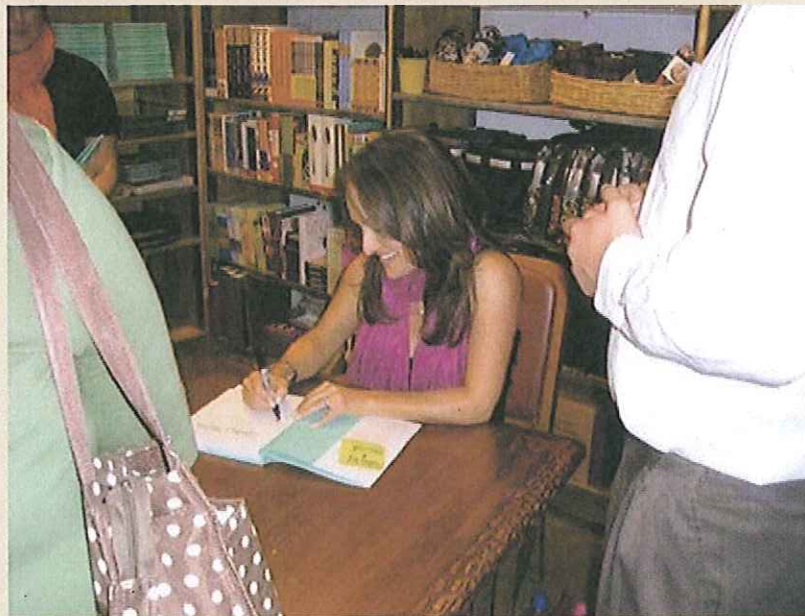


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Giada De Laurentiis

Giada, who is on a 20-city book tour, told me: "I love Vegas. You've got great Italian restaurants and I know I'm going to eat well."