



Gourmet Warehouse owner Caren McSherry selling her massive personal cookbook collection to support Save Our Streets

Sale expected to raise thousands to address public safety and retail theft issues in BC

VANCOUVER, B.C. (March 26, 2025) – Caren McSherry, Vancouver’s foremost cookware retailer who has owned and operated the Gourmet Warehouse for more than 25 years is selling off her personal collection of hundreds of cookbooks to support Save Our Streets (SOS) as it works to address public safety and retail theft issues in BC.

As a founding member of Save Our Streets, and a retailer whose Downtown Eastside location has been regularly targeted by shoplifters over the years, McSherry has been a vocal supporter of SOS and its ongoing work to support new approaches, greater collaboration and informed decision making when it comes to addressing decades-old issues such as homelessness, street disorder, addiction and mental illness.

Her collection of cookbooks, which was lovingly assembled over three decades is likely the best in the city, features hundreds of rare and collectible titles, all in pristine shape and covering every type of local and international cuisine and cooking technique. Prices range from just \$5 to \$25. Many of the books have been signed by their celebrity authors and buyers can also have their purchase autographed by Caren with a donation to SOS.

“As important as these books have been to me, the issues we’re facing in this Vancouver neighbourhood and in communities around the province call for dramatic action on the part of all British Columbians,” says McSherry. “That means I too have to do my part and so every penny from the sale of this collection will go to support SOS. If you love cookbooks, come down to the Gourmet Warehouse as soon as you can. We’ve got just about every title you can imagine and by treating yourself to a great deal on a book, you’ll also be helping an organization whose work is focused not just on public safety, but on ensuring that the more vulnerable among us have better access to the treatment and support services they need.”

“On behalf of SOS and all our members, I want to thank Caren for such a heartfelt and generous gesture,” says Jess Ketchum, Co-founder, SOS. “Much of our success in advancing awareness of these important issues with government, the public and media has been thanks to the tremendous support we have received from members like Caren.”

About Save Our Streets

Save Our Streets is a coalition of 120-plus community and business organizations representing every corner of British Columbia. SOS members are committed to seeing governments bring order and public safety back to communities across British Columbia. Concerned citizen groups, and B.C. businesses interested in joining or supporting SOS are invited to submit online at SaveOurStreets.ca or contact info@saveourstreets.ca. For more information about SOS and the Forum, or to receive Save Our Streets news releases and the *Street Scene* newsletter, please visit SaveOurStreets.ca.

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