Chinese Egg Drop Soup

4-6 small servings

So have always loved the simplicity of this soup in Chinese restaurants. It's the perfect start to a Chinese dinner, especially if the soup and the main dish are homemade! Ginger and garlic are infused into the broth, adding a subtle backdrop. The longer you simmer it, the more pronounced the flavor will become. While Egg Drop Soup tends to be thickened a lot in restaurants, I have only lightly thickened it here for a more subtle approach. You can certainly thicken the soup to your liking or leave out the thickener entirely for a thin version.

4 cups/.9 liters chicken stock

1-inch/2.5-cm fresh ginger, cut into 4 thin slices

3 green onions, sliced (plus more for garnishing, if desired)

3 garlic cloves, peeled and crushed

1 tablespoon organic cornstarch, arrowroot powder, or tapioca starch

1 tablespoon water

1 tablespoon soy sauce or tamari (use tamari for glutenfree option)

Unrefined salt to taste (about ¹/₂ teaspoon if using unsalted stock)

White pepper to taste (black pepper can be substituted)

3 large eggs, whisked

- In a small pot on high heat, bring the chicken stock to a boil and add the ginger, green onions, and garlic to the soup. If desired, you can place the garlic and ginger in a linen bag (generally used for tea) or tie them in cheesecloth for easier removal. Simmer on low, covered, for 5-20 minutes.
- 2. Remove the garlic and ginger. If they are free-floating, you can use a slotted spoon. Mix the cornstarch, arrowroot powder, or tapioca starch with 1 tablespoon of water. Add the mixture to the soup and whisk. Cook for a couple of minutes to thicken.
- 3. Add the soy sauce or tamari and salt and pepper to taste.
- 4. Bring to a simmer and then take the soup off of the heat. Whisk the broth into a small whirlpool, slowly drizzle in the eggs, and leave the soup to set for one minute.
- 5. Break up the eggs into ribbons with a fork. Taste, and season with salt or pepper if necessary.

