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Review

A great resource for anyone who appreciates food, cooking, or linguistics. (Anne-Marie Seltzer *Arlington Advocate* 2004-11-04)

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Introduction

"Tell me what you eat and I will tell you what you are."

Jean-Anthelme Brillat-Savarin

The Physiology of Taste (La Physiologie du Goût), 1825

Although all animals eat, only humans discuss and write about this most basic need. Our survival and ability to thrive depend upon the nutrients food provides, and what we eat, not to mention how it is prepared, appreciated and remembered, is as deep and complex as any work of art. To learn about ourselves as consumers of food is to be in touch with the deepest aspects of our humanity.

Ever since Eve ate the apple in the Garden of Eden, our taste buds have influenced the course of world events. "The fate of nations depends upon the way they eat," concluded the French gourmand and epicurian Brillat-Savarin. Thoughts about the way we eat permeate culture, from literature, religion, philosophy and anthropology to science and medicine. In fact, food is such a fundamental part of our lives, we're likely to take it for granted, which would be a terrible mistake. The journey from our ancestors' discovery of fire to the fine art of gastronomy is the story of the human race, an eventful romp, loaded with lively anecdotes and startling information. Often it makes great bedtime reading.

Whether you're looking for an entertaining read or the answer to a specific culinary question, The Cook's Essential Kitchen Dictionary offers a unique vantage point from which to expand your knowledge of food and your appreciation of cooking. Food words, such as the names of fruits and vegetables, recipe titles and cooking techniques or terminology, rarely come about by chance. Insight into their historical origins is not only interesting -- it makes the adventure of cooking all the more enjoyable.

You likely recognize restaurant as a place to eat. But do you know its fascinating history? For the answer, turn to page 319.

Based on many years of research from a wide range of sources and containing more than 4,000 definitions of key food and beverage terms, as well as a wealth of historical background, this treasury of food lore is much more than an excellent resource. It's a book to browse through, one that will take both the interested amateur and the professional cook on a delightful journey through the world of food.

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