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Beyond Bratwurst: A History of Food in Germany

By Ursula Heinzelmann

Reaktion Books. Hardcover. Condition: New. 384 pages. Dimensions: 9.3in. x 6.4in. x 1.3in. Thanks to Oktoberfest and the popularity of beer gardens, our thoughts on German food are usually relegated to beer, sausage, pretzels, and limburger cheese. But the inhabitants of modern-day Germany do not live exclusively on bratwurst. Defying popular perception of the meat and potatoes diet, Ursula Heinzelmans *Beyond Bratwurst* delves into the history of German cuisine and reveals the countrys long history of culinary innovation. Surveying the many traditions that make up German food today, Heinzelmann shows that regional variations of the countrys food have not only been marked by geographic and climatic differences between north and south, but also by Germanys political, cultural, and socioeconomic history. She explores the nineteenth centurys back-to-the-land movement, which called for people to grow food on their own land for themselves and others, as well as the development of modern mass-market products, rationing and shortages under the Nazis, postwar hunger, and divisions between the East and West. Throughout, she illustrates how Germans have been receptive to influences from the countries around them and frequently reinvented their cuisine, developing a food culture with remarkable flexibility. Telling the story of beer, stollen, rye bread, lebkuchen, and...



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