

Tamales, Comadres, And The Meaning Of Civilization



Synopsis

This culinary history unwraps the extensive culture surrounding the tamale, bringing together writers, artists, journalists, and Texas's regional leaders to honor this traditional Latin American dish. It is filled with family stories, recipes, and artwork, and also celebrates tamaladas; the large family gatherings where women prepare the tamales for the Christmas festivities. Humorous and colorful, this collection reveals the importance of community and good food.

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Customer Reviews

"An absolutely delightful celebration of the tamale, its history, and the culture to which it is central." — Chris Dunn, food critic, San Antonio Express-News

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The book is informative, entertaining, insightful, and inspiring! I loved the personal stories and so enjoyed the historical interpretation of how the tamal came to be. What a beautiful homage to the friendships and family relationships that have been formed and sustained through this traditional labor of love. A dozen tamales + a copy of this book = Unforgettable Gift!!

Great Southwest Historian gift.

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