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Save Room For Pie



Synopsis

As a lifelong eater, Roy Blount always got along easy with food?he didn't have to think, he just ate. But food doesn't exist in a vacuum; there's the global climate and the global economy to consider, not to mention Blount's chronic sinusitis, which constricts his sense of smell, and consequently his taste buds. So while he's always frowned on eating with an ulterior motive, times have changed. Save Room for Pie grapples with these and other food-related questions in Blount's signature style. Here you'll find lively meditations on everything from bacon froth to grapefruit, Kobe beef to biscuits. You'll also find defenses of gizzards, mullet, okra, cane syrup, watermelon, and boiled peanuts; an imagined dialogue between Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden; input from Louis Armstrong, Frederick Douglass, and Blaze Starr; and of course some shampooed possums and carjacking turkeys. In poems and songs, limericks and fake (or sometimes true) news stories, Blount talks about food in surprising and innovative ways, with all the wit and verve that prompted Garrison Keillor, in *The Paris Review*, to say: "Blount is the best. He can be literate, uncouth, and soulful all in one sentence."

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Customer Reviews

Having grown-up in a Southern family, this read was balm to my soul. I'm currently living in exile on the west coast. Mr. Blount hits just the right note to take me back to my roots, which are in terrible need of some good southern cooking. Think I'll fix my tomatoes, great northern white beans and cornbread for dinner tonight. Amen to you, Roy.

Roy Blount Jr. continues to be one of those writers guaranteed to elicit out-loud laughter from this reader since his early days at Sports Illustrated. His latest book is no exception. He once again displays his legendary command of the patois of the American South and his fund of modern pop culture trivia in this compilation of hilarious anecdotes, (deliberately) bad poetry, and arcane facts related to cuisine. His skill as a raconteur makes the reader wish he could sit down at a meal with him, of course saving some room for pie-hopefully of the Moon variety.

Really enjoyed. As a matter of fact, took on a recent auto trip and put in player. My husband, who is not reader unless it's a western, really did enjoy, as did I.

Runs the gamut from quiet chuckles to wild laughter ... enjoyed every bit(e) of it! Also, a huge fan of pie ...

It turns out that a little Blount goes a long way. Some of this stuff is pretty funny, but one is left with the impression that he had a hundred good pages but need twice that many to make 200.

Enjoyed book but was a little too distracted almost ADHD otherwise would have been a 5 star.

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