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# Louisiana Eats!: The People, The Food, And Their Stories



## **Synopsis**

WINNER OF THE LOUISIANA LITERARY AWARD Celebrating the traditions of Louisiana's food, chefs, and cooks! Radio host Poppy Tooker takes readers on a culinary journey filled with the stories of some of Louisiana's most notable chefs and cooks. From the queen of Creole cuisine Leah Chase to Roman Candyman Ronnie Kottemann, Tooker includes profiles and recipes from beloved culinary icons. Photographer David G. Spielman provides an intimate portrait in black and white for each food personality introduced.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Each year New Orleans and South Louisiana host several million visitors. One of the main attractions is the Creole and Cajun food. But just sampling the food without knowing the stories behind the food is really missing out on the special spice of South Louisiana. Poppy Tooker, author of Louisiana Eats!, has given the locals and the tourists an excellent way to get a taste of some of the stories behind the food. This is a wonderful collection of some interesting and unique stories about some very colorful, some caring and some influential characters that make South Louisiana such a special place to visit or to live. For locals this will be a walk down memory lane. Ms. Tooker's tales will bring back old names like: Warren LeRuth; the Martin Brothers and their connection to a local favorite - the poor boy; Ruth (Founder of Ruth's Chris Steakhouse), Rodney and Randy Fertel. I didn't remember their connection to the Hingle's of Plaquemines Parish. The book is literally an interesting collection of so many things that make New Orleans special. For those who have enjoyed

New Orleans in the past or plan to in the future, this book will give you some insights that many natives do not know. You will get the inside scoop, like you are sitting in on the conversation Ms. Tooker is having with one of her many guests. Actually that is what you are doing. One of the stories deals with the legendary Leah Chase and her restaurant Dooky Chase's. If you lived through the aftermath of Katrina, you will be pained by the rebuilding process Leah went through to get the restaurant back open. It brings back a flood of painful memories. If you didn't, no words will ever be able to describe what the locals had to go through.

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