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Connections Between What People Eat And Who They Are Between Cuisine And Identity Reach Deep Into Mexican History, Beginning With Pre Columbian Inhabitants Offering Sacrifices Of Human Flesh To Maize Gods In Hope Of Securing Plentiful Crops This Cultural History Of Food In Mexico Traces The Influence Of Gender, Race, And Class On Food Preferences From Aztec Times To The Present And Relates Cuisine To The Formation Of National Identity The Metate And Mano, Used By Women For Grinding Corn And Chiles Since Pre Columbian Times, Remained Essential To Preparing Such Mexican Foods As Tamales, Tortillas, And Mole Poblano Well Into The Twentieth Century Part Of The Ongoing Effort By Intellectuals And Political Leaders To Europeanize Mexico Was An Attempt To Replace Corn With Wheat But Native Foods And Flavors Persisted And Became An Essential Part Of Indigenista Ideology And What It Meant To Be Authentically Mexican After , When A Growing Urban Middle Class Appropriated The Popular Native Foods Of The Lower Class And Proclaimed Them As National Cuisine A brilliant work of both history and food writing. This is a meticulous overview of the evolution of Mexican cuisine, putting the question of national identity and distinctions at its core Part of the efficacy of Pilcher s argument is that he maps

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the diversity of Mexican culinary history against the diversity of the bodies of colonial Mexico, in which every major race of humanity was represented, well beyond merely a discourse of indigenous versus colonizer. That tastes would initially be safeguarded for the purposes of spirituality is unsurprising, and that they would take on polemic significance as he notes in the extended chapter conflating corn tortilla consumption with indigenous anti modernity. But that this would also be an expected part of nation making, and explicitly articulated as such in the archival materials he accesses, makes it doubly interesting. The power of whose voices and traditions prevailed in Mexican culture is ultimately a very interesting one, one that initially rejects indigenous history but then returns to it under a fresh independence driven embrace of mestizo heritage. Dominant tastes were something that not just produced subordination, but also produced cultural power and endurance in articulating exactly how Mexico was or was not a product of colonial influence. The best work Pilcher is doing here is getting us to think about the necessity of imagining culinary culture as a path to making Mexican identity coherent and legible and exportable. A good companion piece to McWilliams' *A Revolution in Eating*, but with many potential applications to understanding power and cuisine today. really entertaining and informative, not just on the history of mexican cuisine but on mexican political history and how that influenced the creation of a national identity or the attempt to create one. prepare snacks while you read. 3 I really enjoyed this book. We have an excellent exploration of how food shapes the identity of a people. In this case, it is about corn and the identity of the Mexican people. Pilcher shows just how important corn is to the people, and by extension how important it was to people who wanted to keep the people of Mexico either subservient to them. I will admit I did not read this book cover to cover, but I did read the majority of it. It is an interesting look at the role of corn in the culture and cuisine of Mexico dating back to the Aztecs. Pilcher examines the role of corn throughout time, the meshing of European cuisine based on wheat with the traditional Mesoamerican cuisine based on corn, and how over time, politics, religion, and the national food of Mexico came to be, and how corn played a role in all of it. Un libro que sin duda los amantes de la cocina mexicana deber an tener al alcance

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de la mano Es una pena que los mayores investigadores de nuestras ra ces culinarias sean extranjeros Me encanta que puedan plasmar tan bien los sabores y olores de mi pa s Ampliamente recomendado Viva el ma z A good read for anyone interested in food history. It lacks flow, but the subject matter is interesting It presumes that you know alot about Meso America Still, it s an interesting, if disjointed view on food esp corn vs wheat in Mexican history. I felt he was very repetitive at times, but it s a very cool way of telling the history of Mexico through the tasty comida.

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