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[T]he six volumes of *A Cultural History of Food* provide an enlightening and fascinating insight into the history of food and its development throughout history in an authoritative and accessible style. Social SciencesAbout the Author Massimo Montanari is Professor of Medieval History and Food History at the University of Bologna, Italy. His many studies on the history of food culture have been widely translated.