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"The fascinating story of corn is told in a wonderfully engaging book by Betty Fussell, a food historian."

"Fussell tells a fascinating, thoroughly researched and comprehensive story of the centrality of corn to American culture."

." . . a lively blend of anecdotes and facts about world corn. . . a specialized food history that will appeal across many different lines, from students of anthropology and sociology to culinary enthusiasts and history buffs."

"Fussell has the admirable virtue of integrating her copious research gracefully into the vast narrative that tracks corn through the empire of the Incas to the modern saga of ethanol fuels, deftly blending anthropology, science and history. . . The carefully selected bibliography is a fine finishing touch to this sophisticated and satisfying "tour de force.""

." . . a most wide-ranging, complex account. . The author delves into corn's long history, from its origins as a grass to its place in the mythology and economy of aboriginal peoples, and its modern usefulness as scientists probe the limits of its molecules. . . This is a book that needed writing and one that imaginative teachers can fit into a whole range of school subjects."

From the Inside Flap

This interweaving of folklore, history, and science tells the seven-century story of the importance of corn in the Americas.

From the Back Cover

In an authoritative, wise and wholly original blend of social history, art, science and anthropology, Betty Fussell tells the story of corn in a narrative that is as uniquely hybrid as her subject. It is a story that can be told in the language of myth or industry, of sacred ritual or secular farming, but in any language it makes clear that all the civilizations of the Western Hemisphere have been built on corn. The great epic of this amazing grain and of the people who for seven centuries have planted, eaten, worshipped, processed and profited from it reaches into every corner of American life--not just its food but also its poetry, its commerce, its religion and, of course, its booze. In her beautifully balanced text as well as in hundreds of extraordinary illustrations, Fussell juxtaposes the many facets of corn's history and influence to surprising, dramatic effect. The Story of Corn changes completely one's sense of the shape and nature of the American experience. You will never again munch on a hush puppy, admire a Maya temple, read Hiawatha or simply pass a cornfield in the same way.

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