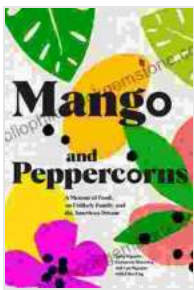


# Memoir of Food: An Unlikely Family and the American Dream

Memoir of Food is a memoir by chef Edward Lee. The book tells the story of Lee's family's immigration to the United States from Korea and their subsequent struggles to make a new life for themselves. Lee's writing is both personal and evocative, and he paints a vivid picture of the challenges and triumphs that his family faced.



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File size	: 5881 KB
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Lee's family arrived in the United States in the early 1970s. They were poor and did not speak English. Lee's parents worked long hours at low-paying jobs, and they often struggled to make ends meet. Lee and his siblings were often teased and bullied because of their race and their Korean heritage.

Despite the challenges they faced, Lee's family never gave up on their dream of a better life. They worked hard and saved money, and eventually they were able to buy a small house in a working-class neighborhood. Lee's parents also opened a small Korean restaurant, which quickly became a success.

Lee's family's restaurant was more than just a business. It was a place where they could share their culture and their food with others. Lee loved working in the restaurant, and he learned a lot about cooking from his parents. He also developed a deep appreciation for the power of food to bring people together.

After graduating from high school, Lee attended culinary school. He then went on to work in some of the best restaurants in the country. In 2008, he opened his own restaurant, 610 Magnolia, in Louisville, Kentucky. 610 Magnolia has been a critical and commercial success, and it has helped to put Louisville on the map as a culinary destination.

Memoir of Food is more than just a story about food. It is also a story about family, immigration, and the American dream. Lee's writing is honest and moving, and he paints a vivid picture of the challenges and triumphs that his family faced. Memoir of Food is a must-read for anyone who is interested in the American experience.

## **Themes**

- The power of family
- The importance of food
- The challenges and triumphs of immigration

- The American dream

## **Characters**

- Edward Lee
- Lee's parents
- Lee's siblings
- The other people who have worked in Lee's restaurants

## **Setting**

- The United States
- Korea
- Lee's restaurants

## **Style**

- Personal
- Evocative
- Honest
- Moving

## **Critical reception**

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## Awards

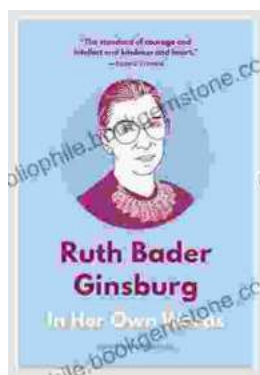
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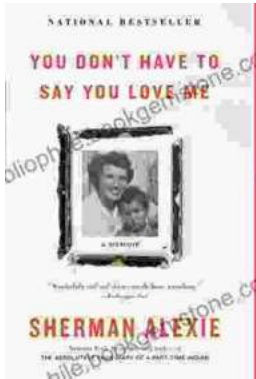
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