

Adventures in Ink



THE ULTIMATE ROUNDUP

Top 5 Foodie Things

Found in my Books

Yes, there's still a jack-o'-lantern brightening my front porch...it's a football Saturday AND the Day of the Dead. Not to mention Election Day is nearly here...but me? I'm thinking FEAST! Perhaps my family's recent obsession with Culinary Class Wars (a cooking competition set in South Korea - watch on Netflix!) has something to do with it?? In any case, it got me thinking that maybe you, too, would enjoy a bit of mouth-watering distraction/inspiration. Food IS poetry, after all!

I love to cook/bake/create, and I lovelovelove to eat. This list isn't comprehensive, but it includes a few of the most memorable ways my writing has revealed foodie-me. *Bon appetite!*



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FAMILY RECIPE

Leaving Gee's

Bend

Ludelfhia eats the most delicious cake of her life at the Nelsons' house in Camden, Alabama. (This was my Grandma Dykes' recipe!)

GRAB YOURS

FOOD IS POETRY

Fresh Delicious: Poems from the Farmers' Market

Once upon a time I was a picky eater. (I'm still picky, actually!) This book shows how I came to reimagine and love garden vegetables. It includes a bunch of kid-friendly recipes that *might* have met younger-me's approval. :)

GET A TASTE





FOOD TRADITIONS

Can I Touch Your Hair? Poems of Race, Mistakes & Friendship

One of the topics Charles Waters and I wrote about was "family dinner." My poem's autobiographical.

TAKE A SEAT AT
THE TABLE

04

FEEDING THE WORLD

The Cat Man of Aleppo

This Caldecott Honor book tells the true tale of Alaa's heroic efforts to feed the stray cats in war-torn Syria. On my favorite spread, Yuko Shimizu drew Alaa feeding 128 cats!



MEOW

05



FOOD IS PEACE

Peace is a Sweet Potato

Pie

Here's a poem perfect for the season. (I prefer Sweet Potato Pie to Pumpkin Pie, don't you?)

READ THE POEM

Wishing you peace, love & beautiful food
this month and always,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Irene". The script is fluid and cursive, with a large, elegant initial "I" and a long, sweeping underline.

P.S. I'll be at NCTE Boston Nov. 22-24. If you're attending the conference, please give me a holler, so I can look for you! Please see my schedule below.



join
ME!



Panel - “Hope is the Thing With Feathers: How Poetry Makes History Sing” Friday 9:30 am room 054B



Poetry Peeps Meet up Friday 7-9 pm Crescendo @ the Omni Hotel



Book signing THE MISTAKES THAT MADE US (with Charles Waters) Saturday 11 am Lerner Booth #833



Children’s Book Award luncheon table host THE MUSEUM ON THE MOON Saturday 12:30 pm

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