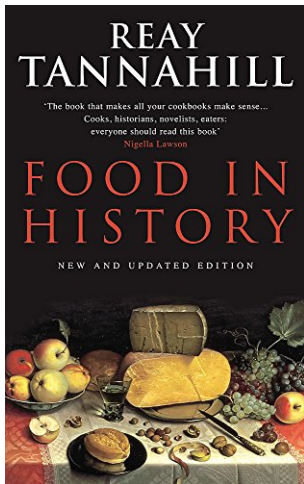


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Food History and Legends
History and Legends of Favorite Foods - Food History by Linda Stradley of What's Cooking America. Check out some of the many foods that I have researched over the years. If you have any information to add, change, or comment on, please let me know. This page is a "work in progress," and I am always learning new things from my research and from the many wonderful readers of these history pages. I really appreciate the many people who have helped me in my food history research. Food history is an interdisciplinary field that examines the history and the cultural, economic, environmental, and sociological impacts of food and human nutrition. Food history is considered distinct from the more traditional field of culinary history, which focuses on the origin and recreation of specific recipes. The first journal in the field, *Petits Propos Culinaires*, was launched in 1979 and the first conference on the subject was the 1981 Oxford Food Symposium. This is a list of ancient dishes, prepared foods and beverages that have been recorded as originating during ancient history. The span of recorded history is roughly 5,000 years, beginning with Sumerian cuneiform script, the oldest discovered form of coherent writing from the protoliterate period around the 30th century BC. Ancient history can be defined as occurring from the beginning of recorded human history to: The Early Middle Ages (the end of the 4th century AD). The history of food and drink has been documented extensively throughout history. Consequently, works relevant to the production, trade and consumption of food and drink can be found throughout the library's collections. Due to the relevance and appeal of food and drink across historical disciplines, and also to the library's collections being mostly arranged geographically, relevant materials are dispersed across the Library. My own response "food in history" still used to get some bemused reactions when I was a young graduate student. Sausages do not strike everyone as the most obvious serious historical topic. Food had, until recent decades, been something of a runt in the litter of historical issues, only belatedly receiving the attention it deserved. The rise of food history is welcome and long overdue. But we must make sure not just to construct a self-contained subject of study. Food is far too important for that. - Dr Christopher Kissane.