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"M.F.K. Fisher is our greatest food writer because she puts food in the mount, the mind and the imagination all at the same time. Beyond the gastronomical bravura, she is a passionate woman; food is her metaphor." —Shana Alexander

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#### About the Author

**M.F.K. Fisher** helped shape the genre we call food writing. Over her expansive career Fisher's work comprised twenty-six books. She received lifetime achievement awards from the James Beard Foundation and the American Institute of Wine and Food. She died in 1992.

**Anne Zimmerman**'s previous book about M.F.K. Fisher, *An Extravagant Hunger*, was published by Counterpoint. She lives in San Francisco.

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