

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!* 





FAMILY RECIPE

## Leaving Gee's

#### Bend

Ludelphia 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'

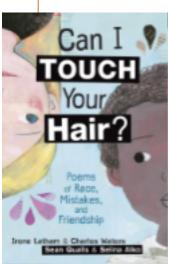
#### Market

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. :)

FRESH DELICIOUS
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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

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



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,

Trene

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.







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