

# Mark Kurlansky

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Food is a central activity of mankind and one of the single most significant trademarks of a culture.

~Mark Kurlansky

The egg creams of Avenue A in New York and the root beer float....are among the high points of American gastronomic inventiveness.

~Mark Kurlansky

A gourmet knows that the best part is not always the expensive part, and he will find that part, and then he will share it. A gourmet should want to share.

~Mark Kurlansky

If ever there was a fish made to endure, it is the Atlantic cod... But it has among its predators - man, an openmouthed species greedier than cod.

~Mark Kurlansky

Judging foods without regard to price is a rich mans game, and yet poor people can be gourmets able to discern a good potato from a bad one.

~Mark Kurlansky

In nineteenth-century Russia, sauerkraut was valued more than caviar.

~Mark Kurlansky

Fate likes to tease paranoids.'

~Mark Kurlansky

I did not realize at the time, as I have discovered since, that anyone who attempts any thing original in this world must expect a bit of ridicule. Clarence Birdseye

~Mark Kurlansky

modern people have seen too many chemicals and are ready to go

back to eating dirt.

~Mark Kurlansky

The history of the Americas is one of constant warfare over salt.

~Mark Kurlansky

THE ROMANS SALTED their greens, believing this to counteract the natural bitterness, which is the origin of the word salad, salted.

~Mark Kurlansky

In spite of muzzling the press, imprisoning thousands, and engaging in torture, kidnapping and murder, the Socialist government was still vulnerable to the accusation of being "soft on Basques.

~Mark Kurlansky

A true gourmet - a judge - has the wisdom to know when to stop eating.

~Mark Kurlansky

In 'The Republic' he [Plato] states that the enjoyment of food is not a true pleasure because the purpose of eating is to relieve pain - hunger.

~Mark Kurlansky

Nature, the ultimate pragmatist, doggedly searches for something that works. But as the cockroach demonstrates, what works best in nature does not always appeal to us.

~Mark Kurlansky

A Wedding In Haiti is a great experience and its unaffected prose is as true a portrait of complex Haiti as you will find.

~Mark Kurlansky

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