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Roger L. Welsch : Diggin' in and Pigg'in' Out: One Man's Love for Real Food, Home Cookin' and High Spirits before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Diggin' in and Pigg'in' Out: One Man's Love for Real Food, Home Cookin' and High Spirits:

2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Packed with clever observations, witticisms, tales, and the occasional recipe By Darby This is another one of those little gems of the culinary literary genre that are equal parts

memoir, philosophy and insightful humor essay on the human condition - and it all revolves around food, to tie it all together. In this particular book, the setting is rural Nebraska, and the author is a teacher AND a popular humorist ... who teaches, writes, and laughs at length about all of the following subjects, in no particular order: anthropology, plains literature folklore, native americans, camping, salvaging antique tractors, dogs, and (most relevantly to this book) FOOD. Although organized in something akin to a stream-of-consciousness ramble on just about everything, from A to Z, the author manages to cover a lot of turf despite himself. It's packed with memories about camping and canoeing (fresh fish and wild asparagus), waxing poetic about smoke-curing hams, and little tidbits about friends, lovers, and food philosophy in general. For instance: "Always pick peasant food - aristocrats eat mostly to impress other people; peasants eat to eat."

There has been much written about food and the senses and how it tantalizes our taste buds, warms our bellies, and stimulates our sniffers. But not until *Diggin' In Pigin' Out* has food's relationship to an often overlooked sense our sense of humor been given its due. Here author Roger Welsch, a great lover of food, an anthropologist who has spent much of his life studying food and culture, and a pretty funny guy, reveals his own unique, distinctly manly brand of cuisine. Roger shares his secrets for tickling the palate from how to properly prepare barbecued ribs (hint: drink while you cook) to the basic tools of male culinary arts (hint: you've got ten of them). This richly funny tour of food includes Roger's favorite tried-and-true recipes: Uncle Roger's Nutrition Bombshells, Mick's Blind Duck, Linda's Man-Magnet Mashed Potatoes, Boom John Carter's Huevos Rancheros (Acts I and II), Red Beer wild Fruit Wines, and the list goes on. If you love to eat, if you love to laugh, if you love even the mere thought of a table laden with food, here's the book you've been waiting for since your last great meal. "Roger Welsch is America's premier storyteller. From his lips small-town life takes on the dignity of history and the currency of the evening news." - Charles Kuralt, author of *On the Road* with Charles Kuralt and former host of CBS Sunday Morning

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