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"*The Gourd Book* successfully combines the many kinds of information about gourds into one accurate, readable, well-illustrated account. . . . The most comprehensive work yet written on the subject."— *Library Journal*

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