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Review

"The Immigrant Kitchen" brings together texts from writers coming out of different immigrant traditions, and its movement through the topics ranging from immigration to assimilation to expatriation felt perfect to me. Both literary scholars who work in transnational and postcolonial studies and food studies scholars who work on related topics in the humanities will want to read this book. Scholars affiliated with programs in women's studies, ethnic studies, and American studies, as well as historians of immigration, will also find "The Immigrant Kitchen" necessary reading. Doris Witt, University of Iowa"

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