

John T. Edge writes about the foodways of the American South.

In May of 2017, Penguin will publish his latest book, *The Potlikker Papers: A Food History of the Modern South*.



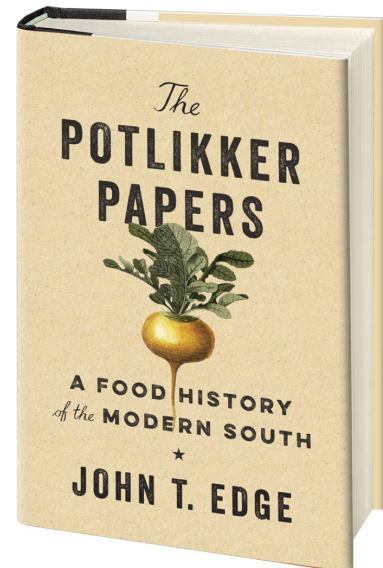
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Edge is a contributing editor at *Garden & Gun* and a columnist for the *Oxford American*. For three years he wrote the monthly “United Taste” column for the *New York Times*.

His magazine and newspaper work has been featured in eleven editions of the Best Food Writing compilation. He has won three James Beard Foundation awards. In 2012, he won Beard’s M.F.K. Fisher Distinguished Writing Award.

Edge holds an MA in Southern Studies from the University of Mississippi. And an MFA in Creative Nonfiction from Goucher College.

He is director of the **Southern Foodways Alliance**, an institute of the **Center for the Study of Southern Culture** at the University of Mississippi, where he documents, studies, and explores the diverse food cultures of the American South. The SFA has completed more than 900 oral histories and 50 films, focusing on people like fried chicken cooks, row crop farmers, oystermen, and bartenders.



Edge has written or edited more than a dozen books, including *Southern Belly: The Ultimate Food Lover’s Companion to the South* and *The Truck Food Cookbook*,

*a catalogue of modern American street food.* Edge is editor of the foodways volume of the *New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*. And he is series editor of *Southern Foodways Alliance Studies in Culture, People, and Place*, published by the University of Georgia Press.

He has served as culinary curator for the weekend edition of NPR's *All Things Considered*, and he has been featured on dozens of television shows, from *CBS Sunday Morning* to *Iron Chef*.

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