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“Is “*The Potlikker Papers*” a history of the South by way of food stories, or a story about Southern food by way of our history? By the time you come to the end of this rigorous volume, you’ll know that the two are indivisible. Edge has long shaped the conversation about food not only in this region but across the country through his pulpit as director of the Southern Foodways Alliance. *The Potlikker Papers* is his defining contribution to that conversation.” — Wyatt Williams, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*

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