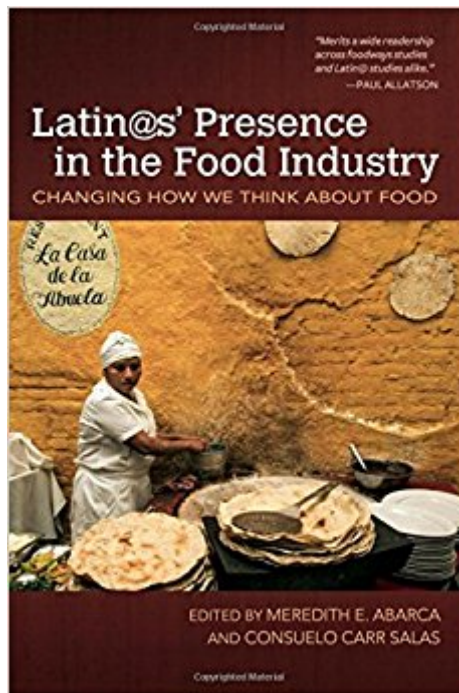




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# Latin@s' Presence In The Food Industry: Changing How We Think About Food (Food And Foodways)



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•Paul Allatson, author of Key Terms in Latino/a Cultural and Literary Studies

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