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This book is valuable for food professionals, including both R&D and those interested in the history and development of food processing, food equipment, and food evaluation. Each chapter is comprehensively referenced, and one important feature of the book is the inclusion of many references that are not generally available to the public. These include internal government reports, contractor, reports, and conference presentations. The book reviews and summarizes much of this work. --Herbert L. Meiselman, Ph.D., editor, Journal of Food Quality and Preference

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