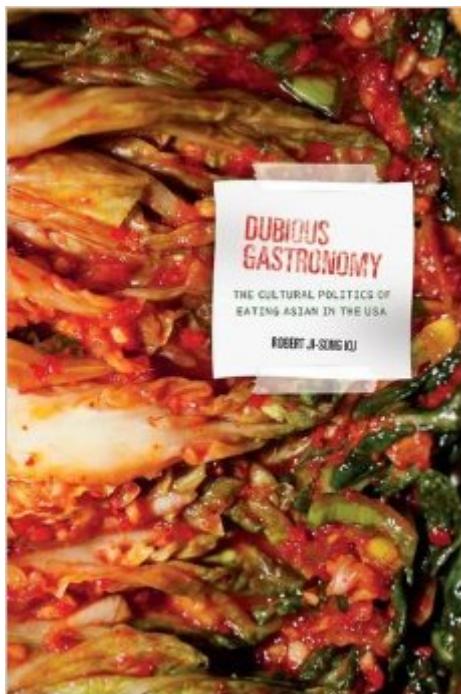


The book was found

# Dubious Gastronomy: The Cultural Politics Of Eating Asian In The USA (Food In Asia And The Pacific)



## Synopsis

California roll, Chinese take-out, American-made kimchi, dogmeat, monosodium glutamate, SPAMâ •all are examples of what Robert Ji-Song Ku calls â œdubiousâ • foods. Strongly associated with Asian and Asian American gastronomy, they are commonly understood as ersatz, depraved, or simply bad. In *Dubious Gastronomy*, Ku contends that these foods share a spiritual fellowship with Asians in the United States in that the Asian presence, be it culinary or corporeal, is often considered watered-down, counterfeit, or debased manifestations of the â œreal thing.â • The American expression of Asianness is defined as doubly inauthenticâ •as insufficiently Asian and unreliably American when measured against a largely ideological if not entirely political standard of authentic Asia and America. By exploring the other side of what is prescriptively understood as proper Asian gastronomy, Ku suggests that Asian cultural expressions occurring in places such as Los Angeles, Honolulu, New York City, and even Baton Rouge are no less critical to understanding the meaning of Asian foodâ •and, by extension, Asian peopleâ •than culinary expressions that took place in Tokyo, Seoul, and Shanghai centuries ago. In critically considering the impure and hybridized with serious and often whimsical intent, *Dubious Gastronomy* argues that while the notion of cultural authenticity is troubled, troubling, and troublesome, the apocryphal is not necessarily a bad thing: The dubious can be and is often quite delicious. *Dubious Gastronomy* overlaps a number of disciplines, including American and Asian American studies, Asian diasporic studies, literary and cultural studies, and the burgeoning field of food studies. More importantly, however, the book fulfills the critical task of amalgamating these areas and putting them in conversation with one another. Written in an engaging and fluid style, it promises to appeal a wide audience of readers who seriously enjoys eatingâ •and reading and thinking aboutâ •food.

## Book Information

Series: Food in Asia and the Pacific

Hardcover: 320 pages

Publisher: University of Hawaii Press (December 31, 2013)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0824839218

ISBN-13: 978-0824839215

Product Dimensions: 1 x 6.2 x 9.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.2 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: Be the first to review this item

Best Sellers Rank: #1,305,081 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #87 in Books > Cookbooks, Food & Wine > Regional & International > U.S. Regional > Hawaii #667 in Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Social Sciences > Specific Demographics > Asian American Studies #1875 in Books > Cookbooks, Food & Wine > Asian Cooking

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Dubious Gastronomy: The Cultural Politics of Eating Asian in the USA (Food in Asia and the Pacific) Inside Out: Literature, Cultural Politics, and Identity in the New Pacific (Pacific Formations: Global Relations in Asian and Pacific Perspectives) Eating Korean in America: Gastronomic Ethnography of Authenticity (Food in Asia and the Pacific) The Asian Kitchen: Fabulous Recipes from Every corner of Asia [Asian Cookbook, 380 Recipes] Rice Cooker Recipes - Asian Cooking - Quick & Easy Stir Fry - Low Sugar - Low Sodium: Bonus: Trader Joe's Ingredients Asian Style Recipes (Rice Rice ... - Healthy Eating On a Budget) The Food Service Professional Guide to Controlling Restaurant & Food Service Food Costs (The Food Service Professional Guide to, 6) (The Food Service Professionals Guide To) Stat-Spotting: A Field Guide to Identifying Dubious Data Helping Your Child with Extreme Picky Eating: A Step-by-Step Guide for Overcoming Selective Eating, Food Aversion, and Feeding Disorders The Joy of Eating Well: A Practical Guide to- Transform Your Relationship with Food- Overcome Emotional Eating- Achieve Lasting Results Staying Healthy in Asia, Africa, and Latin America (Moon Handbooks Staying Healthy in Asia, Africa & Latin America) A.M. Best Special Report: Southeast Asia Life & Nonlife: Southeast Asia May Reward Shrewd Insurers, Punish the Careless Food Politics: How the Food Industry Influences Nutrition, and Health, Revised and Expanded Edition (California Studies in Food and Culture) Food Politics: How the Food Industry Influences Nutrition and Health (California Studies in Food and Culture) A Guide to Exporting from the USA: A Guide to Exporting Your Company Products and Services from the USA USA TODAY Jumbo Puzzle Book 2: 400 Brain Games for Every Day (USA Today Puzzles) USA TODAY Crossword 3: 200 Puzzles from The Nation's No. 1 Newspaper (USA Today Puzzles) USA TODAY Crossword 2: 200 Puzzles from The Nations No. 1 Newspaper (USA Today Puzzles) USA TODAY Jumbo Puzzle Book: 400 Brain Games for Every Day (USA Today Puzzles) Ferran Adria and elBulli: The Art, The Philosophy, The Gastronomy The New Wildcrafted Cuisine: Exploring the Exotic Gastronomy of Local Terroir

[Dmca](#)