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In her groundbreaking book, *Salt and Sugar: The Intertwined Histories of Slavery, Food, and Liberation*, food historian Thavolia Glymph uncovers the untold story of how two seemingly disparate commodities shaped the course of American history.

Glymph traces the parallel journeys of salt and sugar, from their origins in the Caribbean to their central role in the transatlantic slave trade. She reveals how the demand for these commodities fueled the expansion of slavery and the brutal conditions endured by enslaved Africans on plantations.

But *Salt and Sugar* is not just a story of oppression. Glymph also shows how enslaved Africans used food as a form of resistance and self-preservation. They created new dishes and traditions that blended African and European influences, and they used food to nourish their bodies and spirits.

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