More than a cookbook, Brazil: A Culinary Journey explains how Amerindian, European, and African contributions have come together to form modern Brazilian cookery. The indigenous inhabitants contributed products native to the land, such as corn, cassava, and fish. The Portuguese settlers incorporated native techniques and ingredients, and introduced Portuguese staples, including sausages, olive oil, and wine. The culinary traditions were further fused with the introduction of such ingredients as palm oil and okra brought with African slaves in the twentieth century. European immigration yielded pasta and German pastries.

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