

EDIBLE SECRETS: A Food Tour of Classified U.S. History

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Upton Sinclair-style muckraking for our modern era, *Edible Secrets*...investigates the down-and-dirty ways in which the U.S. government altered history using the most common of comestibles.

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This book contains some powerful new disclosures gleaned from FBI files and presented in a politically relevant form. Great research and a good read.

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Mix ice cream, Jell-O, popcorn, Coca-Cola, and a milkshake with CIA and FBI secret files, some of the American empire's biggest corporations, and the last ten presidents. What have you got? A recipe for revolutionary change. Read *Edible Secrets* to find out more. It provides a stimulating taste of the

government's inner workings." —Robert Meeropol, younger son, Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, and Executive Director of the Rosenberg Fund for Children, author of *We are your sons: the legacy of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg and An Execution in the Family: One Son's Journey*

What do top-secret CIA assassination plots, Black Panther arrests, and Reaganomics have in common? Food, of course! Michael Hoerger and Mia Partlow collect, contextualize, and graphically narrate declassified government documents with food as a theme! Over 500,000 declassified memos, debriefings, and transcripts were combed to uncover some of the most important and iconic people and narratives from U.S. history.

Providing a voyeuristic insight into the US government, these documents are like reality TV for politicians and foodies: Assassinations by milkshake, subliminal popcorn cravings, Reagan's love of hydroponics, and what could be Fred Hampton's most radical action—giving ice cream to small children. **Illustrated throughout by Nate Powell.**

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