

# The Peter D. Franklin Cookbook Collection

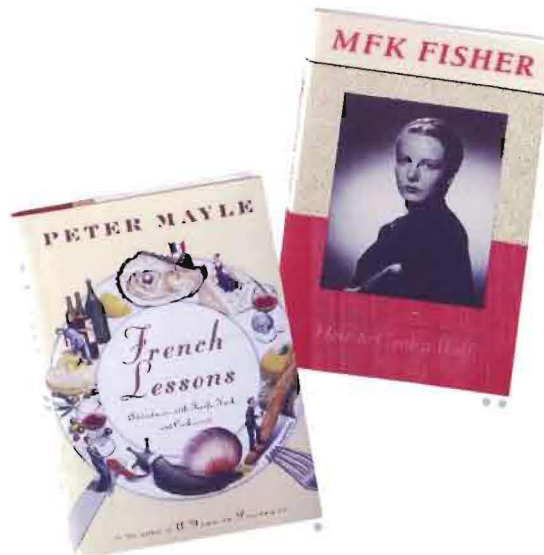
A Special Collection Preserving  
the History of Culinary Arts



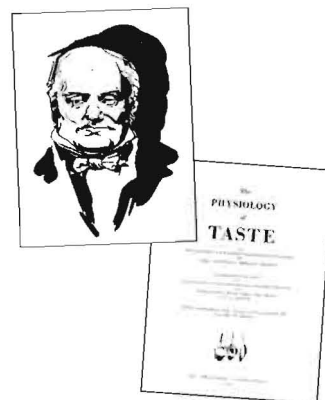
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The *Peter D. Franklin Cookbook Collection* in the Rare Books and Manuscripts Library of The Ohio State University was founded in 1992 when Peter D. Franklin made the first of his donations of cookbooks that now number over 5,000. Mr. Franklin's cookbook review column, "Cookbook Nook," is nationally syndicated and was the source for his extensive cookbook collection of primarily contemporary cookbooks of all varieties: literally, from soup to nuts, from French food to Asian food, from elegant dining to barbeque, from beef stroganoff to vegetarian casseroles, and more. In addition, Mr. Franklin has made provision for an endowment that will assist with the future development of the collection.



In support of this noteworthy collection, the library has committed to expanding its historical value with a focus on collecting native Ohio and Midwestern foods and the cuisines of important Ohio ethnic groups, particularly Italian, German, and East European. In tribute to the Ohio pioneer tradition, the library also collects cookbooks on North American game, fish and fowl.



\* Peter Mayle, *French Lessons: Adventures with Knife, Fork and Corkscrew*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2001.

\*\* M. F. K. Fisher, *How to Cook a Wolf*. San Francisco: North Point Press, 1988.

\*\*\* Jean Anthelme Brillat-Savarin, *The Physiology of Taste or Meditations on Transcendental Gastronomy*. San Francisco: The Ation Press, 1994.

The *Peter D. Franklin Cookbook Collection*, is an outstanding scholarly source for the study of material culture, for food, in both its procurement and preparation, fulfills the most basic of human needs. The customs and manners associated with food, moreover, reflect diverse social and cultural traditions and are primary sources for many humanistic and social science disciplines. The *Peter D. Franklin Cookbook Collection* does, indeed, enlarge and enrich the research resources of the Rare Books and Manuscripts Library.



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