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“Evans’ book provides a refreshingly non-judgmental exploration of the practices that lead consumers to waste food. ... A highly accessible, thought provoking and concise work, that offers a conceptual framework that will no doubt organize and position future studies of household food waste.” -Kathryn Wheeler, The Open University, UK, *Cultural Sociology*

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