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and regulations ...By CustomerLinnekin does a fantastic job synthesizing the complex web of laws and regulations hindering a sustainable food system and presenting them in an accessible and enjoyable read. His consistent real-life examples and practical advice provide an easy-to-grasp understanding of why so many aspects of our food system don't succeed or seem ludicrously controlled or prohibited. By the end, I felt much more aware of some of the problems food organizations and businesses face and a little more empowered to address them. I highly recommend this book for anyone interested in wanting to shape food policy or learn more about how our food system works.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Highly RecommendedBy RAI enjoyed this book from cover to cover. Well-researched, well-written, and easy to follow even for a non-legal scholar like myself, it is a great read! Through historical context, informative and astute legal analysis, fascinating real accounts, and a witty presentation Linnekin writes about how food policies and regulations, however well-intentioned, can and do negatively impact our lives. It is not just about how we grow, access, share, or sell food, but also ultimately how we choose it for ourselves and our families.The number of social and economic issues food touches upon makes this work important to anyone interested in not just food as a form of one's sustenance, but also as an expression of community. I highly recommend it.2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. a great read. this work does a very good job ...By Michael N.a great read. this work does a very good job of describing the difficulties faced by the natural food producer, small family farms, and alternative foodies in just surviving. Highly recommended!

Food waste, hunger, inhumane livestock conditions, disappearing fish stocks these are exactly the kind of issues we expect food regulations to combat. Yet, today in the United States, laws exist at all levels of government that actually make these problems worse. Baylen Linnekin argues that, too often, government rules handcuff Americas most sustainable farmers, producers, sellers, and consumers, while rewarding those whose practices are anything but sustainable.Biting the Hands that Feed Us introduces readers to the perverse consequences of many food rules. Some of these rules constrain the sale of ugly fruits and vegetables, relegating bushels of tasty but misshapen carrots and strawberries to food waste. Other rules have threatened to treat manure the lifeblood of organic fertilization as a toxin. Still other rules prevent sharing food with the homeless and others in need. There are even rules that prohibit people from growing fruits and vegetables in their own yards. Linnekin also explores what makes for a good food law often, he explains, these emphasize good outcomes rather than rigid processes. But he urges readers to be wary of efforts to regulate our way to a greener food system, calling instead for empowerment of those working to feed us and themselves sustainably.

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