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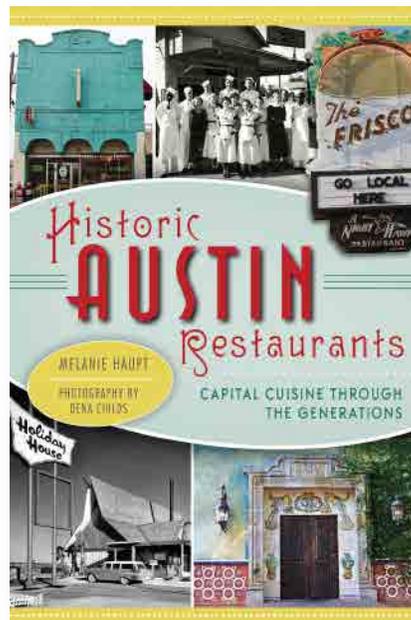
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*Historic Austin Restaurants:
Capital Cuisine through the Generations*

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About the Author

After completing her graduate studies (MA in English, CU-Boulder, 2003; PhD English, UT-Austin, 2012), Melanie Haupt set out to combine instincts honed over a ten-year career in editorial journalism with the analytical skills she developed in academia. After serving as a proofreader and contributor to the music section, she began writing food criticism for the Austin Chronicle in 2011. Since then, she has dedicated herself to exploring, documenting and analyzing the historic as well as the up-and-coming dining culture of Texas's capital city. Her observations on the societal importance of food are well grounded in the extensive research she undertook in writing a dissertation on women's culinary culture for her doctoral work, but her writing retains a freshness and attention to audience that distinguishes it from typical academic work. She is a member of Foodways Texas, a nonprofit organization dedicated to documenting and preserving Texas food culture(s), as well as the Austin Food Bloggers Alliance, which serves to engender community through food and food blogging.



Austin has staked its claim as the seat of innovative culinary movements, and its food culture mirrors the transformations taking place across the city. The evolution of the east side is reflected in joints like Franklin Barbecue, while landmarks like Scholz Garten, the oldest restaurant in the capital, testify to the contributions of the town's college presence and a healthy German influence. Joe's Bakery isn't just one of the town's most beloved Tex-Mex spots; it's the place where the real wheeling and dealing in Texas politics happens. Food writer Melanie Haupt samples Austin's iconic restaurants and the rich heritage that produced them.

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