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EAT ALL ABOUT IT

One might say that restaurant guides are overabundant these days. Crack open any number of tomes or make a few clicks, and you'll know exactly the spot to enjoy the best spaetzle in Innsbruck, Austria, or where to grab the best *khao kha moo* in Chiang Mai, Thailand. But what about those looking to explore food culture beyond the restaurant? Getting to the heart of regional cuisine can be a tall order, but The Terroir Guides ably examine the interplay between markets, local food artisans, winemakers, and chefs on a town-by-town basis, taking the reader from field to plate and making a great companion for any food-obsessed tourist. The *Food Wine* books have so far covered Budapest, and the Italian Riviera and Genoa; both volumes are packed with local history, food lore, and useful translations. A Rome guide is due out in February, with Burgundy and Tokyo to follow. \$25; littlebookroom.net

