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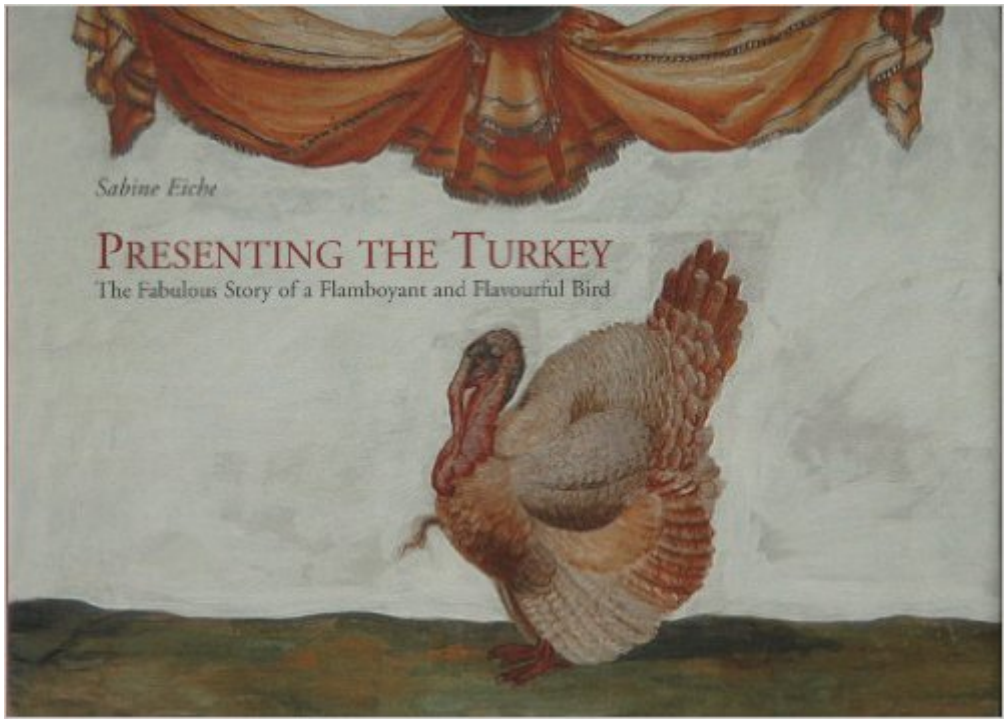

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Synopsis

In this book, art historian Sabine Eiche has assembled a delightful collection of art to illustrate the turkey's adventures in Europe. The idea for Presenting the Turkey came to the author by reading a letter dated in 1531, written by an agent of Duke Francesco Maria della Rovere of Urbino, who recounted having seen something

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This book is an instant classic, which will doubtless inspire generation after generation of food mavens, history buffs--and just about anyone who enjoys good eating and good writing. The humble fowl furnishes the premise for the author to take us on an exhilarating trip across cultures and historical eras. Eiche paints a panorama of cultural, culinary and artistic life that assumes almost epic proportions, but she never fails to delight with her eye for wierd, offbeat, and just plain hilarious details. The author, a distinguished scholar of Renaissance art, writes with great charm and a dry sense of humor that is almost too deliciously wicked. Her prose will is reminiscent of the great bellettrists of natural history, from Izaak Walton to Diane Ackerman (whose books, if you haven't read them, would make a perfect accompaniment to this one). Whether you're looking for a great gift book, in search of some un-put-downable cultural and culinary history to read on a cold autumn night, or just want to adorn a holiday table with its gloriously beautiful illustrations--this is a book you'll gobble up with pleasure again and again!

Eiche has produced a masterpiece that deserves to become a best seller. Wonderful and witty account of the introduction of the New World Turkey into the Renaissance Old World, with brilliant tidbits of turkey lore and poems to accompany your Thanksgiving feast. A perfect stocking stuffer for old and young. Get it while still has copies available.Joanna Woods-Marsden, Los Angeles, CA.

Learned, witty, imaginative, unexpected, this book is a treasury of language, literature and images associated with the turkey. Beautifully produced, it is selling at a bargain price, and guaranteed to enliven your gathering around the turkey, for Thanksgiving, Christmas, or any other feast.

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