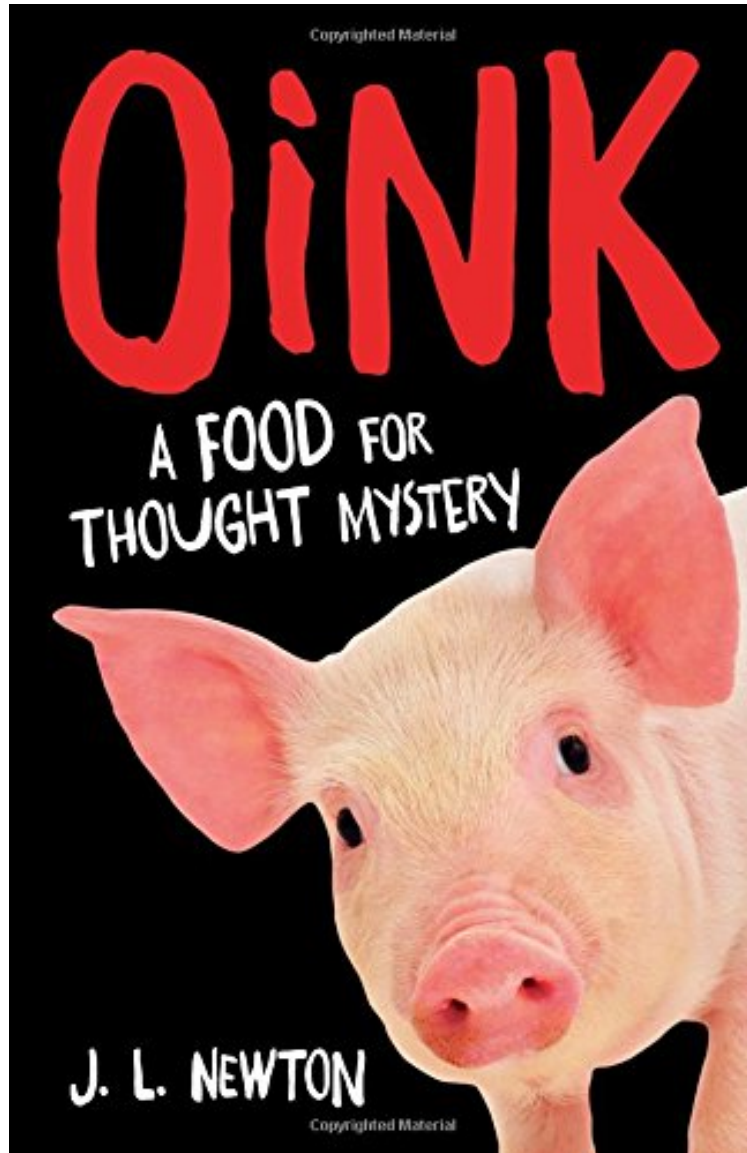


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World J.L. Newton By Partner. Oink by J.L. Newton - May 2017 - 3 Stars This is a wonderful book and well worth reading. The subject matter is very timely and topical. It deals with the corporate takeover of the food business in the U.S. This story shows clearly how colleges and universities are becoming servants of the corporations. This is causing a big change in the priorities of the education world and is reshaping the curriculum from a humanistic one to a commercial one. So the story here is about an incident that happens in a quiet Midwestern university as a result of the pressure of the corporate takeover and the resultant shift away from a culture of learning and growth to one of a servant class for education. Very important and well told. Easy to understand and hopefully will prompt action or at least knowledge of anyone who reads it. Get it and read it just for the content. Share it. Give it as gifts. The actual telling of the story needs a lot of editing still. It is slow, has no momentum, doesn't have characters that are real enough to care about. There is no one you really want to win here or to be defeated. The people aren't real enough for that. There are lots of identifiable types in this book and you will acknowledge to yourself that the author had an intimate understanding of the world of education and life in a university town. The book has a little too much food culture for me and not enough drama. I found the book easy to read but not compelling. I would buy another book from J.L. Newton as I am sure she will develop her storytelling skills and her writing style will get edgier and more on point. This book did make me mad but did not make me cry. I wanted a book that had motion from the first chapter to the end. But don't we all? 20 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book! By carole joffe This is a book that works on many different levels and I highly recommend it. There is a compelling mystery, an intriguing new romance, numerous recipes for foodies, and most impressive for me, very intelligent observations --conveyed in a lively, non pedantic way! --about the current corporatization of the university, and the complexities of the GMO issue regarding corn. Carole Joffe

Pigs, poisoned cornbread, a feminist network, and a university tainted by corporate values. First in the Emily Addams Food for Thought Series. One of the 18 funniest books to come out this spring. MediaBookBub.Com One of the five foodie novels to read this summer. Epicurious One of 18 breakthrough novels this season. MediaBookBub.Com Emily Addams, foodie professor of women's studies at Arbor State a land grant university in Northern California finds herself an unlikely suspect in the poisoning of a man she barely knows: Professor Peter Elliott of Plant Biology, the hotshot developer of a new genetically modified corn. How did her cornbread end up in his hand as he lay in the smelly muck of a pigs pen? As Emily and her colleagues try to identify who and what has poisoned Peter, they also struggle to keep a new and corporate-minded administration from defunding the women's and ethnic studies programs. In the process of solving the mystery, Emily and her network deepen their ties to each other and uncover some of the dark secrets of a university whose traditionally communal values are being polluted by a wave of profit-fueled ideals. Oink comes with recipes. It has been said that the comic campus novel is no more (things in higher education are verging on the tragic), but Oink proves otherwise. Maggie Berg and Barbara K. Seeber, authors of *The Slow Professor: Challenging the Culture of Speed in the Academy*

Intriguing and full of twists, it's hard to find fault with the authors theme of communal empowerment, her love of food, and her frequent instructional asides. A highly educated foodies dream, this tale delivers a unique take on both the campus and mystery genres. Kirkus It has been said that the comic campus novel is no more (things in higher ed are verging on the tragic), but Oink proves otherwise. A witty combination of a campus novel, a murder mystery, a debate about GMOs, and a recipe book, Oink is a celebration of community connected to the joy of food and fellowship. At a time when collegiality is on the decline because of the corporatization of higher education, Newton's light-hearted novel makes the serious point that collegiality is important not only personally but also politically. Maggie Berg and Barbara K. Seeber, authors of *The Slow Professor: Challenging the Culture of Speed in the Academy* Fans of the cozy mystery will love a plot that keeps on twisting until the end and the bonus of recipes for good things eaten in this novel. But what distinguishes Oink is its insightful and often beautiful creation of the academic characters and settings at a formerly agricultural California university. Amid vivid, evocative glimpses of an agrarian Central Valley built-scape nonhuman living things loom and fly [overhead] as humans pursue and are pursued by each other. Oink satisfies in multiple ways. Elizabeth Harris, author of *Mayhem: Three Lives of a Woman* This entertaining GMO mystery novel aptly describes the laid back atmosphere of a small town ag university. Newton, a former professor, captures the distinct traits of academics from both the sciences and humanities. A good read that is both humorous and thoughtful. Pamela C. Ronald, co-author of *Tomorrows Table: Organic Farming, Genetics, and The Future of Food* Oink takes readers on a lively romp through campus politics and interpersonal intrigue. Food themes abound in this engaging and well-crafted mystery which combines concerns about genetic engineering and pesticides with reflections upon the satisfactions of building community through sharing food and food stories. Recipes are included. Janet A. Flammang, author of *Table Talk: Building Democracy One Meal at a Time* A fabulous fictional voyage through the new landscape of contemporary food culture in the Academy with the intrigue of mystery to boot. It's rich in surprises and recipes (you don't want to miss the blini or the cupcakes!) Michael W. Twitty, author of *The Cooking Gene: A Journey Through African-American Culinary History in the Old South* Oink is a page-turnin' who-

done-it set in a university town in the 1990s. Newton highlights the political turmoil of the times as reflected in the role of women's and ethnic studies within the campus hierarchy and the ethics and risks of corporate-agriculture-funded research into the use of genetically modified organisms (GMOs). Newton, an adept storyteller, deftly weaves her way between town and gown, knowing well the annual rhythm of the beloved local farmers market. Throughout it all, she provides delicious recipes based on corn, cornbread in particular, about which I can only say cornbread plays a Best Supporting Role in the mystery. Ann M. Evans, author of *Davis Farmers Market Cookbook*, former Mayor, City of Davis.

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