# Eggs: A Global History of an Edible Enigma

Eggs are one of the most versatile and nutritious foods on the planet. They are a good source of protein, fat, vitamins, and minerals, and they can be cooked in a variety of ways. Eggs have been a staple in human diets for centuries, and their history is as rich and varied as the cultures that have consumed them.



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#### The Origins of Eggs

The earliest known eggshells date back to the Triassic period, around 250 million years ago. These eggs were laid by reptiles, and they were much larger than the eggs of modern birds. Over time, eggshells evolved to become smaller and thinner, and they began to be laid by birds. The first birds to lay eggs were the ostriches, and their eggs were about the size of a grapefruit. Over time, other birds evolved to lay smaller eggs, and the eggs of modern birds range in size from the tiny eggs of hummingbirds to the large eggs of ostriches.

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### Eggs in Human History

Eggs have been a part of human diets for thousands of years. The earliest evidence of humans eating eggs dates back to the Stone Age, and eggshells have been found in archaeological sites all over the world. In ancient Egypt, eggs were considered to be a symbol of fertility and rebirth, and they were often used in religious ceremonies. In ancient Greece, eggs were believed to be a source of strength and virility, and they were often eaten by athletes and soldiers. In ancient Rome, eggs were a popular food among the wealthy, and they were often served at banquets.

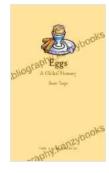
In the Middle Ages, eggs were a staple food for peasants and nobles alike. They were often used in soups, stews, and other dishes, and they were also a popular ingredient in bread and pastries. In the Renaissance, eggs became a symbol of wealth and luxury, and they were often used to decorate elaborate dishes. In the 18th century, eggs were a popular food among the upper classes, and they were often served at breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

#### Eggs Today

Eggs are still a popular food today, and they are consumed by people all over the world. They are a good source of protein, fat, vitamins, and minerals, and they can be cooked in a variety of ways. Eggs are a versatile food that can be used in a variety of dishes, from breakfast to dinner. They are also a good source of nutrition, and they can be enjoyed by people of all ages.

Eggs are a fascinating food with a long and rich history. They have been a part of human diets for thousands of years, and they continue to be a

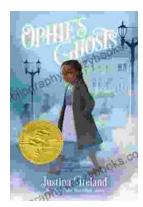
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