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Anthropology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong This book is an important contribution to our understanding of food in China through an ethnographic case study of an alternative food movement in Shanghai and the surrounding countryside. Cody examines a group of middle-class urban residents who move to the countryside to establish small-scale and independent organic farms. The book explores the complex relationships movement protagonists have with customers in the city, rural neighbours in the countryside, volunteers on their farms, intellectuals involved in rural reconstruction initiatives as well as the organic items they produce. In doing so, Cody provides valuable insights into the urban/rural dichotomy and questions of morality in China today. This book speaks to several concerns associated with the accelerated modernization China and other Asian nations are experiencing, including food safety and class relations. It will appeal to scholars and practitioners across a range of fields including anthropology, food studies, rural development and China Studies. Sacha Cody, PhD, is a Postdoctoral Fellow at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. An Australian, he has lived in China for 15 years. His research is published in *Asian Anthropology*, *Gastronomica*, *The Journal of Critical Food Studies* and *The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology*.
