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the social and political contexts of traditional cooking technology.  
Sassaman's book questions the value of using technological traits alone  
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