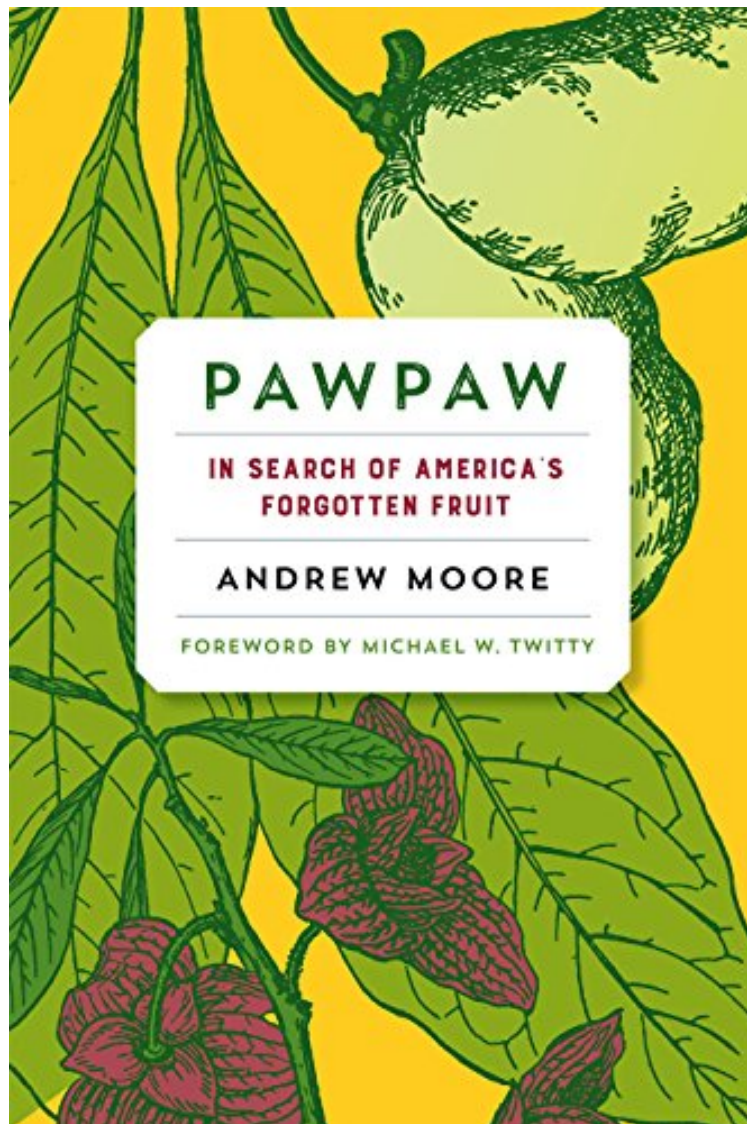


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**Andrew Moore : Pawpaw: In Search of Americas Forgotten Fruit** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Pawpaw: In Search of Americas Forgotten Fruit:

The largest edible fruit native to the United States tastes like a cross between a banana and a mango. It grows wild in twenty-six states, gracing Eastern forests each fall with sweet-smelling, tropical-flavored abundance. Historically, it fed and sustained Native Americans and European explorers, presidents, and enslaved African Americans, inspiring

folk songs, poetry, and scores of place names from Georgia to Illinois. Its trees are an organic growers dream, requiring no pesticides or herbicides to thrive, and containing compounds that are among the most potent anticancer agents yet discovered. So why have so few people heard of the pawpaw, much less tasted one? In *Pawpaw* 2016 James Beard Foundation Award nominee in the Writing Literature category author Andrew Moore explores the past, present, and future of this unique fruit, traveling from the Ozarks to Monticello; canoeing the lower Mississippi in search of wild fruit; drinking pawpaw beer in Durham, North Carolina; tracking down lost cultivars in Appalachian hollers; and helping out during harvest season in a Maryland orchard. Along the way, he gathers pawpaw lore and knowledge not only from the plant breeders and horticulturists working to bring pawpaws into the mainstream (including Neal Peterson, known in pawpaw circles as the fruits own Johnny Pawpawseed), but also regular folks who remember eating them in the woods as kids, but havent had one in over fifty years. As much as *Pawpaw* is a compendium of pawpaw knowledge, it also plumbs deeper questions about American foodways how economic, biologic, and cultural forces combine, leading us to eat what we eat, and sometimes to ignore the incredible, delicious food growing all around us. If you havent yet eaten a pawpaw, this book wont let you rest until you do.