A Seriously Funny Search for the Art and Culture of Barbecue

It is while eating a plate of funny looking ribs with thin vinegar sauce in North Carolina that Lolis Elie and Frank Stewart realize how different the barbecue they know and love is from the barbecue in the South. They learn that barbecue is a broader concept than they imagined, having grown up with sweet, tomato-based sauces and short-end ribs.

Their quest takes them from the barbecued cow heads of south Texas to the barbecued pig snouts of eastern Tennessee. En route, Lolis and Frank introduce us to the men and women devoted to this demanding art, and, of course, to some good eating—with recipes for meat, sauces, and side dishes.

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