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"A consistently riveting book that might make you want to slap the bed as you laugh." --**Shauna James Ahern**, author of *Gluten-Free Girl Every Day*

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"Pretty Good Number One will put a smile on your face quicker than you can say 'Arigato!'... Perfectly sums up all of the reasons why I myself fell in love with the country, and why, once you have been, you will want to return again and again."

--**Rachael Hutchings**, LaFujiMama.com

"A must-read for anyone traveling to Tokyo or dreaming of that future trip."

--**Yukari Sakamoto**, author of *Food Sake Tokyo*

#### About the Author

Matthew Amster-Burton is a food writer with credits in *Best Food Writing*, The Seattle Times, Gourmet, Seattle Magazine, and The Wall Street Journal—as well as his food blog, Roots and Grubs. He also co-hosts the hit podcast Spilled Milk. Matthew lives in Seattle with his wife Laurie, a school librarian, and his daughter Iris.

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