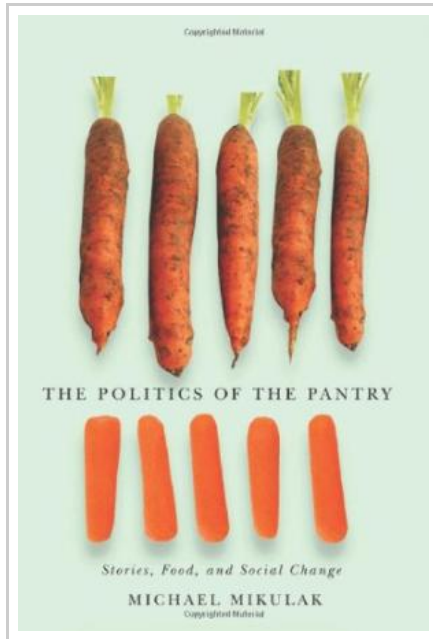



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The Politics of the Pantry: Stories, Food, and Social Change

By Michael Mikulak

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