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M.F.K. Fisher (1908-1992) is the author of numerous books of essays and reminiscences, many of which have become American classics.

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