

Taste

Book offers peek inside Upstate restaurants

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Peek inside restaurants around Greenville and across the state with the help of a new book, "Stop Where the Parking Lot's Full," a compilation of nearly 20 years' worth of dining articles by the book's authors, Aida Rogers and Tim Driggers.

"We literally ate our way across the state," said Rogers, who is also the book's editor.

The articles originally appeared in "Sandlapper"

magazine over the years and were updated to create the book.

"Because we write about more than the food in the columns, a reader would get a sense of what South Carolina is like and the diversity in South Carolina between the ethnic, upscale



places in the city to the funky, unexpected places you'll find in the middle of nowhere," Rogers said.

Rogers wrote the columns from 1989 until about 2005 when she became the magazine editor and passed the metaphorical

fork to Driggers.

"I did not realize the

depth of which people love to go out and eat and love to talk about restaurants," Driggers said. "Every area has a little different take on food and restaurants and dining, and it really reflects South Carolina."

From the barbecue joints in the Midlands to the shrimp and grits staples in Charleston and seafood restaurants dotted along the Grand Strand, the regions' identities are often wrapped up in their foods, and Driggers said

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