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Here's my 2014 interview with Andrew F. Smith, author of the book *Hamburger: A Global History*, in full. Parts of the interview was used in this D2 story.

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Andrew F. Smith could have written about anything for "Edible," a new series of culinary history books. But hamburgers were the obvious choice.

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"Hamburg(h) beef" (named after the city of Hamburg, Germany, where many German immigrants boarded ship for America) was well known in the first half of the 19th century. In the 1870s, "hamburger steak" was a popular dish throughout America.

By the end of the decade, pop art was including the hamburger as an artistic element, appearing in the works of Andy Warhol (*Dual Hamburger*), Claes Oldenburg (*Floor Burger*), Mel Ramos (*Vinaburger*, 1965), and more recently, David LaChapelle (*Death by Hamburger*, 2002).

Etymology and terminology. The term hamburger originally derives from Hamburg, Germany's second-largest city. In German, Burg means "castle", "fortified settlement" or "fortified refuge" and is a widespread component of place names.

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