For several years, the food industry has been interested in identifying components in foods which have health benefits to be used in the development of functional food and nutraceutical products. Examples of these ingredients include fibre, phytosterols, peptides, proteins, isoflavones, saponins, phytic acid, probiotics, prebiotics and functional enzymes. Although much progress has been made in the identification, extraction and characterisation of these ingredients, there remains a need for ready and near-market platform technologies for processing these ingredients into marketable value-added functional food and nutraceutical products. This book looks at how these ingredients can be effectively incorporated into food systems for market, and provides practical guidelines on how challenges in specific food sectors (such as health claims and marketing) can be addressed during processing.

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Nutraceutical and Functional Food Processing Technology is a comprehensive source of practical approaches that can be used to innovate in the nutraceutical and health food sectors. Fully up-to-date and relevant across various food sectors, the book will benefit both academia and industry personnel working in the health food and food processing sectors.

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