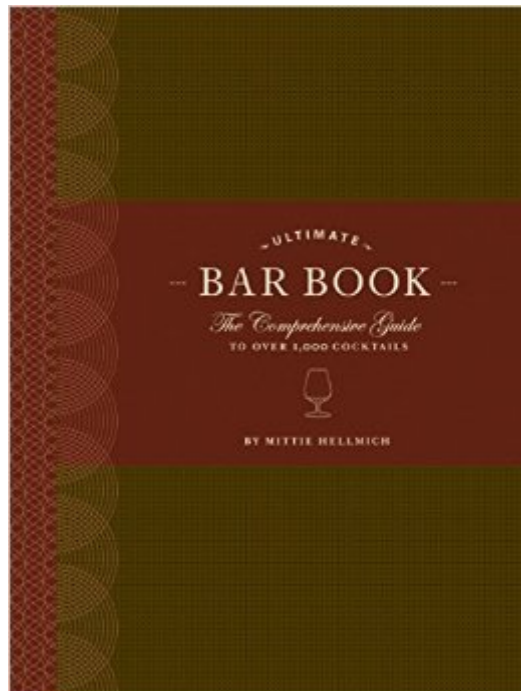


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# The Ultimate Bar Book: The Comprehensive Guide To Over 1,000 Cocktails



## Synopsis

Ultimate Bar Book is the first and only guide to classic and new drink recipes. Loaded with essential-to-know topics such as barware, tools, and mixing tips, this book has it all. As a mistress of mixology, the author has the classics down to a T the Martini, the Bloody Mary, plus the many variations (the Dirty Martini, the Virgin Mary). And then there are all the creative new elixirs the author brings to the table, like the Tasmanian Twister Cocktail or the Citron Sparkler. Illustrations show precisely what type of glass should be used for each drink. With dozens of recipes for garnishes, rims, infusions, and syrups; punches, gelatin shooters, hot drinks, and non-alcoholic beverages; and let's not forget an essential selection of hangover remedies, Ultimate Bar Book is nothing short of top-shelf.

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If it's only one big book you want covering all the cocktail recipes, leaving the glitz of color photos for the depth of practical coverage, make it **ULTIMATE BAR BOOK: THE COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO OVER 1,000 COCKTAILS**. Here are all the classics plus new cocktails such as Bali Highball. Here also are recommendations for home bars, coverage of utensils and mixers, sections on non-alcoholic drinks, and tips for entertaining with cocktails. Novices shouldn't be put off by the volume, either: it's written especially for beginners and teaches the basics and techniques of the mixed drink, assuming no prior knowledge. Diane C. Donovan, Editor California Bookwatch

This book surpasses any other book on drinks. It runs the gamut of drinks from alcohol to

non-alcoholic. There's a section in the back for punches, and to boot, a section for hangover remedies. I'm sixty years old and this is the best bar book I've ever encountered.

This was my first book I bought to do with making drinks and I couldn't be happier. First of all, the book itself is amazing, great hard cover and beautiful pages. Next, the author really spends some time going over 101 of making drinks. Lastly, the recipes are very well put together along with side notes for variations and suggested substitutes. At the end, the author even gives drink recipes for morning after remedies. And again, I must point out the beauty of the book, sure it's hard to keep it open, but unless you are actually a professional bartender needing a spiral book, the Ultimate Bar Book is beautiful enough to just be a decorative item in the kitchen. It's also nice how the author will stop and take a minute to discuss the classic cocktails and their histories, etc. The author also takes breaks in the book to talk about the individual alcohol's themselves using elegant page colors and patterns. Funny enough, having this book now makes me want to go out and buy another bar book, but I actually can't find another one that meets the beauty, elegance, sophistication, amount of knowledge, insights gained, and completeness as the "Ultimate Bar Book: The Comprehensive Guide to Over 1,000 Cocktails". Bravo! And I will be waiting for what will come next from Mittie Hellmich.3 Jan 2011 Update: I love this book so much and I still can't find a better bar book, that I bought a second copy. I keep my new second copy in my bookcase in my study and my first book in the kitchen. Over time my first book has gotten a bit messy due to making drinks with it nearby at parties (there have been a few crazy ones which inevitably leads to some spilling action) and also writing notes on pages commenting on how I liked the drink and any personal suggestions of adjusting the recipe.

I have owned The World Bartender's guide for over 10 years and became fed up with the set-up of the book (the recipes are alphabetically ordered). So I went on a search for a better book - and I found it in The Ultimate Bar Book. Not only is the book beautifully designed with a hard cover, it is also user friendly so to speak. The recipes are organized by the main alcoholic ingredient. There is also an index you can search if you know the name of a drink but not the ingredients. Highly recommended.

The Ultimate Bar Book, at 450 pages, is as comprehensive as you are likely ever to need. It provides recipes to the classics and all of their variants, newly fashionable drinks, and provides rational commentary on the ingredients--whether to use the pricey ones or not, and what

equivalents you might use. It even provides a guide to the barware for each drink. The book is well constructed and attractive. Its enjoyable just to thumb through it, and to see what is in so many drinks. The mixing trends come out after a brief review of the many drinks--you can easily expand your cocktail repertoire without the fuss of mixing and failing several times. I recommend the book as a basic bar staple. If you enjoy the art of "mixology," this is a fun sourcebook.

I have a total of 4 books, all of which have many overlapping recipes, but I must say, this book is the one I go to first. First off, it is outrageously easy to find drinks, because they are organized in a very well thought-out manner; the first classification is the primary alcohol, and then alphabetically. It's also nice to have a, for example, "vodka party" and just buy a lot of vodka, and fine tune it with liqueurs. It also makes it easy to think "I have some extra tequila, what could I do with it besides make margaritas?" A bonus is that the classic drinks (e.g. martinis) have variations all right next to each other, so you can see what a chocolate martini would be using vs. a dirty one. Another little nice thing is that a good chunk of drinks have a small explanation, so you feel like you're reading more than just a cookbook-like book that is just full of things, but doesn't really pique any interest. Sometimes it'll tell you its origin, or its old use back many centuries ago. I could go on and on about it, but I'll just say that I cannot recommend this book enough above all else!

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