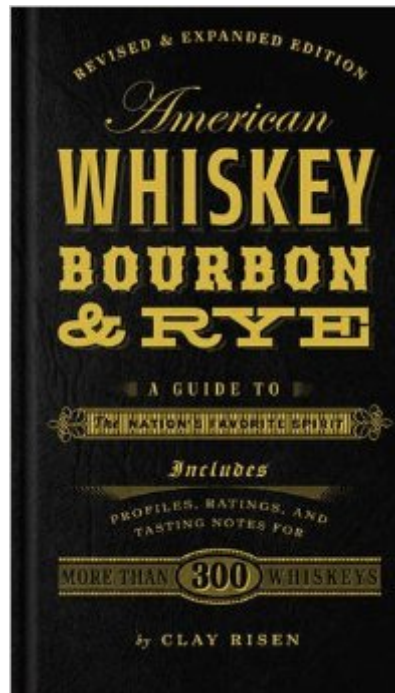


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# American Whiskey, Bourbon & Rye: A Guide To The Nation's Favorite Spirit



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The bible of American whiskey has been updatedâ€”now with more than 300 entries! Organized in an A-to-Z directory by distillery, then brand, this second edition of *American Whiskey, Bourbon & Rye* features more than 330 whiskeys, including more than 120 new entries. Each section includes a brief history of the maker, along with its location, followed by a full account of each bottling, including details on age, proof, nose, color, body, palate, price, as well as an overall rating. A comprehensive primer provides a short history of the spirit, how it's made, and how to enjoy it, including tips on organizing tasting sessions. Also included are a glossary of terms, a selection of top whiskeys by value and ratings, a handy checklist, and two helpful indexes. With this book, choosing from among the many whiskeys, bourbons, and ryes made in America has never been easier.

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This book clearly needs to be made into an app. Why? The hundreds of tasting notes alone will come in handy for anyone who has stood in a liquor store aisle, confused over which whiskey bottle to buy, or for bartenders or serious enthusiasts who need a helpful reference guide to what they're pouring. What's more: *Risen* provides a deeper, elucidating look into the intricacies of whiskey-making, its history, and why it has now resurged after years of relative neglect by American drinkers. And all of this in a beautifully designed book that looks and feels like an absolute treasure in your hands. It's an essential bookshelf or bar-side addition for whiskey drinkers everywhere.

Several reasons whiskey lovers need this book alongside their bottles. Mr. Risen confirms his reputation as a serious and insightful critic that he built through the years with his Atlantic beer and whiskey blog. He gives credit where due but is not afraid to call out a fad. This lends credibility to the Michelin style star system. Also, the history of American whiskeys here is outstanding. And the book itself is a work of art, a beautiful piece to display on your bookshelf or your bar.

If you are interested in a credible, well written introduction, the first section is excellent. If you have already spent time reading reviews and discussions on the better blogs, and have some tastings under your belt, I would suggest you probably will find little value added by purchasing this. "Canadian Whisky" by Davin de Kergammeaux" Covering similar territory from our northern neighbor was more enjoyable and rewarding in both content and format. A quibble with Risen's book is why with so much blank page space, the font size is so small and almost grey scale. For those new to the subject, this would be a nice stocking stuffer.

Clears up a few misconceptions, makes choosing hard-to-find whiskies less risky, and draws connections between distilleries and their master blenders and related "house" styles. All in all, very useful, and less prone to repeat advertising ballyhoo. Enjoyable and reliable - not a bad combination. Add this to yur whiskey library soon!

This is a fun book. It starts with 70 pages about whiskey. What it is, how it is made, and the history of its ups and downs in America. The Whiskey Rebellion, excise taxes, prohibition, World War II, the decline of whiskey in the 70s and 80s, and the recent return to popularity. Then there are 200 pages about individual whiskey brands and expressions. Each whiskey is rated on a four star system and a brief description of the nose, color, body, palate, and general. I have a hard time detecting all of the flavors that he does. There are few paragraphs about each brand. If I were doing the ratings, I would rank some a little higher and some a little lower, but in general the ratings are useful. The author says it is for novice and intermediate whiskey drinkers â “ experience people already know what they like. It is an attractive book with pictures of each bottle. The font is smaller than necessary, and some people will really wish that it was larger.

I'd really prefer to give it 3.5 stars, but since I can't, I'll go with 4. Here's why. It's a great resource and it covers most of the expressions from the big names, and a remarkable number of craft

distillers. For me personally, I'm not as interested in the craft listings because 1) in many cases the products are only available in the craft distiller's home market, which means not near me and 2) my experience with craft whiskey has been poor; they try something different (which I get) but end up with an expression too far out of the mainstream. I took one whole star away because the tasting notes, which are a big part of the book, are useless. I don't say that because I think Mr. Risen's notes are wrong, I say it because each person has their own palate, and what Mr. Risen thinks is too spicy, sweet, or bitter is most likely different than what I think. Until I sit down with Clay and try some whiskey together, I don't know what his definition of those words tastes like. I'd take another half away because as others have mentioned, there are some errors in the printing. Overall though, the book opens with a nice history of spirits in America, and does serve as a fine encyclopedia of available spirits.

I love this book. Gives a history of where each brand of whiskey is from and how it's made and tastes and average cost of each bottle. It contains every bottle of whiskey sold in the market. A lot I have never heard of but after reading this, I have a good sense of what's involved in whiskey making and the history of it. It makes me more appreciate my spirits each time I take a sip of my drink.

I bought this at my local bookstore on Oct 31, 2015 after reading the many good reviews here on . I am 56 yrs old and a "newbie" at drinking bourbon. This book had been a tremendous help to my understanding the history of bourbons in America, how they're made, who makes them, and what I should be looking for in the store as I browse the bourbon aisle. I carry in my car and use it whenever I shop for bourbon - it is THAT good as a reference! In my opinion, this book is a MUST HAVE for any serious bourbon enthusiast.

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