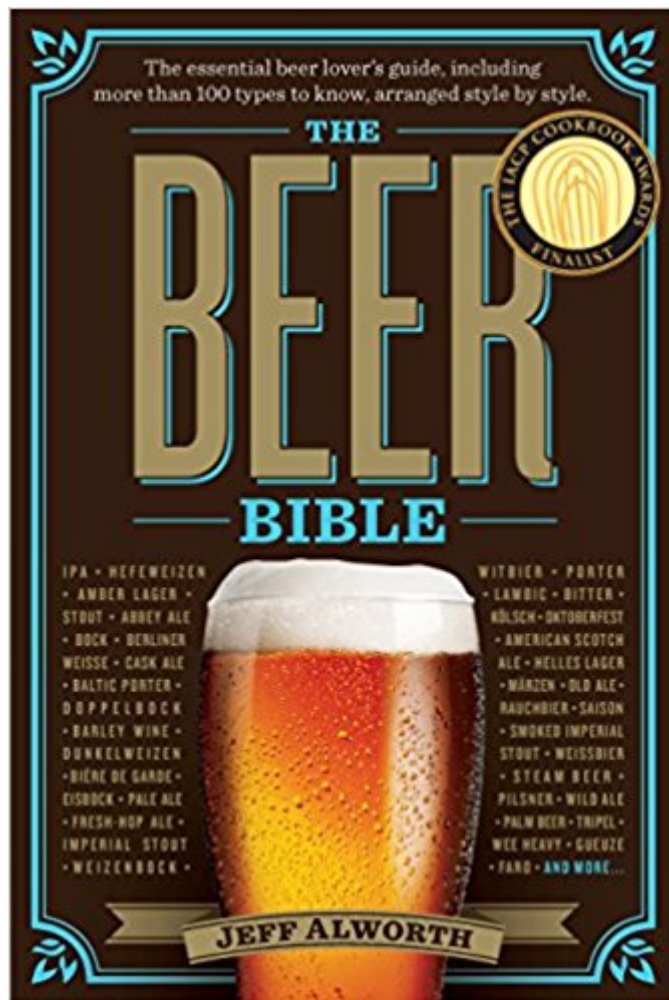


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# The Beer Bible



## Synopsis

Winner of a 2016 IACP Award The ultimate reader- and drinker-friendly guide to the world's ales and beers, and the book that approaches the subject in the same way beer lovers do •by style, just like a welcoming pub menu. Divided into four major families •ales, lagers, wheat beers, and sour and wild ales •The Beer Bible covers everything a beer drinker wants to know about the hundreds of types of beers made, from bitters, sessions, and IPAs to weisses, wits, lambics, and more. Each style is a chapter unto itself, delving into origins, ingredients, description and characteristics, sub-styles, and tasting notes, and ending with a recommended list of the beers to know in each category. Infographic charts throughout make understanding the connection between styles and families immediately understandable. The book is written for passionate beginners, who will love its “if you like X, try Y” feature; for intermediate beer lovers eager to go deeper; and for true geeks, who will find new information on every page.

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“A box of treats” It’s a delight to find a book about beer that covers the subject in such breadth and depth at the same time as making it seem fresh and new again • Pete Brown, All About Beer “A must-read.” • “Jeff Alworth has an impressive track record as a leading exponent of the global craft beer movement | this tome will educate and leave you thirsty for a cold one” • Book Page “a tome worthy of its name” •

Food+Wine.com “Beer enthusiasts will welcome this guide that feels like one is spending time with a well-versed drinking pal” • Library Journal “The Beer Bible endows beer lovers with the same incredible depth and scope of information that Karen MacNeil’s The Wine Bible gave to enophiles” • Tasting Panel Magazine

Never in the long history of drinking have beer lovers had it so good, with a brewing renaissance happening around the globe. And never before have beer lovers who also have a thirst for knowledge had it so good--The Beer Bible is a lively, comprehensive, authoritative, and purely fun-to-read guide to beer in all its glory. The Beer Bible celebrates the pleasure of discovery, for readers new to beer, and the pleasure of connoisseurship, for old hands ever eager for more information. It’s a book built on the premise that the best way to learn about beer isn’t by trying every one out there, but instead pouring your favorite and studying it. That’s what opens the doorway to history, culture, and craft, the influences that make each style of beer unique. Like bitter, for example. Its origins in the twin discoveries of hops as a spicing agent and modern kilning, which allowed for straw-colored malts. How it took several more centuries to displace the great porter epoch. The influence of mineral-rich Burton water. The Zen simplicity of how bitter is brewed. The quality called “moreish”--a distinctly British adjective extolling the virtue of being pleasant over the course of a full evening at the pub. And the fact that it really needs to be drunk straight from the tap or cask. To top it off, Jeff Alworth’s ever-engaging style: “British bitters are characterized by a definite hop presence, but they have no violence in them. The hops ride atop a gentle biscuit sweetness and add marmalade and spice.” And so it goes for bocks and lambics, schwarzbiers and Vienna lagers, saisons and Pilsners, weisses, weizens, and witbiers. Welcome to beer heaven.

Seriously - the amount of research that went into this book is astounding. Ever had a question about how a particular style came about and how it’s made? Where which beers are popular and how to toast them in their respective countries? What foods to pair with which beer? The ABV content of your favorite ale and how it compares to others of the same style? I guarantee you’ll find the answers to these and any other beer related question you can think of somewhere in this book’s hefty 644 pages. This book really blew me away with just how much information is contained within it. Whether you’re a seasoned beer snob or just an aspiring one, I think you’ll be super impressed with this book.

What a fabulous book! I got this for my husband who works in the beer industry and he just loves it. Whether you work in the industry or are just a beer fan you will get such use out of this book! Also, has this priced at about 25% less than any store I looked for it in!

This book has some interesting details, but it appears that it is filled with "side bars" that show up in the e-book texts as unexpected interruptions in the narrative. The author also suggests looking up particular sections, going back to read cover-to-cover if you're interested in the background of a particular section. As simple as that might be to do with a printed text, it is very difficult to do with an e-book, "bookmarks" notwithstanding. In other words, I would recommend that the seriously interested reader buy a print version rather than an electronic one.

Jeff Alworth applies his 15 years beer writing experience to providing an essential handbook for beer lovers. He divides the book into 6 parts. The first covers the history of beer, how it is made and how to taste it. The next four parts cover beer styles and the final part covers the enjoyment of beer. The tasting chapter in the first part is especially good, providing the beer drinker some important tools to build on. His groupings and breakdowns of styles and sub-styles are not as extensive as some but they make sense for the beer drinker. He groups styles into Ales, Wheat Beers, Lagers, and Tart and Wild Ales. For each sub-style in these categories he describes the style, discusses its origins and how it is made. He also profiles a brewery that makes the particular sub-style and describes 6 beers that exemplify the style. The example beers are generally beers with a fairly large distribution. His flavor descriptors are good and from reading them it is obvious that he has actually had the beer he is describing. The final part on the enjoyment of beer covers serving and storing beer, pairing beer with food, pub behavior and beer tourism. He concludes with nearly 50 pages of appendices with useful information for the beer lover. If you like beer and want to know more about it, buy this book.

This review is for the physical quality of the book I received. The book has clearly been dropped and there are a number of other imperfections on the cover that make it appear old and possibly slightly water damaged. Not enough to send back, but I'm very disappointed, because I bought this as a gift.

Finally someone has claimed Michael Jackson's title as the world's finest beer writer.

Alworth does a remarkable job covering an amazing array of beer styles, famous brewing regions, and specific beers themselves while at the same time making the book easily readable with his fluid and engaging style. And it is a coherent whole unlike the Oxford Companion which is a mash together of many contributors. Unlike that book, this is one to read cover to cover not just reference and collect dust on a shelf. Alworth is also very adept at explaining arcane brewing techniques in an understandable and memorable way. It is a tour de force - a sweeping overview of the world of beer as well as an intimate portrait of brewing process and the brewers themselves. Wonderful! If you want to know about beer, this is the one and only book you need. Read this and understand the world of beer!

The amount of information about beer packed into this book is unreal. Literally every style and country is broken down in an entertaining easy to read format. Especially useful if your in the service industry.

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