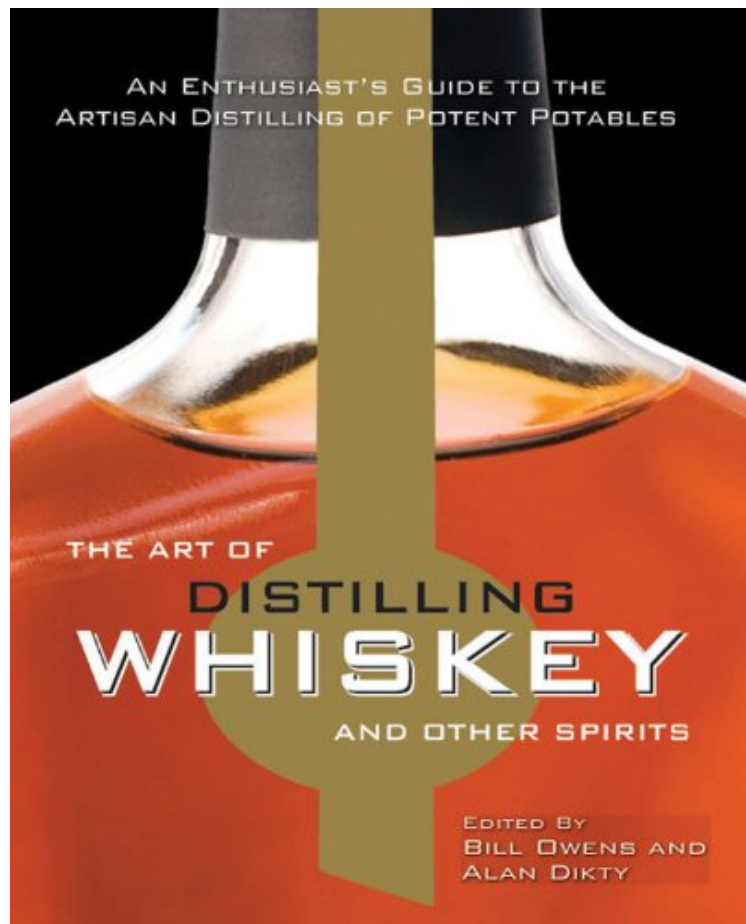


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very well researched. The author manages to put forward a very persuasive case for the continuation of and growth of the alcoholic beverage Renaissance currently sweeping North America. The whole of the book seems to have a playful and light tone about it as can be seen in a quote from Ovid along the lines of "There is more refreshment and stimulation in a nap, even of the briefest, than in all the alcohol ever distilled" At almost the very beginning of the book. The funny part? The author retorts with a cliff note about Ovid being a "Notorious wet blanket." It was almost immediately after reading that, that I knew the author and I were on the same page. Both very serious about our enjoyment of spirits and the magic therein with a chuckling seriousness about the subject of something so timeless that every man and woman across the span of the globe has been able to appreciate since the inception of distillation. You won't be disappointed by this book if you're looking for the history, production and enjoyment of spirits. Whether it is Whiskey, Whisky, Scotch, Vodka- It doesn't matter, it's all in this book. If you're looking for a place to gather information about the from scratch production of spirits, perhaps a few other resources would do you better. However, the author does make some allowances to those regards with diagrams of stills and notes about their operation. On the whole, a very worth while read for anyone looking to refine their palates or just looking to broaden their horizons. 9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Not at all about 'the art of distilling' By Phoenix Whilst this is a great book to learn about the general process, terms and history of distilling Whiskey it certainly doesn't live up to the publishers statement "explore the actual craft of distilling in such detail." In fact, it covers the craft in quite a cursory manner. That said, it would be an ideal coffee table book (can you have a kindle-based coffee table book?) or primer to the different spirit styles and histories.

The Art of Distilling Whiskey and Other Spirits is an encyclopedic guide to the thousand-year history and dynamic future of the distillation of whiskey, vodka, gin, rum, brandy, and more. This carefully researched book will give the reader a comprehensive understanding and appreciation of just what is actually in those bottles on the back bar. This book shows how the basic ingredients water and grain are transformed into a full range of superb, timeless liquors and even moonshine. Most other books on spirits chronicle the historical side of distilling or focus on the flavors of various vinegars, but in this book, the actual craft of distilling is covered in depth. Readers will find a thorough examination of distilling techniques along with information on the varieties of stills and equipment used to create these exquisite libations. Whether you are an industry professional, a novice, or simply appreciate a fine dram, this is a must-have book for you.

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