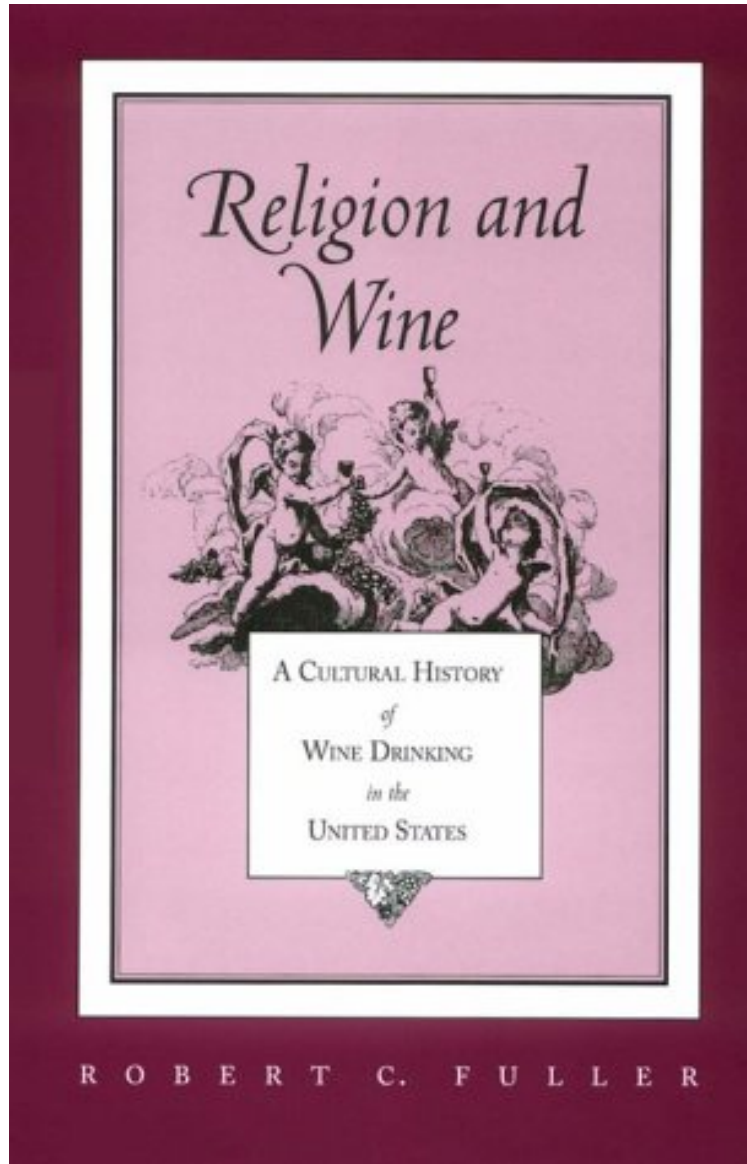


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4 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Is Wine a culture or an adjunct to religion?By A CustomerAs a long term alcoholic, this reader has wrestled with whether he should take wine at his service. This small volumn provides the background for an intelligent individual answer to the question. It also gives insight to the question of cultural

purity in the midst of others, and the rituals designed to preclude contamination by non-believers. Its subtitle, "A Cultural History of Wine Drinking in the United States." is its best recommendation. If one already has the answer, then this open non-polemical history is not for them. I particularly related to its description of wine tasting as a religious-secular ceremony. The recent decision to prohibit sales of wine via the Internet makes sense after "tasting" this easy read volume. A strong recommendation for religious anthropologists, recovering alcoholics, and the just plain curious. The only omission that I noted was no discussion of the use of non-preserved grape juice "mus" for ministers, rabbis, and priests who are alcoholics.

Wine, more than any other food or beverage, is intimately associated with religious experience and celebratory rituals. Nowhere is this seen more clearly than in American cultural history. From the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock to the Franciscans and Jesuits who pioneered California's Mission Trail, many American religious groups have required wine to perform their sacraments and enliven their evening meals. This book tells the story of how viniculture in America was started and sustained by a broad spectrum of religious denominations. In the process, it offers new insights into the special relationship between wine production and consumption and the spiritual dimension of human experience.

From Library Journal Fuller (religion, Bradley Coll.) has written that rare combination of scholarly treatise and entertaining social history. He traces the relationship between wine and religion from the earliest Egyptian religious uses of wine to contemporary American religious attitudes toward wine. He examines not only the ways in which religious prohibitions of wine arose but also the production of wine by various religious organizations. An intoxicating book; highly recommended. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.