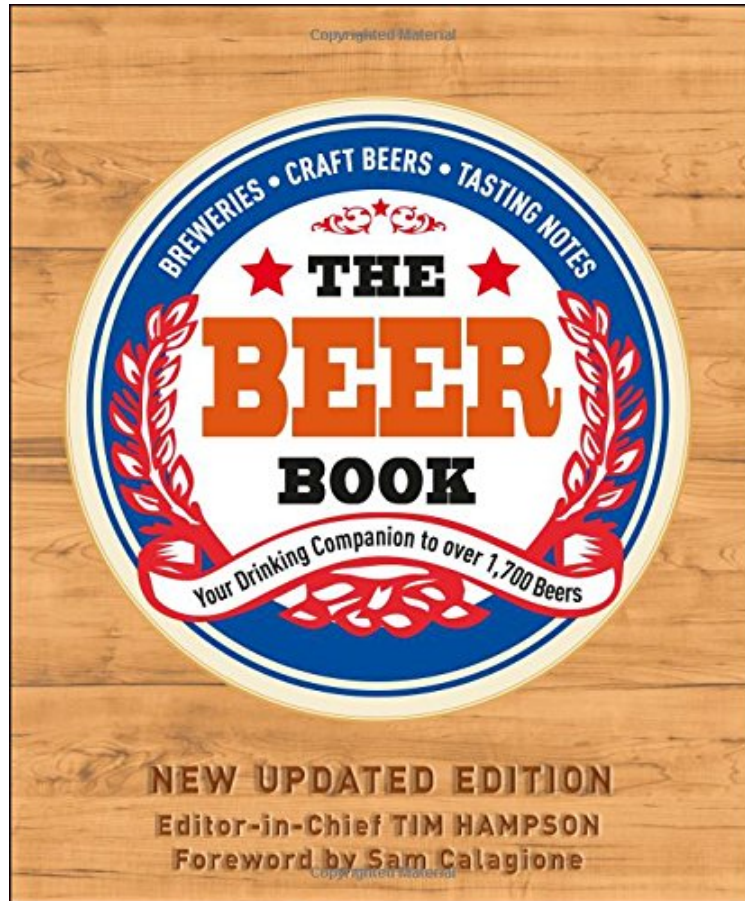


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful Coffee table book! By TerriZI bought this book as a present for my oldest son who is a total beer snob, beer aficionado and brewery tour addict. So he knows his beer. I thought this would be great coffee table book for him and something to go along with the rest of beer paraphernalia. I however know next to nothing about beer and drink very little of it. So why did I purchase this book? First, I read all of the reviews on the book and was happy with what I read. But what really caught my eye was the beautiful large sized pictures of each bottle. I knew my son would love it because a big part of what he loves about beer is the packaging and the labels. In this book you can clearly read the labels and some details and history about each bottle. He also loves learning about where the beers are brewed and this book includes maps and brewery information as well. Winner! I even read quite a bit of the book before wrapping it and was very surprised to find it even included what food to pair with certain beers, what glassware you should use, and lots of info about the craft beers--which are his favorite. This buy was a no brainer for me--he loved it. 12 of 13 people found the following review helpful. Great

book, just fascinating! By Steve This is a massive collection and visual journey through the world of beers. As a beer lover myself I could not resist purchasing this book. This encyclopedia, goes through beers alphabetical and by geographic region, there are sampling notes for the top brews each brewing company makes, as well as nice bright photos of each bottle. Inside you will find walking tours for fantastic pubs around the world, as well as a look at the large breweries themselves and the brew masters who work them. I only wish it could have even more beers, as only the 2 or 3 beers are mentioned for each brewery, though it is already quite a collection. Also on the front cover of the book where the title is, is a huge coaster! I got a kick out of that when it arrived! Though I would not set any beer on that one! Get it if you like beer, get it for someone who likes beer, you won't regret it, and it will only expand your appreciation for this delicious brew.

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A Picture Book, Light on Info By Matthew A. McKean This is a photo book. Good, diverse photos of beers. If you want to read about beer this isn't the book. The book is very high level on all beer topics and far from exhaustive. Quite a few mistakes too. Unless you want to look at photos, your time would be better spent buying beer, trying it, reading the labels, surfing brewery websites, visiting breweries, and reading books that go deeper on specific beers and/or beer topics. For each brewery in the book, you'll find a few beers listed (no rhyme or reason to the beers selected as far as I could tell) including 1-2 sentence descriptions of each beer (most beers have more info on their labels) and there will be a few general sentences that may or may not be representative of the brewery (if you've taken a tour of any of the breweries in the book, you will know orders of magnitude more than what is written for that brewery and will be able to easily imagine more creative, interesting writeups for that brewery).

The US ranks 11th on the list of top beer-drinking nations. We love our beer, and we love to learn about beer. The Beer Book is a visual catalog of more than 800 breweries, whistle-stop beer trails, and key beer facts, and is an indispensable guide to the world's favorite drink. Revised and updated to include the newest and hottest brews, The Beer Book features every significant brewery in every significant brewing nation, and showcases new and specialty beers, as well as the classics.

Although the book is rich in information, what makes it a stunning, indispensable reference are the illustrations. -- Library Journal "An ultimate resource for beer lovers of all levels." "A must-have resource"