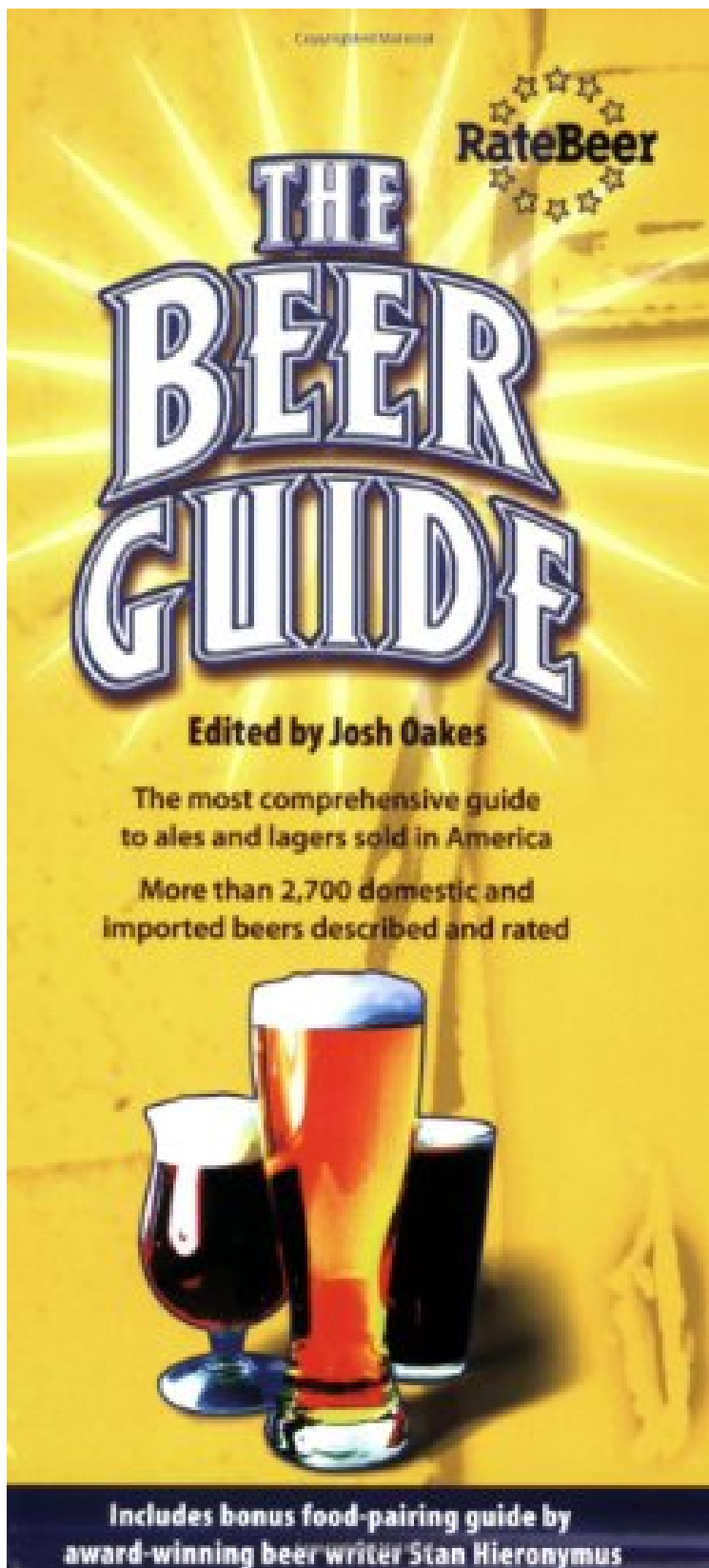


## The Beer Guide

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By Jon L Albee  
This ultra-simple directory of all beers you're likely to find for sale in North America (both foreign and domestic) has a typical beer-snob bias toward heavy, sweet and strong top-fermented brews with a corresponding dismissal of light lagers and pilsners. You already know what's in here, so why do we need yet another reviewer telling us that Chimay Blue is perfect and Budweiser is plonk?  
The 1-to-5 star rating system is entirely subjective, of course, and there's not a hint of text in here about prices, places to buy, glassware, or the brewing process. Also, keep in mind that this is a beer guide, not a pub guide. Generally, a waste of money.  
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Recently updated, this is most comprehensive guide to ales and lagers sold in the United States: More than 2,700 beers are described and rated, based on tens of thousands of reviews on RateBeer.com, the country's foremost beer judging website. 'We found RateBeer to be the most reliable,' says Men's Journal. Includes bonus food-pairing guide by award-winning beer writer Stan Hieronymus, as well as descriptions of major beer styles. Makes a perfect -- and highly affordable -- gift for the beer geeks on your list. Updated June 2008. Celebrator Beer News magazine calls it "a handy reference guide to beers from around the world. Its 2,700 reviews are by RateBeer.com's top evaluators. Each entry includes the beer style, brewery information and a description of the beer." Unlike most other guides, this one only reviews beers available in the United States.

"Brutally honest, brilliant food-to-beer guide and a good deal of hilarious commentary. Studying it can only improve your beer" -- Jim Wilmer, Beer Critic, Dayton Daily News  
"Have you ever tried to remember the name of favorite craft brew from another city, but couldn't quite remember what it was, or why you liked it so much? Do you like to argue the merits of particular beers, and wish you had some info to back you up every now and then? Would you like a travel size, comprehensive Zagat-like guide to over 2,700 of the best beers the world has to offer? For a reasonable \$9.95? If your answer is yes to any of the three questions above, buy a copy of The Beer Guide edited by RateBeer.com's long time editor Josh Oakes for a mere \$9.95. The 296-page, 'The Beer Guide,' which fits nicely in a backpack or a back pocket, has short but authoritative descriptions on over 2,700 beers. The descriptions were edited and selected by Oakes from RateBeer.com's vast archive of public reviews. RateBeer.com has over 30,000 contributing members. The Guide also has a handy chapter on beer style descriptions, tasting notes, and food/beer tasting guide. 'The Beer Guide' could earn a permanent place in your bathroom, briefcase, or bar top. It also will make for a good stocking stuffer this Christmas." -- Patrick Orr, "The Beer Nut," The Idaho Statesman, Boise  
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"It allows you to take along the thoughts of 30,000 RateBeer.com contributors in an easy to carry package. The book also includes a beer and food pairing guide by Stan Hieronymus. The neat thing about the book is that you can quickly get ratings for everything from Schlitz Malt Liquor (one star: 'It's like watching a mime get run over') to Westvleteren Abt 12 (five stars: 'Wonderfully madeirized malt with raisins, prunes and dates in aroma and nice spices wafting through.')." --Rick Lyle, Lyke 2 Drink Blog  
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--Peter LaFrance, columnist, "Beer and Food"  
"Raise your beer brainpower: The latest edition of Web site RateBeer's 'The Beer Guide,' is just out as a pocket-sized edition from Fort Worth's Savory House Press, with tens of thousands of beer drinkers putting together Zagat-style reviews, often dead-on and perceptive and sometimes hilarious, like this zing at Pabst's NA: 'Smells absolutely awful, rotting vegetables, festering bread and regurgitated corn.:' The little publishing house, incidentally, is run by Barry Shlachter, who in another life is a highly decorated reporter for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram" --Patrick Beach, Austin American-Statesman  
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