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1001 Beers You Must Taste Before You Die (1001 (Universe))



Synopsis

The world's best beers from Europe's classics to the latest new-wave microbrew sensations. Finally, a book that treats beer as seriously as wine! This latest volume in the acclaimed 1001 series supplies the connoisseurs' scoop on ferreting out the best among an ever-increasing array of available brews from exotic foreign beers to the constantly evolving world of American microbrews and homebrews. The book focuses on the world of premium beers from obscure labels to such traditional yet supremely local brands as Shiner (Austin, Texas), from Czech pilsners to German lagers, Belgian wheat beers, and Trappists ales, not to mention the classic British porters and Irish stouts every type of beer is covered, making this the "go-to" volume for serious beer lovers. No mere catalogue or encyclopedia, the volume features critical tasting notes and subjective assessments that will help match the right beer to the right occasion. Is this beer light, crisp, and refreshing (good for a picnic), or dry, bitter, and appetizing? Each description includes notes on the flavor and body of the beer, explains why it tastes the way it does, and describes strength and ideal serving temperature.

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Customer Reviews

"...how could I not include a book full of beer. It looks so fancy on the cover, with a serving tray, when in reality, it's usually lugged around on top of shoulders and slid across a bar table. However you purchase this delightful beverage, there is a variety of ways it can be served and if anyone were to create a list of brands, I believe the 1001 book people can do it! They always

choose an eclectic group of pairings and I'm sure they'll hit it out of the ballpark again with this collection as well!" ~www.reederreads.com

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1001 Beers is well written by reviewers who have obviously tried these beers. This book is informative and as heavy as a 12 pack. I suggest opening all the way every 100 pages or so to exercise the spine. There are many great beers missing from this collection but that is mainly because there are so many localized micro-breweries with excellent beer that it is hard to keep up. A case in point, Pliny the Elder is in here but not Pliny the Younger. Tons of photos and every page is of the same high quality paper, hence the weight. There are no ratings from 1 to 5 stars or anything like that, these are all quality beers and no ego comparisons are necessary. If you like to buy/drink interesting beers this is the absolute definitive book to enhance your hobby. It also suggests the temperature each beer should be served at which will enhance it's taste and this is important especially to the American pallet which seems to like the beer much too cold for proper enjoyment. Read this and learn how to use the refrigerator much less and enjoy your beer much more.

I picked up this volume a few months ago and have been salivating over it ever since. It's chock full from cover to cover with sexy, glossy pics of some of the most beautiful brews you will ever lay eyes (and taste buds) on. Most are full page spreads showing the bottle with a properly poured glass, and several descriptive and/or background paragraphs, plus helpful tasting notes. Other beers are featured two to a page with only a look at the label (no other photo) and a shorter description, but still very adequate. Reviews also contain "vitals" on the beer, such as brewery name, location, year first brewed, ABV, etc. The book is divided into five major sections based loosely on the type of beer: amber, blond, white, dark and "specialty". Lastly, there's a handy index in the back organized by brewery for easy reference. My only beef with this otherwise inspired volume is with some of the beers that were selected or omitted. For example, workaday schlock like Budweiser or Pabst are included for their "iconic" value, but infinitely better brews like Bell's Expedition Stout or some of the Founders product line, for instance, are left out. One wonders about the editor's sense of proportion in some of those selections. Still, this is an awesome book from cover to cover for anyone who

enjoys fine beer. If you're groping for a sense of purpose in life, this book will help you find it.

I bought this for a beer lover. Not just any beer lover but someone who appreciates a good craft beer as well. He said it was a really great book and got him excited to learn more about all the beers inside. Overall that's exactly what I wanted to do. Get someone who loves beer just a bit more excited about more beer! Makes a nice gift.

My husband and I love to sample microbrews; each month, we attend a beer tasting night at a local restaurant where a microbrewery is featured. I thought this would be a great gift for my husband and I wasn't mistaken. He's spent hours perusing the pages ... and he's not an easy guy to please! The book is rich with terrific pictures of the beers. Each has its own page which offers a history of the brewery and the particular beer, including tasting notes. Weighing in at more than 950 pages, you know that you're going to get a thorough review of the world's greatest beers. While some are available locally, the rest can be enjoyed through the book ... sort of like coffee table book of the most beautiful places on earth that you can visit in your armchair. (This book isn't large like a coffee table book; instead it's of a smaller size and quite squat! Slainte!

Like all great beers, this book is meant to be savored. A person may choose to rush blindly through its entire contents in a feeble attempt to obtain bragging rights, but these efforts would be foolish. I believe it best to sample no more than one or two of these beers a week, allowing ample reflection upon your own perceptions, and not those of the author. He has written a masterpiece, and it would be a downright shame to treat this book any differently than how one would treat a fine beer.

Of course, when you have favorites as any beer connoisseur does, even a book with 1001 beers is going to miss a few of your favorites. But the editors do a valiant job of trying to catalogue at least one beer from all the major (and minor) breweries in the world. It's organized by region too, so looking for a great English Stout is a cinch. This is a great coffee table book, and it allows you to just open up a page at random and drink in the best a region has to offer. Cheers!

Wow, did not know there were so many beer brands. Tremendous reference and now I can browse the pages to get information my friend do not have!! As expected, this is a personal view of taste and choice of the authors, therefore many do not overlap my own, nonetheless, merit to having researched, tasted and reported on so many beers.

Great gift and gives my friend who loves trying beers from around the world the opportunity to try and sample all 1001.

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