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Review

“... a box of treats... It’s a delight to find a book about beer that covers the subject in such breadth and depth at the same time as making it seem fresh and new again” – Pete Brown, *All About Beer*

“A must-read.” – *Craft Beer & Brewing*

“Jeff Alworth has an impressive track record as a leading exponent of the global craft beer movement... this tome will educate and leave you thirsty for a cold one” – *Book Page*

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“Beer enthusiasts will welcome this guide that feels like one is spending time with a well-versed drinking pal” – *Library Journal*

“The Beer Bible endows beer lovers with the same incredible depth and scope of information that Karen MacNeil’s *The Wine Bible* gave to enophiles” – *Tasting Panel Magazine*

From the Inside Flap

Never in the long history of drinking have beer lovers had it so good, with a brewing renaissance happening around the globe. And never before have beer lovers who also have a thirst for knowledge had it so good-- The Beer Bible is a lively, comprehensive, authoritative, and purely fun-to-read guide to beer in all its glory. The Beer Bible celebrates the pleasure of discovery, for readers new to beer, and the pleasure of connoisseurship, for old hands ever eager for more information. It's a book built on the premise that the best way to learn about beer isn't by trying every one out there, but instead pouring your favorite and studying it. That's what opens the doorway to history, culture, and craft, the influences that make each style of beer unique.

Like bitter, for example. Its origins in the twin discoveries of hops as a spicing agent and modern kilning, which allowed for straw-colored malts. How it took several more centuries to displace the great porter epoch. The influence of mineral-rich Burton water. The Zen simplicity of how bitter is brewed. The quality called "moreish"--a distinctly British adjective extolling the virtue of being pleasant over the course of a full evening at the pub. And the fact that it really needs to be drunk straight from the tap or cask.

To top it off, Jeff Alworth's ever-engaging style: "British bitters are characterized by a definite hop presence, but they have no violence in them. The hops ride atop a gentle biscuit sweetness and add marmalade and spice." And so it goes for bocks and lambics, schwarzbiers and Vienna lagers, saisons and Pilsners, weizens, and witbiers.

Welcome to beer heaven.

About the Author

Jeff Alworth has been writing about beer and brewing for twenty years. He is the author of *The Beer Bible*

(Workman, 2015), *Cider Made Simple* (Chronicle, 2015), and *The Beer Tasting Toolkit* (Chronicle, 2012). He is a columnist for *All About Beer* and has written for a number of magazines and newspapers, and he blogs about beer at his popular site, Beervana. He lives and brews in Portland, Oregon.

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