

101 Whiskies To Try Before You Die Revised Updated Third Edition

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Under a minute to spare? Why not spend it learning the essence of a subject you either feel you should know about or have been meaning to learn about. Whether it's the Theory of Relativity or Fermat's Last Theorem, the Golden Ratio or the Garden of Eden, Anarchism or Monetarism, Pavlov's Dog or Schrodinger's Cat, a Know-It-All theory is the quickest way to get an idea into your head. Each title in the series selects a popular subject area and dissects it into the 50 most significant or thought-provoking ideas at its heart. Each of these, no matter how complex, is explained without any waffle by a specialist or scholar using just 300 words and one picture--making it digestible in a mere 30 seconds. Complete with unique graphics that illuminate as well as entertain, and featuring essential glossaries plus biographies of the key players. In the history of naval warfare probably no type of ship has provided more firepower per ton than the monitor indeed they were little more than a huge gun mounting fitted on a simple, self-propelled raft. Designed and built rapidly to fulfil an urgent need for heavy shore-bombardment during World War I, they were top secret in conception, and largely forgotten when the short-lived requirement was over. Nevertheless, they were important ships, which played a significant role in many Great War campaigns and drove many of the advances in long-range gunnery later applied to the battle fleet. Indeed, their value was rediscovered during the Second World War when a final class was built. Monitors were largely ignored by naval historians until Ian Buxton produced the first edition of this book in 1978. Although published privately, this became an established classic and copies of the first edition are now almost unobtainable, so this new edition will be welcomed by many. It has been completely revised, extended and redesigned to a generous large format which allows material deleted from the original edition for lack of space to be restored.

We're in the middle of a Gin Craze. Scarcely a day goes by without an established brand offering a fresh take on their established styles or, more likely, a new boutique distillery opening its doors - where gin is de rigueur. From Adnams to Zuidam; Beefeater to Bombay and London to Plymouth (and beyond) this new book from a best-selling drinks writer is the authoritative guide to the world of gin, and the first book to explore the explosion of innovative gin brands and the artisanal distillers that are reinventing this most English of drinks. With serious gin bars stocking well over 300 brands and adding still more, how do you choose? Is Edinburgh Gin a style, or just a brand name? Can a rose-flower and cucumber infusion properly be called gin? Can gin be aged in wood or does that just make it a strange tasting young whisky? And what tonic to choose, and why? In his inimitable style, best-selling drinks writer Ian Buxton will lead readers through the great gin trap with his latest no-nonsense guide to 101 Gins. Whisky enthusiasts all over the world look forward to the Malt Whisky Yearbook every autumn. This 17th edition is again fully revised and packed with new and up-to-date information on more than 400 whisky distilleries from all over the world. Distinguished whisky experts contribute with new features written exclusively for this new edition along with details of hundreds of whisky shops, whisky sites and new bottlings. The Independent Bottlers chapter gives you all the details about the world's most

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successful blenders and bottlers complete with tasting notes. A comprehensive summary of the whisky year that was and all the latest statistics is also included. Malt Whisky Yearbook 2022 includes more than 250 tasting notes describing the flavour of single malts from all working distilleries in Scotland and Japan. Finally, with more than 500 colour photographs, Malt Whisky Yearbook 2022 is as much an essential reference guide as a book to read for pleasure.

This highly accessible and enjoyable guide is full of practical and fascinating information about how to enjoy whisky. All whisky styles are covered, including (just whisper it) blends. Along the way a good few myths are exploded, including the idea that whisky has to be taken neat. In 'What to Drink', Dave Broom explores flavour camps - how to understand a style of whisky - and moves on to provide extensive tasting notes of the major brands, demonstrating whisky's extraordinary diversity. In 'How to Drink', he sets out how to enjoy whisky in myriad ways - using water and mixers, from soda to green tea; and in cocktails, from the Manhattan to the Rusty Nail. He even looks at pairing whisky and food. In this spirited, entertaining and no-nonsense guide, world-renowned expert Dave Broom dispels the mysteries of whisky and unlocks a whole host of exciting possibilities for this magical drink.

A travelogue of one man's whisky-tasting journey across Scotland's beautiful islands, by the bestselling author of 101 Gins to Try Before You Die. Island whiskies have long held a fascination and a powerful emotional draw on whisky drinkers the world over. Their special combination of heritage, mystique, and remote location captures the imagination; their highly distinctive flavors are often imitated but seldom bettered. There have been few books on island whisky and none written in recent years. But Whiskies Galore is not your average whisky book. It is not simply a catalogue of distilleries, but a story of discovery and adventure. Join Ian Buxton on a personal journey across Scotland's islands, where he learns to fish with high explosives, ends up hurling his dinner into the sea, and comes face to face with a basking shark. Combining an expert's knowledge of whisky with a travel writer's fondness for anecdote, and with a keen description of place, he provides a special treat for all who love the islands' magical drams. "One of the great whisky writers." —The Guardian (UK) Praise for Whiskies Galore "A great read: it mixes childhood recollections, laments about Hebridean weather, historical anecdotes and 101 astute, humorous observations." —Brian Townsend, TheDundee Courier (UK) "Sardonic, unsentimental and often very funny . . . the most original drink book I've read in a long time . . . this book will make you love Scotch whisky all the more." —Henry Jeffreys, award-winning author of Empire of Booze

Drinks companion meets cookbook in this charming package. Discover the history of Scotch whisky and the part Famous Grouse has played in its development while also learning how to mix a perfect Famous Honey & Marmalade Sour. Compiled by renowned whisky writer Ian Buxton, this captivating miscellany is packed with intriguing facts and trivia, from the story of an iconic brand - its unconventional start named after a Scottish bird and its rise in popularity - to a fascinating insight into how whisky is distilled and bottled. With over 45 recipes for whisky-based dishes and cocktails, including Famous Grouse Rack of Lamb, Mackerel with Snow Grouse Pickled Rhubarb and Apple Tarte Tatin with Whisky Ice Cream, this book belongs on every whisky enthusiast's shelf.

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101 World Whiskies To Try Before You Die is the companion guide to 2010's 101 Whiskies To Try Before You Die. Ian Buxton again eschews the obvious whiskies and recommends another 101 whiskies that he believes every whisky lover should taste. In Ian Buxton's new collection of whisky recommendations he has cast his net wider. He includes not only whiskies from the established whisky-producing countries, but also many newcomers. The book includes whiskies from Austria, Belgium, Canada, the Czech Republic, England, India, Ireland, Japan, The Netherlands, Scotland, Taiwan, USA and Wales. All the whiskies included are both affordable and accessible. Ian Buxton does not believe in collecting whiskies or investing in whisky. He believes in tasting and enjoying the huge range of whiskies that are available. The book includes single malts and blends - and provocatively a few renegade suggestions that are bound to offend purists.

Fourth edition, fully revised and updated. 101 Whiskies to Try Before You Die is a whisky guide with a difference. It is not an awards list. It is not a list of the 101 'best' whiskies in the world in the opinion of a self-appointed whisky guru. It is simply a guide to the 101 whiskies that enthusiasts must seek out and try in order to complete their whisky education. Avoiding the deliberately obscure, the ridiculously limited and the absurdly expensive, whisky expert Ian Buxton recommends an eclectic selection of old favourites, stellar newcomers and mystifyingly unknown drams that simply have to be drunk. The book decodes the marketing hype and gets straight to the point; whether from Canada, India, America, Sweden, Ireland, Japan or the hills, glens and islands of Scotland, here are the 101 whiskies that you really want. Try them before you die - Slainte!

A Manhattan or a Sazerac; neat, on the rocks, or with a splash of soda—no matter how it's served up, whiskey is synonymous with the poet's inspiration and the devil's spirit. Be it bourbon, rye, corn, Irish, or Scotch, whiskey has an infamous and celebrated history from a sometimes lethal, herb-infused concoction to a high-quality, meticulously crafted liquor. In *Whiskey*, Kevin R. Kosar delivers an informative, concise narrative of the drink's history, from its obscure medieval origins to the globally traded product that it is today. Focusing on three nations—Scotland, Ireland, and America—Kosar charts how the technique of distillation moved from ancient Egypt to the British Isles. Contrary to popular claims, there were no good old days of whiskey: before the twentieth century, consumers could never be sure just what was being poured in their cup—unscrupulous profiteers could distill anything into booze and pawn it off as whiskey. Eventually, government and industry established legal definitions of what whiskey is and how it could be made, allowing for the distinctive styles of whiskey known today. *Whiskey* explains what whiskey is, how it is made, and how the types of whiskey differ. With a list of suggested brands and classic cocktail recipes for the thirsty reader, this book is perfect for drink and food enthusiasts and history lovers alike.

1001 Whiskies You Must Try Before You Die takes you on a fascinating global whisky tour - from Scotland and Ireland through North America, Japan, India, and the rest of the world, providing insight into the 1001 best and most exciting whiskies ever made. Fully updated for 2017, this is an invaluable resource for whisky aficionados everywhere. This comprehensive and thoroughly-researched guide explores the traditional tipples' incredible diversity, introduces you to the host of often new, and sometimes rare finds, and is sure to enhance your appreciation and enjoyment of the drink in all its forms. A unique and inspirational guide to the mouthwatering world of whisky.

A Field Guide to Whisky is a one-stop guide for all the information a whisky enthusiast needs. With the whisky market booming all over the world, now is a perfect time for a comprehensive guide to this popular brown spirit. What are the basic ingredients in all whiskies? How does it get its flavor? Which big-name brands truly deserve their reputation? What are the current whisky trends around the world? And who was Jack Daniel, anyway? This abundance of information is distilled(!) into 324 short entries covering basic whisky literacy, production

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methods, consumption tips, trends, trivia, geographical maps and lists of distilleries, whisky trails, bars, hotels, and festivals by an industry insider. Boasting 230 color photographs and a beautiful package to boot, *A Field Guide to Whisky* will make a whisky expert out of anyone. A beautifully packaged look at the world's finest whiskies, with detailed photography of each bottle *Rare Whisky* is a stylish exploration of the world's finest and rarest whiskies, exquisitely packaged in a hardback book with slipcase. This book looks at the most exceptional whiskies across the world, focusing on key producers such as Scotland, Ireland, the USA and Japan, as well as interesting rarities from the likes of India and Taiwan. With beautiful photography of extremely rare bottles, from a breathtaking 1920s vintage sold at auction to the best offerings from recent years, *Rare Whisky* is essential reading for all whisky lovers.

Bourbon is booming, and this guide will teach you all you need to know. Eric Zandona - spirits specialist at the American Distilling Institute - explores 140 of the finest bourbons in the world, from the big-name classics to tiny craft distilleries, with flavour profiles and recommendations for the best way to drink each one. Also featuring recipes for 20 classic bourbon cocktails, as well as chapters on the history of bourbon, how the drink is made and the key things you need to understand when buying a bottle, *The Bourbon Bible* is the ultimate guide to the ultimate drink.

101 Whiskies to Try Before You Die (Revised and Updated)4th EditionHeadline Revised and Updated. Whisky is one of the world's most revered spirits, with connoisseurs spending a great deal of money and time on the appreciation of rare expressions and limited edition bottles. In addition, many whisky connoisseurs travel direct to the source to see and experience the world's best distilleries at first hand. Since the publication of the first edition in 2010, many changes have occurred in the world of whisky which are fully explored in this completely new edition. Over 200 of the 750 whiskies are updated, along with over 20 of the 38 features to reflect the 'new world of whisky', from the growing US single malt craft distillery movement (including Balcones in Texas), Japan (Yoichi), Taiwan (Kavalan), India (Paul John), Australia (Overeem), France (Warengem) and Sweden (Mackmyra, Spirit of Hven). Aimed at beginners as well as connoisseurs, the book encompasses everything you need to know to increase your appreciation of this complex and fascinating spirit. Iconic distilleries such as Lagavulin, Highland Park and Glenrothes in Scotland are fully explored alongside the bourbon innovators of Kentucky such as Woodford Reserve and Maker's Mark. From global brands to tiny craft distillers, this book offers a comprehensive overview of the best dram the world over.

A fun and accessible guide to completing an education in whiskey from a man who knows his hooch Avoiding the deliberately obscure, the ridiculously limited, and the absurdly expensive, whiskey expert Ian Buxton has scoured the shelves of the world's whiskey warehouses to recommend an eclectic selection of old favorites, stellar newcomers, and mystifyingly unknown drams that simply have to be drunk. This witty, focused, and practical guide is not an awards list or a list of the 101 "Best" whiskies in the world in the opinion of some self-appointed whiskey guru. It's simply a guide to 101 whiskies that enthusiasts really must seek out and try--love them or hate them--to complete their whiskey education. What's more, it's both practical and realistic as it cuts through the clutter, decodes the marketing hype, and gets straight to the point; whether from India or America, Sweden or Ireland, Japan or the hills, glens, and islands of Scotland--here are the 101 whiskies that every whiskey enthusiast needs to try. Slainte How bourbon came to be, and why it's experiencing such a revival today Unraveling

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the many myths and misconceptions surrounding America's most iconic spirit, Bourbon Empire traces a history that spans frontier rebellion, Gilded Age corruption, and the magic of Madison Avenue. Whiskey has profoundly influenced America's political, economic, and cultural destiny, just as those same factors have inspired the evolution and unique flavor of the whiskey itself. Taking readers behind the curtain of an enchanting—and sometimes exasperating—industry, the work of writer Reid Mitenbuler crackles with attitude and commentary about taste, choice, and history. Few products better embody the United States, or American business, than bourbon. A tale of innovation, success, downfall, and resurrection, Bourbon Empire is an exploration of the spirit in all its unique forms, creating an indelible portrait of both bourbon and the people who make it.

This latest volume in the hugely popular 1001 series supplies the connoisseurs' scoop on the finest spirits from the Scottish highlands to the exotic new whiskies emanating from Japan and the evolving world of American micro-distilleries. The book also covers bourbons and ryes, making this the go-to volume for the serious whisky connoisseur as well as the passionate beginner. This essential guide represents the collective, subjective wisdom of an international team of critics who winnow the world of spirits down to the "must-try" whiskies—from high-quality, mass-produced brands to small-batch specialty bourbons from micro-distilleries. Each entry includes critical tasting notes, a history of the distillery, and temperature recommendations. From grain to glass, everything important is covered—including storing and serving whiskies, making whisky cocktails, and pairing whisky with food—making this the most important illustrated exploration of whisky published in years.

Discover the best rums in the world with this guide by the international bestselling author of Whiskies Galore. Rum, once the poor relation of the spirit world, has undergone a revival and is no longer seen just as the preferred tippie for tipsy pirates. The craft drinks movement has certainly stimulated the rum world, with high numbers of new artisan rum brands launching around the world in the last few years. The rise of the rum cocktails is another successful trend, with the popularity of mojitos and Mai Tais contributing greatly to the growth and development of the rum market. Ian Buxton, the UK's No.1 bestselling author on spirits, takes us on a tour of the different colors, flavors, creation methods and characteristics, and makes his pick of the best rums in the world. Whether you like your rum in cocktails, or prefer to sip it neat, this is the only book on rum you will ever need. "An invaluable [book] for those who wish to make a foray into the rum revival armed with the requisite knowledge. Burning questions are answered with Buxton's trademark, inimitable wit, while what one should infer from rums different colors, nuances and creation methods is explained with concise authority. Expect, too, a refreshing lack of snobbery about mixers and cocktails." —The Robb Report

Demystify the world of whisky. Whisky experts Nick Morgan and The Whisky Exchange open the lid on the whisky industry, revealing what makes one of the world's simplest spirits just so popular. Everything You Need to Know About Whisky will answer all of your burning questions; from what makes the perfect scotch and how to drink it like a pro to an exploration of distilleries around the world and their fascinating (often scandalous) histories. This indispensable guide is filled with insider tips on finding your new favourite bottle and brewing up the very best whisky based cocktails - essential

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reading for all whisky fans, novices and experts alike.

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Great Whiskeys is the ideal drinking companion for any whiskey lover: it is generous, knowledgeable, and willing to go anywhere. No other spirit matches the romance of whiskey; its carefully nurtured, long gestation, the curious flavors of its birthplace, its infinite subtleties and varieties all have a magic that captivates seasoned connoisseurs and new fans alike. Great Whiskeys reveals the secrets that give each whiskey its character and cherry picks the best expressions to try. As the whiskey world becomes more global, heritage brands are exported ever more widely, and innovative whiskeys from new producing countries are winning accolades. Great Whiskeys reflects this diversity by bringing you whiskeys from 22 countries. This is a guide that covers every whiskey style: single malt, blended, grain, bourbon, rye, and more. Enthusiasts and converts alike could not find a more comprehensive and accessible resource.

Go beyond the glass and discover the secrets behind your favorite style of whiskey. Over the past three decades, Lew Bryson has been one of the most influential voices in whiskey—a longtime editor of *Whisky Advocate* and author of the definitive guide *Tasting Whiskey*. In this book, Lew shares everything he's learned on his journey through the worlds of bourbon, Scotch, rye, Japanese whiskey, and more (yes, there are tasty Canadian and Irish whiskeys as well!). In this book, you'll find it all: An overview of the different types of whiskeys, including the rules and identities of each. He also includes information on craft whiskeys, which tend to be more creative and freewheeling than the styles made by traditional producers. Exploration of the key whiskey ingredients, with a close look at the flavor contributions of malt, peat, corn, rye, wheat—even water matters. Distillation for non-distillers and the beauty of barrels: Whiskey is both an art and a science, and what's in the glass is affected by things like pot stills vs. column stills, barrel char, and of course, time. Numerous interviews with master distillers, still makers, and other artisans at the top of their field. Tasting notes throughout so you can identify the whiskeys you might want to try next. Every chapter contains a variety of unique, often behind-the-scenes photography. And with whiskey as the subject, this is a class where you'll want to do the homework! Unlike the United States, which has preserved a number of battleships as museums or memorials, not a single British dreadnought survives in the country that invented them. This book is an ambitious attempt to achieve the next best thing – a level of documentation in plans, photographs and words that portrays every aspect of the ship, albeit in two dimensions. Although the ship was chosen primarily because of the wealth of source material, Duke of York enjoyed a distinguished wartime career that included sinking the German battleship *Scharnhorst* in 1943 and serving as the flagship of the British Pacific Fleet in 1945, so is a fitting subject for such in-depth treatment. The core of the book is the reproduction in full colour of a complete set of as-fitted plans of the ship,

including many details and close-ups. These are complemented by an unusually thorough set drawn after the ship's major refit in March 1945, showing all the modifications undertaken to prepare the ship for service alongside the US Navy in the Pacific. Photographic coverage begins with the stunning views taken by the builder's professional cameraman during every stage of construction, continues with many shots of the ship during her active service, and concludes with an illustrated chronology of the breaking up. This last is included not just for completeness but because photos of the ship at various stages of demolition demonstrate many aspects of the interior structure, compartments and their fittings that are otherwise invisible. While the emphasis may be primarily visual, the accompanying narrative and captions display the expertise and in-depth knowledge of the authors, making the text as enlightening as the illustration. The result is a uniquely comprehensive portrait of a great ship in all its complexity, and a book that no warship enthusiast will want to miss.

This is the drinker's guide to every aspect of whisky, from Scotch to Japanese, rye to bourbon and beyond. With hundreds of entries covering everything from history, ingredients and distilling techniques to flavour notes, cocktails and the many varieties of whisky from all around the world, renowned whisky expert Ian Wisniewski explores and unlocks the wonderful world of a drink like no other. Entries include... Ageing Process Bourbon Craft Movement Fermentation Flavour Compounds Irish Whiskey Japanese Whiskey Master Distiller Old Fashioned Organic Whisky Prohibition Tasting Techniques Wine Casks ...and many more. All whiskies professionally tasted and described in a nuanced way.

While Scotland gave birth to whisky, its progeny now populate all four corners of the globe - from the U.S. to Japan, South Africa to Scandinavia. Today whisky sales are booming, making the timing perfect for this massive, witty, gorgeously illustrated volume. An ideal whisky "bible" for either connoisseur or neophyte, THE WORLD ATLAS OF WHISKY covers the history, process, distilleries and expressions of the world great whiskies, complete with detailed maps and 150 labels.

'An enjoyable romp through the craft whisky industry. Prepare to have your eyes opened and taste buds transported along the ever expanding whisky route.' Will Lyons 'Buxton has done it again: a cracking read. A novel and invaluable addition to any whisky library.' Charles MacLean 'Ian Buxton is the perfect guide to the rapidly changing world of whisky. Can you afford to be without a copy of 101 Craft and World Whiskies?' Henry Jeffreys, author of Empire of Booze Discover the exciting new world of craft distillers and whiskies from around the world in Ian Buxton's brilliant new addition to his 101 Whiskies series. From Austria to Argentina and Norway to New Zealand, the world of whisky is expanding as we have never seen before. Distilleries as far away as Taiwan and as close to home as England are reinventing what whisky means - and an iconoclastic generation of boutique, craft distillers are challenging previous orthodoxies and teasing drinkers with their exciting new styles and radical releases. 101 Craft & World

Whiskies to Try Before You Die is an up-to-the-minute guide from best-selling whisky commentator Ian Buxton, author of the popular 101 Whiskies series, and the first independent assessment of this global drinks revolution. Guaranteed to appeal equally to whisky aficionados and new enthusiasts in search of a trusty and well-informed guide, Ian Buxton's wonderful new handbook is delivered in his trademark irreverent and trenchant style. There's a whole world of whisky to be discovered, free of bagpipes and heather and far from leather-clad fireside armchairs, that's overturning tradition. Taken neat or over ice, 101 Craft & World Whiskies will blow the cobwebs off your dram.

A revised edition of the 1930 Scottish classic guide, edited by the international bestselling author of 101 Whiskies to Try Before You Die. This is—in the opinion of many whisky writers and experts—the finest whisky book ever written. It is certainly the first written from the point of view of the consumer and is thus historically significant. But more than that, poetic and polemic in style and with its emphasis on the importance of single malt whisky and its concern to protect and inform the consumer, it remains fresh and relevant to the interests of today's whisky drinker. It is a remarkably prophetic book, and with Ian Buxton's shrewd commentary and analysis, combined for the first time with period illustrations, it is brought bang up to date for today's generations of whisky aficionados. “The finest whisky book ever.” —Dave Broom “This is a small volume but there are plenty who will love it. It is airy, witty, full of sound knowledge and practical wisdom.” —The New York Times “If I could take only one whisky book to a desert island it would be Aeneas MacDonald's Whisky.” —Charles MacLean “Among the generous pour of publishings to please whisky fans, one stand-out is a long-awaited new edition of Whisky by Aeneas MacDonald . . . [h]is literary musings on matters of malt and more, first published in 1930, are widely hailed as among the best writing on the subject. The new edition features period illustrations and an appreciation by writer Ian Buxton, who was instrumental in bringing the book to the masses.” —The Herald (UK)

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Cutty Sark – the whisky, not the ship – was launched in 1923 and went on to become one of the most popular whiskies in the world. The first Scotch whisky to sell more than 1 million cases annually in the USA it was noted for its light color and easy mixability. In

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this unique, full color volume, editor Ian Buxton has assembled a top team of whisky experts to tell the colorful story behind 'the real McCoy'. With exclusive access to historical archives we meet the blenders behind the whisky, explore its rise and rise through Prohibition and post-war recovery, and discover new and exciting cocktail recipes specially created for the book. Contributions from Helen Arthur, Dave Broom, Ian Buxton, Charles MacLean, Marcin Miller, Martine Nouet, Paul Pacult, Gary Regan, Neil Ridley and Gavin D Smith.

Includes bibliographical references and index.

Renowned whiskey educator Robin Robinson presents a global course on the ever-expanding world of whiskey, from American craft offerings and the Irish whiskey revival to the latest in Japanese, French, and even Indian whiskies. Across ten robust "courses," Robinson guides the whiskey enthusiast through the basics and beyond, including everything from history to production, aging, finishing, and tasting, as well as how to read a label, host a tasting, and build a collection. Organized by country or region, each "class" explores the brands, techniques, and backstories of the best whiskies in the world. Thoroughly up-to-date, The Complete Whiskey Course is a one-stop reference for both newcomers and longtime fans of the "water of life."

Neil Ridley is one of the UK's new breed of passionate young wine & spirits writers. Neil writes regularly for drinks and lifestyle publications.

The best - and most enjoyable - way to find out about whiskies is by drinking them. This truly hands-on handbook takes you on a tasting journey to discover your own personal whisky style, and helps you to expand your horizons so you can find a world of new whiskies to enjoy. Through a series of guided at-home tastings, you'll get familiar with the full spectrum of whisky aromas and flavours on offer - from the smoky tang of Islay peat to the aromatic scent of Japanese oak. Find out how to engage all your senses to navigate the range of malts, grains and blended whiskies and get to grips with different whisky styles. Take a tasting tour of the world's finest makers, including iconic Scottish distilleries and small-scale artisan producers all over the globe. And as you become more whisky-confident, you can break out of your whisky comfort zone. Do you love the honeyed sweetness of a Kentucky Bourbon? If so, why not try a smooth malt that's been aged in ex-Bourbon barrels? Or a creamy, oat-infused Irish craft whiskey? Guides to whisky prices and ages will help you to make smart buys. Discover how to pour, store and serve whiskies and match them with foods. Learn to mix cocktails, from a classic whiskey sour to your own signature creation. With 20 step-by-step whisky tastings, clear infographics and jargon-busting advice - taste your way to whisky wisdom.

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