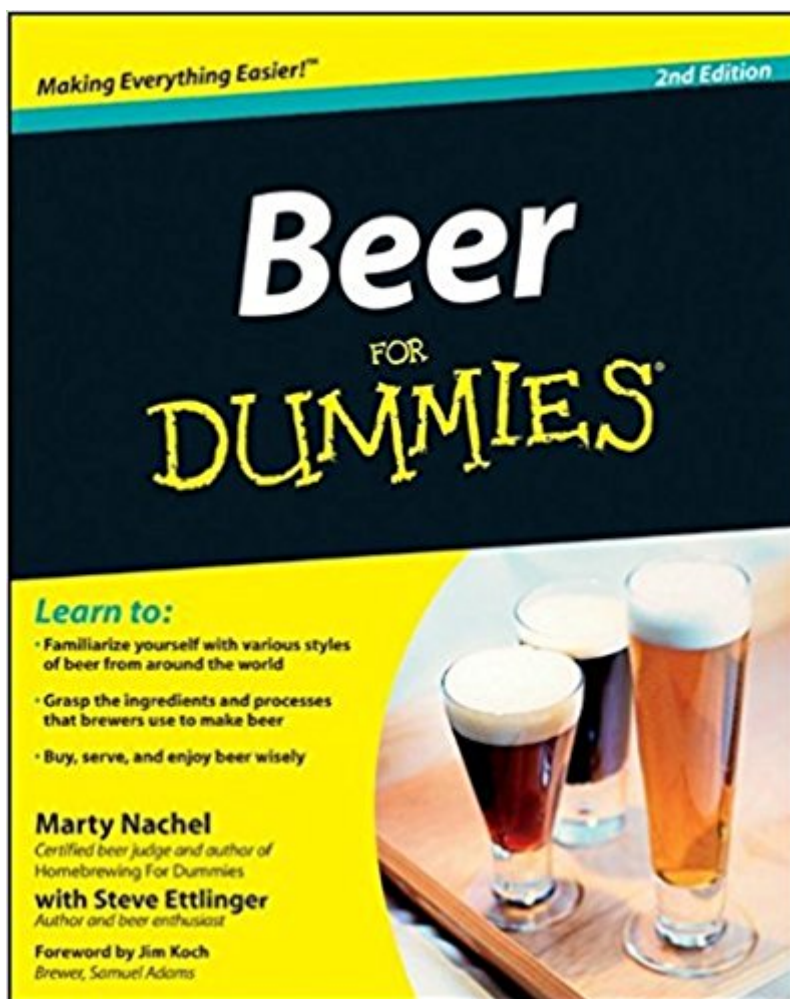




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# Beer For Dummies



## Synopsis

The fun and friendly guide to all things beer Beer has always been one of the world's most popular beverages; but recently, people have embraced the rich complexities of beer's many varieties. Now, with *Beer For Dummies* you can quickly and enjoyably educate your palate— from recognizing the characteristics of ales, lagers, and other beer styles to understanding how to taste and evaluate beer. The author, a beer connoisseur, shares his own expertise on this subject, revealing his picks for the best beer festivals, tastings, and events around the world as well as his simple tips for pouring, storing, and drinking beer like an expert brewmeister. New coverage on the various styles of beer found around the world including: real ale, barrel aged/wood aged beer, organic brews, and extreme beer Updated profiles on the flavor and body of each beer, explaining why beers taste the way they do, as well as their strengths and ideal serving temperatures How to spot the best beers by looking at the bottle, label, and a properly poured beer in its ideal glass The essentials on beer-and-food pairings and the best ways to introduce beer into your cooking repertoire From information on ingredients like hops, malt, and barley to the differences between lagers and ales, this friendly guide gives you all the information you need to select and appreciate your next brew.

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The fun and friendly guide to all things beer Whether you're new to beer or an enthusiast eager to get "hopped" up on all things related to the brew, *Beer For Dummies* helps you quickly educate your

palate • from recognizing the characteristics of ales, lagers, and other beer styles to understanding how to taste and evaluate beer. Plus, you'll discover the best beer events around the world, as well as simple tips for buying and serving beer like a connoisseur. The "suds" and bolts of beer • gain an understanding and appreciation of beer in its many forms, get to know the ingredients used to make it, and grasp how it's brewed Tap into expert beer knowledge • get the 411 on ales versus lagers, explore barrel-aged and wood-aged beer, and take a look at specialty and extreme beers Roll out the barrels • cut through mysterious label lingo, decode beer-tasting jargon, and get the know-how to buy and enjoy beer with confidence Pour it on • find out the right temperature to serve beer, how to choose the proper glassware, and tips for pouring like a pro Ready, set, brew! • get step-by-step instructions on brewing your very own batch of beer at home with a simple kit Open the book and find: The various styles of beer found around the world Details on the latest and greatest types of beer available Beer tasting and travels in North America, Europe, Asia, and elsewhere Ideal serving temperatures and techniques for different types of beer How to taste and evaluate beer The essentials on beer-and-food pairings Recipes for cooking with beer Learn to: Familiarize yourself with various styles of beer from around the world Grasp the ingredients and processes that brewers use to make beer Buy, serve, and enjoy beer wisely

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I order beer for a major grocery store. This book has really helped me learn the essentials and is filled with fun facts. After reading this book, I can talk to the customers with some degree of knowledge.

Am still in the middle of the book (yes, I'm reading it like a novel), so this review isn't complete, but so far I'm very happy with it. The author has a very light and entertaining way of presenting much information, and he's answering all the questions I have about beer. I've just been on brewery tours in several different states and tried new styles, so am really happy that this book explains the brewing process, the flavors, styles, etc. It explains why I like one thing and not the other!

Covers beer from A to Z but do not expect every topic to be covered in depth. For each chapter and subject in this book there are numerous separate books by other authors that cover each much more extensively. With that said, this is a good introduction to beer and a fast easy reference for anyone into beer. It is up to date as of January 2012 and I found very few errors or typos.... nothing significant. I do recommend it for what it is. I keep this book at the wine/liquor/beer store where I work for customer use.

I grew up in a dry county in Texas, and now I'm exploring what's really out there and learning about beer was becoming difficult because there's so many different varieties and flavors. So I looked at this beer for dummies book to try to understand where I could start understanding some of my taste choices. This really helped me narrow my choices to things that I enjoy.

I began knowing literally nothing about beer. As I read about all the different types and classifications I wondered if I would ever encounter this terminology again. Then, I went to a new pub. I would have been LOST looking at the beer menu had it not been for this book. A great read for beginners like me. Cheers!

Good for overall information. Contains a lot of background material.

I really enjoyed this book. It's easy to skip around in the book and still learn the subject. Like all Dummies books, it has some humor. But, mostly this is a serious book about a wonderful type of drink.

....but you can't deny the fantastic layout of what lay between the covers. The "dummies" series has produced some great volumes on the "adult beverage" topics and this is no exception. Great job.

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