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In this entertaining homage to the golden age of the cocktail, illustrator Edward Hemingway and writer Mark Bailey present the best (and thirstiest) American writers, their favorite cocktails, true stories of their saucy escapades, and intoxicating excerpts from their literary works. It's the perfect blend of classic cocktail recipes, literary history, and tales of the good old days of extravagant Martini lunches and delicious excess.

When Algonquin Round Table legend Robert Benchley was asked if he knew that drinking was a slow death, Benchley took a sip of his cocktail and replied, “So who’s in a hurry?” Hunter S. Thompson took Muhammad Ali’s health tip to eat grapefruit every day; he just added liquor to the mix. Invited to a “come as you are” party, F. Scott Fitzgerald and his wife, Zelda, arrived in their pajamas ready for their cocktail of choice: a Gin Rickey.

Forty-three classic American writers, forty-three authentic cocktail recipes, forty-three telling anecdotes about the high life, and forty-three samples of the best writing in literature –*Hemingway & Bailey's Bartending Guide to Great American Writers* delivers straight-up fun.

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Frank says

Fun little book about hard drinking writers with recipes for their favorite cocktails. Nothing new here, but I did start feeling lame for being so sober.

linalovetheater says

entertaining little book of famously drunk authors and classic recipes ?????? ?????????? ?????

Ray says

Something I wouldn't think I'd enjoy. Funny stories of drunken debauchery. A different look at some of the best authors, poets and play writers. Their world through the bottle or glass of their favorite adult beverage.

Brandy says

I'm grateful this book wasn't published during my early twenties...I'd probably need a new liver.
Great humor, excellent quotes by a bevy of hard-drinking , hard-living authors.
Favorites include Hunter S. Thompson's Greyhound -which turned into near binge level status when a dear friend treated me to an endless supply of organic grapefruit she'd grown with love.

You can't go wrong with the Jack Kerouac Margarita for campfire story imbibed uninhibited revelations.
When I'm feeling down and dirty, needing to take my (or someone else's) demons out for exorcise:
Bukowski Boilermaker, try with Bird Dog peach whiskey. Make mine a double.

Last but always first in my world: Hemingway.

His sweet Mojito is other world yum. Light rum is key-Which you can now possess under the Papa Pilar brand.

Get your frosty highball glass out now.

Fresh mint- muddle like you mean it!

Blanco rum, lime juice , simple sugar, lime wedge to dress it up.

I can taste the sweetness on Hem's lips with each swallow. And remember the wise words of Hemingway, "A man does not exist until he is drunk"

Becky says

This was a riot. I normally wouldn't count a "cookbook" towards my reading goal, but this is something

special.

First you are presented with a cartoon and quote of a famous author (and a few I hadn't even heard of, so add that to my already-insane-TBR pile), then a few paragraphs detailing some of their wilder drunker excursions, then a drink recipe that was either the author's favorite, or featured in their book, and then an excerpt from one of their writings that's specifically about drinking- just so you know, these people *really* understood drinking.

It was a lot of fun. I bookmarked at least 6 recipes to try (a French 75 being the top of that list), added a few books I wanted to read, and thoroughly enjoyed my time in this book.

Gabriel says

This is a charming collection of famously drunk (and dead, to Norman Mailer's apparent dismay) authors and associated drinks. The recipes are very classic and can be trusted to be true to the drink's original make-up and intent. The introductions and anecdotes for each author are great reads.

My only two complaints are that the drinks seem to sometimes only be loosely connected to the highlighted author and the writing samples are too brief. The excerpts for each writer are well chosen and highlight drinking in the author's works. No doubt Faulkner and Hemingway suffered no shortage of passages from which the editors could select.

Xavier says

Muy divertido. Lo mejor del libro, además de las recetas, son las frases geniales sobre el alcohol, indispensables para cualquier borracho letrado. Anécdotas deliciosas e ilustraciones muy simpáticas.

Alicia Beale says

I love this book. Now I sound so much smarter when I order a drink and I feel amongst the greats!

Melissa says

Writers like to drink... a lot. I like to read funny stories about what they did or said while drinking, because writers tend to be quite witty. This book fills that desire perfectly. Each author chosen has a two-page spread detailing an incident where they were drinking, a recipe for their drink of choice (or one often associated with them), a line or two about drinking from one of their books

Kerouac, Benchley, Fitzgerald and, of course, Hemingway, all found a place in the book, along with dozens of others. It's a quick read, but a fun one. I also loved seeing some of the unique drink recipes included. While watching the Oscars, I mixed a few of the cocktails from the books. My favorites were the French 75

and the Tom Collins. I'm a gin girl and apparently many writers were gin drinkers too.

Amanda says

This was a real short book and one that now has a permanent position in my home. We all know that some of the best writers were absolute drunks. Bukowski, Steinbeck, Hemingway. This book shares a little backstory of those writers along with drink recipes for their preferred adult beverage.

Bukowski favored a Boilermaker, which I'll admit to not knowing what that is. It turns out that it's something I really doubt that I would drink. It's a shot of whiskey with beer as a chaser OR a shot of whiskey dropped into a mug of beer. That would fell my sorry butt in a heartbeat. Although I do appreciate my whiskey.

Truman Capote imbibed in Screwdrivers, which I actually have the ingredients for and it sounds mighty good.

Alot of the writers were gin folks. That might be a staple that I need to add to my small bar. Although I'm usually a rum or whiskey girl, I'm willing to expand my horizons.

Obviously, I don't encourage the type of drinking that these writers did. But I see nothing wrong with partaking every now and again with friends or as a nightcap.

Enjoy!

Angie Irahola says

Very fun, informative, tactile book. I really enjoy it

Ben Long says

A fun and interesting way to learn about the drinking habits of famous American authors and how to make their favorite drinks. Forty-three classic American writers and forty-three classic cocktails. I've always wanted to be more like Hemingway, and now I can every time I have a Mojito.

Chris Cain says

a must read for anyone who loves booze and books!

Mert says

What a fun little book. Lots of great anecdotes about some classic American authors getting up to considerable trouble.

John Nelson says

Writing is the occupation that drives more people to drink than any other, except for the law. This short book is a summary of quotations from famous authors about worshiping at the alter of Bacchus, along with recipes for some of their favorite concoctions. Not much of substance, but a great list of sayings - choose your own favorite.

"Drinking makes such fools of people, and people are such fools to begin with, that it's like compounding a felony."

- Robert Benchley

"You never start our in life with the intention of becoming a bankrupt or an alcoholic."

- Raymond Carver

"I think a man ought to get drunk at least twice a year just on principle."

- Raymond Chandler

"I love parties excessively. That's the reason I don't go to them."

- John Cheever

"First you take a drink, then the drink takes a drink, then the drink takes you."

- F. Scott Fitzgerald

"Three times I have been mistaken for a Prohibition agent, but I never had any trouble clearing myself."

- Dashiell Hammett

"What's the use of winning the Nobel Prize if it doesn't even get you into speakeasies?"

- Sinclair Lewis

"I hate to advocate drugs, alcohol, violence, or insanity to anyone, but they've always worked for me."

- Hunter S. Thompson

Enjoy!

