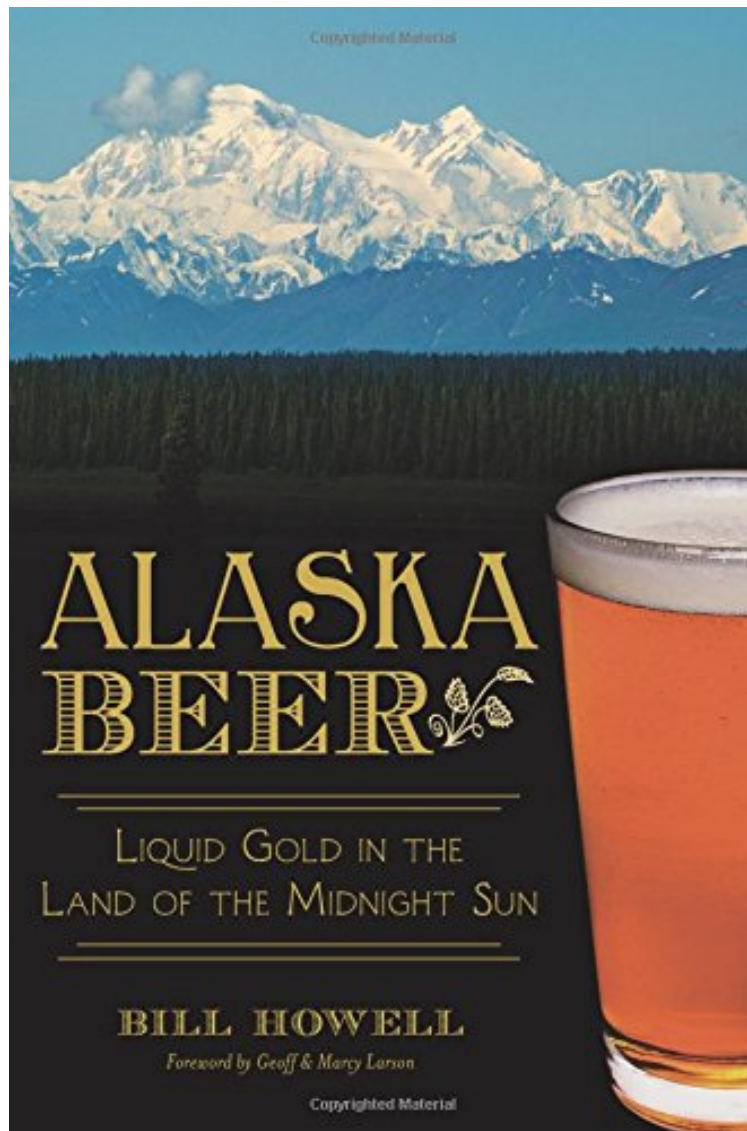


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Bill Howell : Alaska Beer: (American Palate) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Alaska Beer: (American Palate):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A History of Drinking on the Last Frontier By Beaker I bought the paperback copy of this book at our local brewery and expected a history of my favorite breweries in Kenai, Soldotna, Anchorage. I was surprised to find the book go into such depth on the history of the gold rush and prohibition in Alaska and how these events affected drinking habits and the development of commercial brewing in early Alaska. It is a slim volume covering a lot of territory, and offers unique insight into the ups and downs of opening a craft

brewing operation in Alaska. Anyone interested in specialty beers in Alaska will find this a fascinating read, but it will also entertain those with an interest in Alaskan history and how our state came to be settled. Who would have guessed that craft brews would be so popular in the 49th state? The only thing I found missing in this book was a map! As the narrative moved about the state, I wanted to see where all these events took place. So, keep an Alaskan map handy as you read. You will probably be inspired to visit some of these establishments that are still in business, so make sure you have Bill Howell's other guides handy: "Beer on the Last Frontier: Kenai Peninsula and Kodiak Island" and volume 2 "Beer on the Last Frontier: Anchorage, Fairbanks and Everything in Between". They are available as e-books too, so just download them to a reader before you travel.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great Beer, Great Land, Great Book! By Customer This is an extraordinary work authored by a truly extraordinary individual. With a background that really does in fact take a rocket scientist (as well as a remarkably courageous and selfless ethic which makes us all eternally grateful that it was Bill who took charge) this book is an unsurprisingly factual, thoughtful, exceedingly well researched text which decidedly hits its mark. The author is simply incapable of approaching any subject in a less-than thoroughly professional manner, with his devotion to writing about the art of craft beer and breweries in general just the latest in a series of passionate quests. This is (I believe) the author's fourth and in any event certainly his finest effort to date. All that to say should one be seeking a great book by a great man which tells the tale of great beers in a great land you need not search any further. Here dedication combines with intelligence, insight, a discerning palate and a whole boatload of personal experience to reveal a never-before told story well worth telling. Enjoy!

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. with some of the best small craft breweries in the country using its clearBy Joseph L. Kashi Although remote, Alaska has a surprisingly strong craft beer presence, with some of the best small craft breweries in the country using its clear, pure water to produce a wide variety of excellent and unique beers. This book by retired US Navy submarine officer Bill Howell is both a good general history of Alaska and a balanced review of Alaska brewing that goes beyond the justly and widely famous Alaska Brewing Company of Juneau. With a graduate degree from MIT, world travel while in the US Navy, and designation a few years ago as one of the nation's top beer connoisseurs, Mr. Howell brings a sophisticated and balanced approach to beer and brewing while providing an worthwhile take on Alaska's colorful history through the prism of beer; The photos and illustrations are well-done and make this book more attractive.

Alaska's fermented legacy retains the fiercely independent spirit that propelled the state's beer drinkers through the gold rush and sustained them through Prohibition. Today, craft brewers produce outstanding suds in some of the harshest and most remote locations on the planet. And while the beer scene in Alaska has roots that trace back to days when spirits had to have "medicinal, mechanical, and scientific purposes," the contemporary crop of breweries can thank industry pioneers like the Alaskan Brewing Company for staying on the cutting edge of beer-making technology. Join beer columnist and historian Bill Howell on an exploration through this hop-filled history of the Last Frontier.

"This book highlights not only the rich history of beer up here, but also the cultural significance and impact the industry has in our far north region." - Jim "Dr. Fermento" Roberts, The Anchorage Press "The author has done his research, and he writes exceptionally well. This is especially impressive considering that writing is his second career (he's retired from the Navy). His enthusiasm for his topic is summed up early on: "The bottom line is that the craft beers of Alaska are some of the best brews that almost no one gets to taste who doesn't live here." - David A James, Alaska Dispatch News Awarded 1st Place in the Best Beer Writing, Local/ Regional Category at the 2015 North American Guild of Beer Writers Awards (nagbw.org). About the Author Bill Howell has been an avid craft beer drinker and homebrewer since 1988. Upon retiring from the U.S. navy in 2004, Howell moved to Alaska where he blogs about the Alaskan craft brewing scene at alaskanbeer.blogspot.com. In 2007 he created a beer appreciation course titled the Art and History of Brewing, which he teaches annually at the University of Alaska. He is the founder of the Kenai Peninsula Brewing Tasting Society and serves as a media consultant to the Brewers Guild of Alaska.