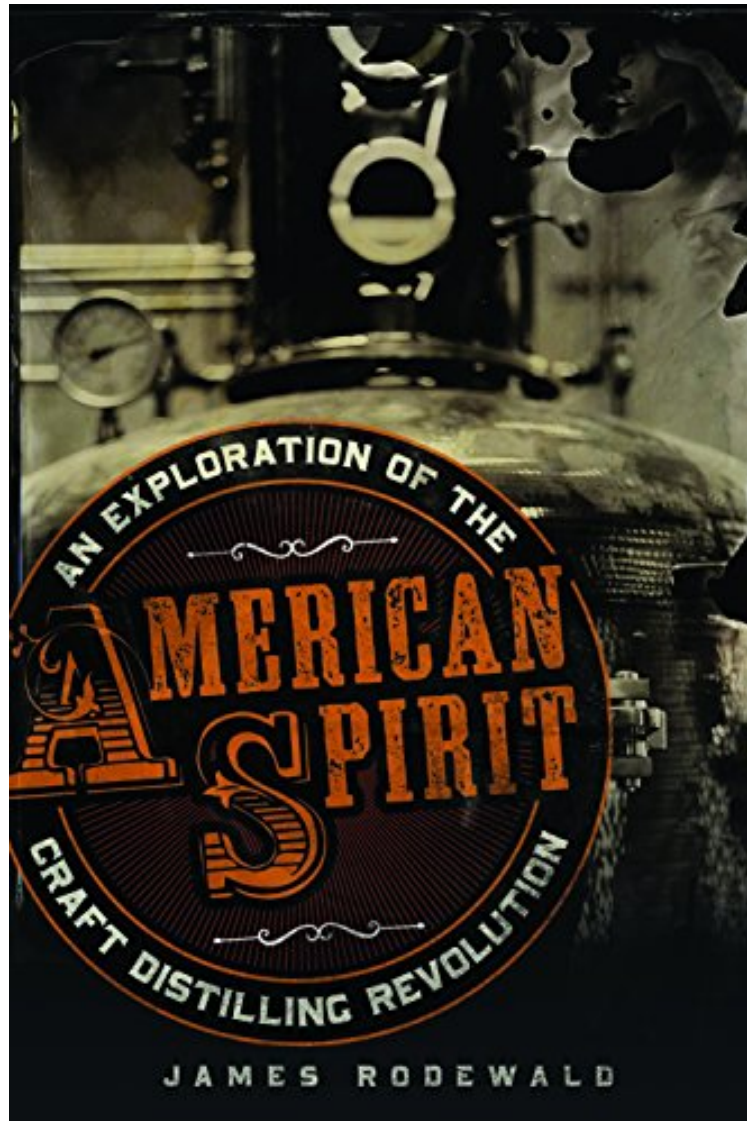


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Craft distilling has exploded in the United States in recent years, and this in-depth look at the intrepid characters at the forefront of the liquid revolution will have you rethinking what's in your liquor cabinet—and possibly your career choice. James Rodewald, a veteran journalist who spent more than a decade at *Gourmet* magazine, most of that time as Drinks Editor, traveled the country talking to the men and women at the heart of this remarkable industry about the challenges they face, the rewards of their hard work, and the delicious spirits they make. Along the way, myths are shattered, phonies are unmasked, and drinks—as well as a few tears—are spilled.

The distillation of spirits played an important part in early American history, and in the last ten years, there has been an explosion of new craft distillers and craft products. Rodewald, former drinks editor at *Gourmet*, explores the changes in craft spirits production with profiles of several American distilleries and their colorful personnel. The murky legal limbo of state regulations is a major theme in the book, as is the co-opting of the craft movement by larger manufacturers—caveat emptor, spirit lovers; many 'small batch' producers are simply relabelers. While recent books exist on historical distilling, and there are tasting guides, there isn't anything quite like Rodewald's journalistic look at the current scene. Note that this book is not a how-to guide; in fact, anyone considering the distillation business will think twice after reading about arcane and obstructive regulations, stiff competition, and the need for deep pockets. This volume is best read with something on the rocks; it will make you thirsty. Fortunately, the content includes nine cocktail recipes, as well as a glossary of terms. —Library Journal