

## Boutique Beer: 500 Quality Craft Beers

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**Ben McFarland : Boutique Beer: 500 Quality Craft Beers** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Boutique Beer: 500 Quality Craft Beers:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good Book That Is Geographically Biased By Bruce Dudzik This book has very good descriptions of the beers and the author has a very casual writing style that includes a very good sense of humor, however the author (who is British) distributes the beers all across the world and only a small fraction are American or Canadian beers. If your objective in buying this book, like mine, is to find the recommended beers then you will be disappointed because the actual number of these 500 beers that are going to be available to the average American is very limited. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Best beer book ever By Goober The most delicious beer encyclopedia ever - thirsty work reading through and investigating such a well researched and well written book. Most enjoyable! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Nicely done By Doug Erlandson "Boutique Beer" contains a lot of information about beer in general as well as brief description of approximately 500 beers of just about every major type. In addition to a discussion of the components of beer as well

as the glassware in which it should be served, there are various brewery profiles, including descriptions of the breweries and the brewmasters. The book also includes suggestions of what beers to pair with the various beers. The index is detailed and helpful. "Boutique Beer" is a quality production, containing full-page color photos of beers, breweries, and the like. Anyone interested in craft beer will find it enjoyable and enlightening.

Gone are the days when a cold beer was the drink reserved for ballparks and frat parties. Today, microbreweries around the globe are proving that beer is every bit as complex and sophisticated as wine. Their creations range from delicate champagne beers to extreme strength concoctions that are more akin to whisky and port. With names as varied as their flavors ? try Death Taxes, Knuckle Sandwich or Golden Monkey on for size?these elusive libations are changing the way the world views the humble brewski. In Boutique Beer, bestselling author and renowned beer connoisseur Ben McFarland scours the globe to showcase 500 of the world's most exciting premium ales. From American craft brewers and ale-making European nations to the fresh new crop of brewers across Japan, Scandinavia and Australia, McFarland puts his extensive knowledge to work to offer the reader? An in-depth look at the ingredients and brewing process for each beer as well as an assessment of appearance, aroma, flavor and finish Advice on storage and ageing, ideal drinking temperature, and correct glassware Tips for selecting which beers to pair with different foods Listings of key breweries and places to visit for the best craft beer experience A detailed exploration of the various types of ales including barrel aged, barley wines, pilsners, lagers, and more Discerning beer drinkers of all levels will find Boutique Beer to be an essential guide to the world's most distinctive ales as well as the people, personalities and the inspiration behind them.

"A glass in one hand and a pen in the other, Ben's writing deftly captures the passion, humor, and insight from the front line of the global craft brewing revolution." Mikkel Borg Bjergsø, Mikkeller From the Inside Flap Boutique Beer captures the people, the places, and the passions that have inspired a worldwide craft brewing revolution. More than just another compendium of the globe's greatest brews, this book ventures off the well-trodden drinking path and takes the adventurous beer connoisseur deeper into the world of today's most compelling craft brewers. Celebrating both the characters at the cutting edge of the contemporary craft beer scene and the pioneers of the past that inspired them, Ben McFarland's imbibing adventure stretches from Amsterdam's Red Light District to the far-reaches of the Faroe Islands via ale-making iconoclasts of Oregon, Danish gypsy brewers, some monks (obviously), and law-bending, lederhosen wearing Bavarians. There's even a guy who makes beer from his beard. The award-winning writer talks of the tales and the tastes of more than 500 beers ranging from the legendary lambics and heinously hopped India Pale Ales to sublime session brews, sexy stouts, cellar-dwelling Barley wines, funky farmhouse beers, sours and saisons, beer made with wild yeast, barrel-aged beers, and more. Amusing, enlightening, and absorbing, Boutique Beer belongs on the bookshelf of discerning drinkers everywhere and assures that you will never look at your beer in the same way again. From the Back Cover Boutique Beer is the dapper drinking companion that every craft beer connoisseur wants to have beside them. Sourcing more than 500 of the world's most inspirational, iconic, and unique beers, award-winning, best-selling author Ben McFarland looks beyond the liquids into the lives that have inspired them.