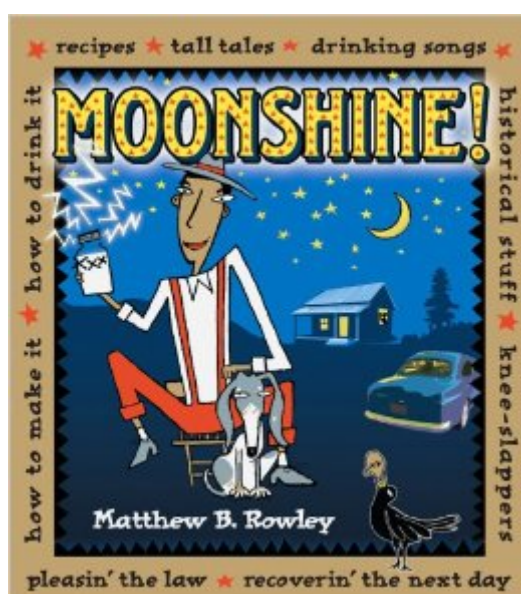


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## Synopsis

Now here's a volume you can really drink to! Something's brewing in these pages, and it's moonshine—a word that evokes fascination, curiosity, and a warm sense of nostalgia. Never before has there been such a richly illustrated, thorough, and entertaining celebration of the history of making fine distilled spirits. Take a trip through moonshining's past: travel from its beginnings as a pioneer staple to the dark days of prohibition, from quickly produced urban rotgut to today's carefully handcrafted artisanal libations. Get in on the fun with how-to instructions that take into account all legal regulations and requirements before covering ingredients, building a still, basic distilling techniques, and dozens of recipes, all adapted for the beginner. Whiskies, brandies, grappa, schnapps: they're all here, along with dozens of page-turning quotes, song lyrics, and vintage photographs and illustrations. Making whisky or brandy is not the least bit difficult. Making something you'd want to drink well, that may take some practice. —Matthew B. Rowley

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Well, this will be short... The book covers everything you'll need to know to make REAL hooch, moonshine, "licker", etc. Whichever you call it, you'll know exactly the needed materials and methods to get the job done. Being an experienced brewer, I can tell you there are some pretty good (thou basic) recipes as well that'll get you started off in the right direction. After learning the basics, you'll be ready to venture off on your own in the recipe department and create virtually

anything you can dream up. And as a passing point, if you get tired of making that ole 'Mountain Dew' and need to get to town, you can put that 'ole pot stiller' to use feedin' your work truck too. Lastly, the author really knows what he's talking about since he rates the other brewin books on the market in the back of his book, and I'd have to agree with his reviews since I've read many of the others as well. Here's to the freedom to create the drinks you like and to the "spirits" that's kept America goin' since before George Washington fired up his own personal still. Cheers!

Somewhere in the author's blog (Rowley's Whiskey Forge) Matthew Rowley states the following about this book: "Since 2001, I've traveled over 14,000 miles and interviewed over fifty extra-legal distillers to debunk the notion that moonshining is a dead or dying craft." Without a doubt, the knowledge and appreciation Mr. Rowley gained while conducting research for this book "shines" through on every page. Accordingly, of all the volumes I've read on the topic of craft distilling, Moonshine is the most readable, pragmatic, and entertaining. Given the book's numerous quotes, sidebars, recipes, and (yes), guidance on still construction, one might even say that it carries an important measure of forgotten United States culture.

If you are looking for specifics into making your own whiskey, this may not be the book for you. But, if you want some basics and have fun reading them, then buy this. Easy nightstand reader that can be taken down to the basement when finished and put to good use. Good plans for making a still too.

How much you like this book is going to depend on what it is you are looking for. If you want the history of moonshine making, you are in luck, almost one third of the book is devoted to this. Want instructions on how to build a copper pot still? The book devotes a fair amount of space to this subject, and the instructions are very good. If you like dumb cartoons, you will be pleased since the book has (way too) many of them. Once you finally get down to the nuts and bolts of cooking up a batch of corn whiskey at home the step by step instructions are very good. Special attention is paid to the temperature ranges you should monitor to separate out the various components of the final product. The moonshine shows on television do a great and dangerous disservice by giving very superficial coverage to the real process. Case in point: The moonshiners are often shown waiting for the first few drops of product to emerge from their worm, which it appears they drink to test their new batch. Fortunately, this book makes it very clear not to go any closer than sniffing this stuff for identification purposes, since it can kill you! Bottom line is that this book is a worthwhile investment

for the budding home distiller, even though it has what I would call a lot of wasted paper.

This book is great! It's a complete guide on how to make moonshine. It also has a lot of nice pictures and great background knowledge on moonshine. It's a very large book but I think anyone can be interested in it. Great value for the price you won't be disappointed.

This book was easy to read, informative and well laid out. I bought two other books on hooch making and this one is by far my favourite. It is the only beginner book you will need to start your distilling journey.

I have to thank Matthew Rowley and his very informative book for inspiring me to gather all the materials that I would need to distill my own liquor, and then doing it. I would recommend this book for any novice wishing to make moonshine at home.

Got this for my brother in law as he is into making his own moonshine. He LOVED it! I caught him reading it several times on Christmas and he told us thanks time and time again. He said it had great stories, pictures and recipes.

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