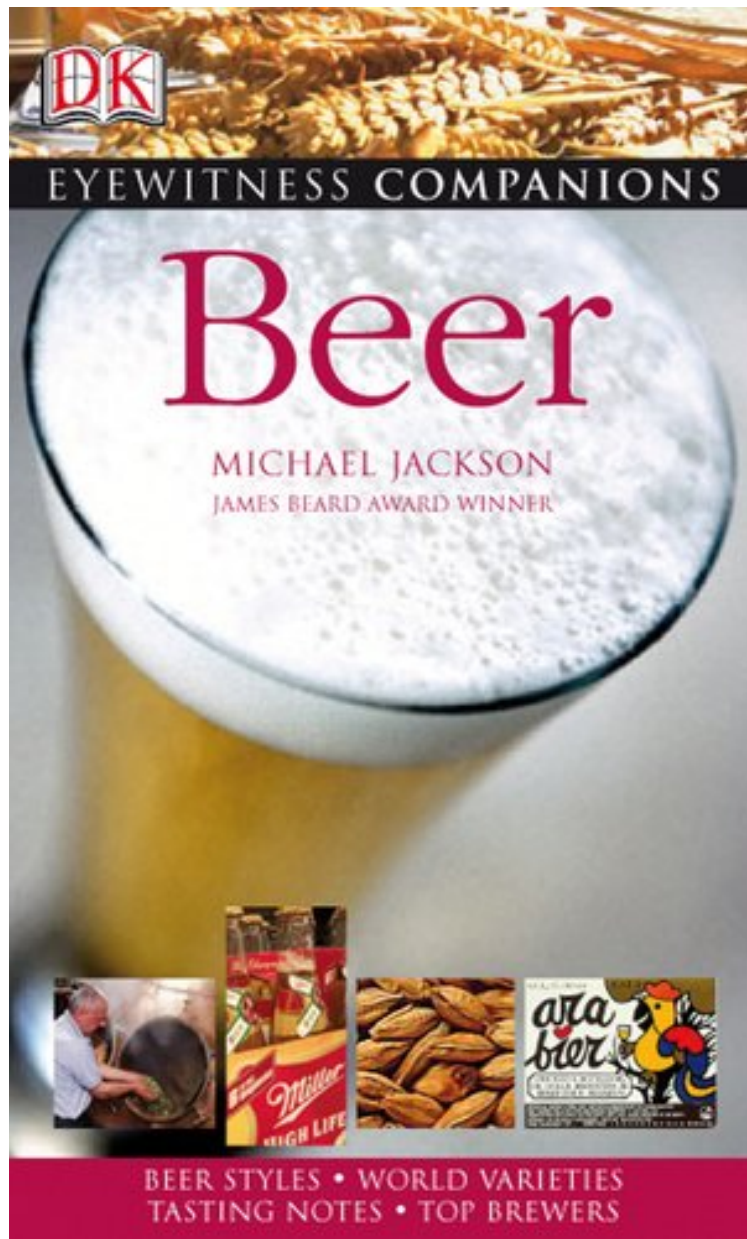


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Michael Jackson : Eyewitness Companions: Beer (Eyewitness Companion Guides) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Eyewitness Companions: Beer (Eyewitness Companion Guides):

12 of 12 people found the following review helpful. Solid overview of the world of beer By Steven Peterson This is yet

another volume in the current "Eyewitness Companions" series. Interested in the world of beer? This represents a nice introduction. As Michael Jackson, the author, says: "Like wine, beer is grown--it is an agricultural product, perhaps the first known to civilization." The book begins with an introductory section, featuring a short history of beer. Back when humans were hunter-gatherers, when grain, water, and yeast interacted, this (Page 15) ". . .made people feel 'blissful.'" The next section is called "From Grain to Glass." This part features the basic ingredients of beer, water, grain, and hops (among others)--plus yeast. Following this, "Beer Styles." Yummy! The reader finds out about Belgian wild beers, wheat beers (a nice variation!), porters and stouts, ales, and lagers. Next, "Enjoying Beer." One interesting discussion is on beer-hunting, finding really tasty, distinctive beers rather than the generic bland stuff most often drunk. As Jackson says (Page 62) ". . .ask for a beer, and the chances are you will get an insipid brew. . . ." So, one must "beer hunt" to find interesting varieties. The book also explores the linkage of food and beer (just as some wines go better with certain foods, so, too, with beer!). For example (Page 68), "Try a Munich-style dark lager with sausage or pastrami. . . ." Finally, the heart of the book. An enumeration of beers by country and region. This is not exhaustive. Unless I missed these, two beers I have enjoyed in Paris and Geneva are not represented--Cardinal and Kronenbourg. Beers are listed and described for some of the following: Czech Republic, Germany, Belgium, British Isles, other European countries, the United States, Canada, Japan, and so on. For the most part, not much time is spent on any single beer. The tradeoff? Many more beers are described. So, one sacrifices depth with breadth. In the end, this is a lot of fun! There are problems, such as some major beers not being covered (I may have missed it, but I did not see St. Pauli Girl) and very brief descriptions of different beers. But if you're interested in a look at the world of beer, this is a fine jumping off point. 10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. More taste but not less filling.....

By Surface to Air Missile Beer by Michael Jackson is another entry into the aesthetically pleasing DK publishing series. They are traditionally known for their travel books but lately have been publishing more general subject reference books of varying quality. These puppies are starting to fill my bookshelf and I love not having to go to the internet to look things up and being able to take these with me or just reference something quick. Beer is written with a little more personality than some of the other books and quick read of the intro chapter will reveal the author's life long love affair with the drink. The book is divided up into an informational section and a geographic section. The information section contains the history, process, types and directions for serving beer. This makes up a little under a third of the book and goes into just enough detail to inform but not bore. The geographic section is divided up by country and goes into the types history of beer and companies that produce locally. In the non-USA countries, Jackson goes into most of the larger name beers as well as many of more mid-size and smaller microbrews. Germany is divided up into numerous sections and each company he includes will tell you about their seasonals as well as the alcohol content. The USA section is divided up into regions and sticks to the higher quality beers so Coors, Budweiser (USA), etc are omitted. I think Jackson understandably dislikes lagers as Tecate and Corona (actually a pilsner I believe) were omitted from the Mexico section. This book would be useful for a beer aficionado going traveling abroad or within the US. People who like seasonal beers (by Sam Adams) of high quality beers but can't keep their products straight could also use this book. Bottom Line: Sure to become a college frat boy staple across America! 10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. A book edited by the inventor of modern beer writing By P. Mulloy The late Michael Jackson pretty much invented modern beer writing and beer styles and sold over 3 million books on beer and whiskey worldwide. He was a raconteur of immense charm with a great depth of knowledge on the world's beer and these qualities permeate his writing. In this, one of his last books, he gathers a team of experts to collect the most recent information on the world's beer. In the first quarter of the book Jackson covers the making of beer, beer styles and the enjoyment of beer. The bulk of the book covers the great brewing nations -- the Czech Republic, Germany, the British Isles, the rest of Europe, the US, the rest of the Americas, Asia, Australia and Africa. Jackson's personality comes through in his introductions to each country. His beer descriptions include interesting anecdotes about the brewer and then brief tasting notes. The book is well written and well-illustrated. There are more comprehensive books out there with more detail on the brewers and beer of the world. The book is seven years out of date but still contains enough information and charm to please the beer aficionado.

From fashionable bars to traditional pubs, a new generation of connoisseur is discovering the variety and diversity of beers from around the world, from the brewing heartlands of Europe to the new world beers of the Far East and Latin America. Whether you are looking to find out more about the brewing and history your favorite beer or want to discover a hidden gem that you've never tried, this book tells and shows you everything you need to know from comprehensive tasting notes to how to choose and serve each beer correctly. AUTHOR BIO: As the world's best-selling writer on beer, Michael Jackson needs no introduction. He is renowned the world over for his pithy wisdom and good sense. Michael has written numerous books on the subjects of beer and whisky, and has won many awards, including 1999 Glenfiddich Drinks Writer of the Year and the James Beard Foundation Award for Best Wine or Spirits Book in 2006 for Whisky. He is member of the Belgian Confederation of Brewers, the only non-brewer to be honored. Jackson is also a journalist, and writes regularly for a variety of publications, including Whisky magazine,

The Washington Post, and a number of websites.