

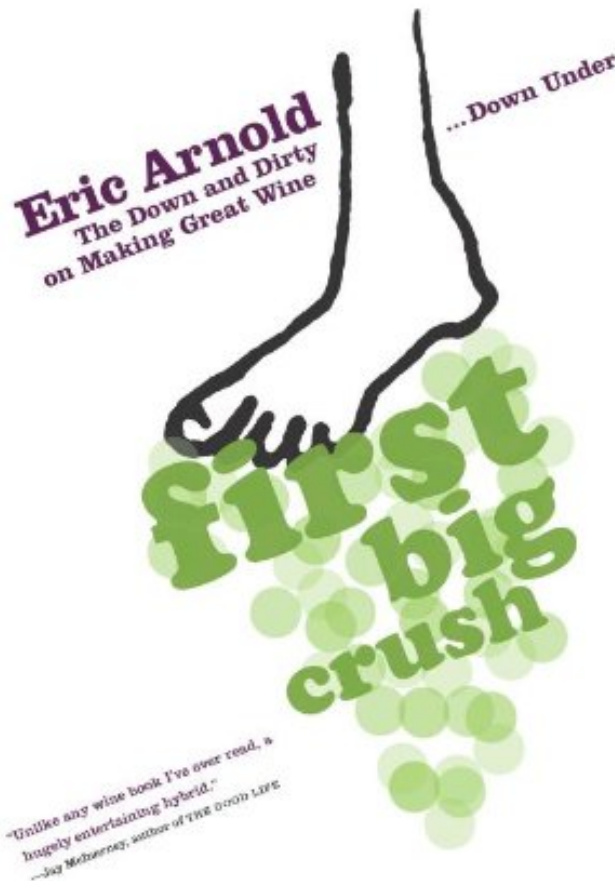
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Eric Arnold : First Big Crush: The Down and Dirty on Making Great Wine Down Under before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised First Big Crush: The Down and Dirty on Making Great Wine Down Under:

The story behind the bottle, First Big Crush is Eric Arnold's wild account of his year immersing himself in all things

wine. . . and somehow not winding up in rehab. Never having held a meaningful job for very long (and getting fired from most of them), Eric Arnold heads to New Zealand -- to Allan Scott Wines -- seeking adventure and hoping to learn a little bit about wine. What could be better than working outside in the fresh air and drinking wine all day? Before he knows it, he is dirty, wet, cold, and at the mercy of a tank of wine that just might explode and take him with it. So begin Eric's adventures in the world of wine. He gets sunburned, sore, and drunk -- and then does it all over again the next day. First Big Crush is a story that is as outrageous as it is compelling. Here are tales of first pressings, pruning, and tasting competitions. There are also rowdy nights at the local pub, girls, meat pies, girls, rugby, and tales of hunting wild pig. Along the way, each step of the winemaking process is explained in a way that humans can actually understand. Almost against his will, Eric becomes an expert.