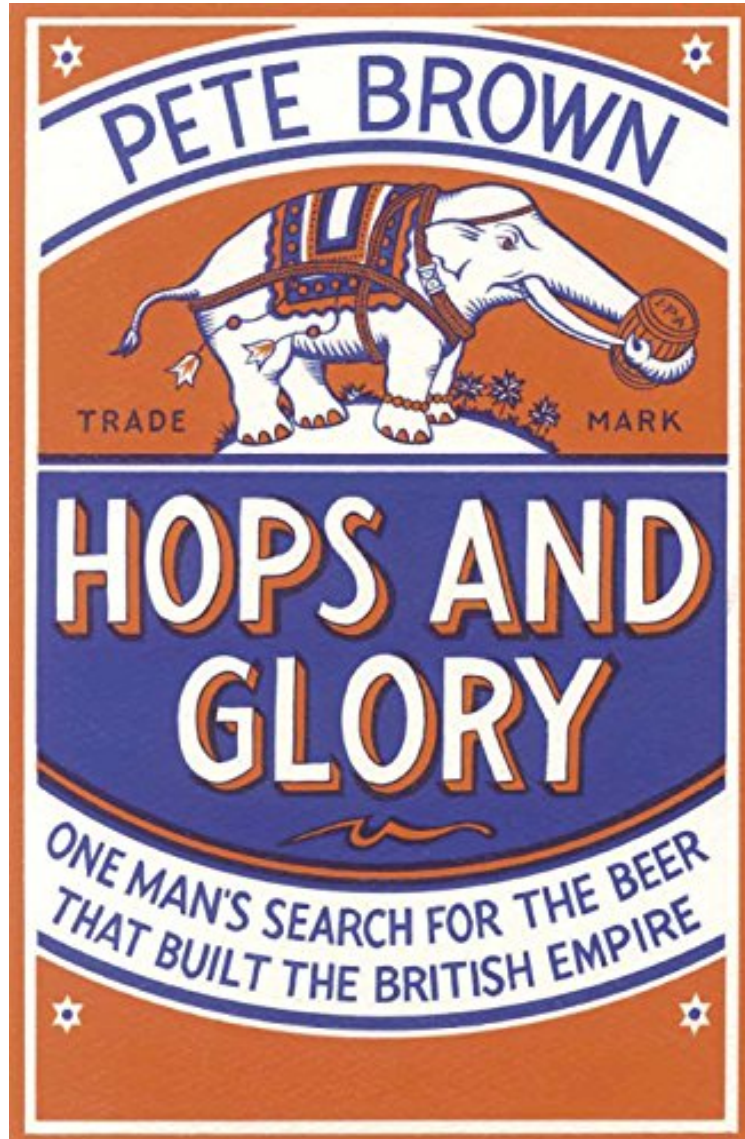


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. For Empire and for Beer!By CustomerIn the world or "beer" writing there is the late Michael Jackson aka the Beer Hunter, and then there is everyone else. Since Jackson's death in 2007,

the dearth of talented writers on the subject of beer has been painfully felt. The truth of the matter is, good "drinks" writers are few and far between. Pete Brown has changed all that, and has set the bar to "Jacksonian" heights with his latest book Hops and Glory. This book is not only a tale about one of the most beloved and cherished beer styles, India Pale Ale (IPA) but a history lesson on 19th Century Burton on Trent brewing, the all powerful East India Company, the history of the Raj, and a personal odyssey. Brown is a masterful story teller, and he weaves the history of his search for the beer that built the British Empire and love affair with beer into an adventure story anyone would enjoy reading, beer drinker or not. The meticulous research Brown puts into Hops and Glory is amazing. This is a powerful story. Brown put words into action in this book and the reader learns at his own personal expense. The fact that he actually convinced a Burton brewer to brew up an authentic IPA recipe from 1800's for him? The fact he takes said IPA from Burton on Trent via canal to London, and then on the sea voyage route to India the way it went in the days of the East India Company to the Raj? The fact that he just did not talk about it, speculate "what it must have been like" but he actually did it? One has to admire this, and the pay off the reader is you are along for the ride when you read Hops and Glory. Brown makes you live it, breath it, you are there with him. No more tall tales or yarns here about India Pale Ale. The story of the history of IPA needed to be told, and what a way to tell it. There are some bumps along the way, and why this book is so awesome is, its not just about the beer and its history, but the reader is living the adventure with Brown. We get the good, the bad, the ugly. Hops and Glory is a history lesson, travel guide, and adventure story all rolled into one. I literally could not put this book down. It is an enjoyable, informative read, and I'm still amazed that Brown actually made the journey that many have talked about, turn into reality. A journey that will most likely never be repeated by anyone. This is "beer" writing at its very best. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Absolutely loved it! By snhildeb This book was a real treat - truly a hybrid of sorts. The author did a splendid job at transitioning between his modern day journey, his knowledge of beer itself, and his own historical perspective on colonial India. Brown uses interesting vernacular and his sense of humor (especially the ability to laugh at himself) is evident throughout this read. I was giggling out loud on a few occasions. Furthermore, I even also found myself researching (Goggle Earth rocks!) destinations or items of interest mentioned in the story. I bought the book because of love everything IPA and the book clearly does a nice job of detailing that style - but I learned so much more...ships, port of calls, the East India Company, etc. I really enjoyed sitting down at night, drinking a good IPA (or two), and reading this, a story about it. This is the first item I've ever taken the time to review - that's how much I enjoyed this book. Great job, Mr. Brown! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. If your into beer and enjoy a Pale Ale then this is a must read. By G. Brown If your into beer and enjoy a Pale Ale then this is a must read. Very entertaining read. Living in Burton on Trent for half my life (now in the states) and with a mother who worked for Bass I was glued to this book from start to finish. Highly recommend it.

The original India Pale Ale was pure gold in a glass; a beer specially invented, in the 19th century, to travel halfway around the world and arrive in perfect condition for a cold drink on an Indian verandah. But although you can still buy beers with 'IPA' on the label they are a pale imitation of the original. For the first time in 140 years, a keg of Burton IPA has been brewed with the original recipe for a voyage to India by canal and tall ship, and the man carrying it is Pete Brown, Britain's best beer writer. Brazilian pirates and Iranian customs officials lie ahead, but will he make it that far, having fallen in the canal a few miles out of Burton? And if Pete does make it to the other side of the world, what will the real IPA taste like? Weaving first-class travel writing with assured comedy, this is both a rollicking history of the Raj and an entertaining, groundbreaking experiment to recreate the finest beer ever produced.

About the Author CAMERON STEWART works extensively in both theatre and television and will be familiar to viewers of LWT's London's Burning as Station Officer Suffolk of White Watch. His theatre credits include the London production of Les Miserables, Frank-n-Furter in The Rocky Horror Show and seasons in repertory at theatres all over the UK. Other television work includes Coronation Street, Eastenders, The Bill, Silent Witness, Doctors, Holby City, Heartbeat, and Boyz Unlimited.