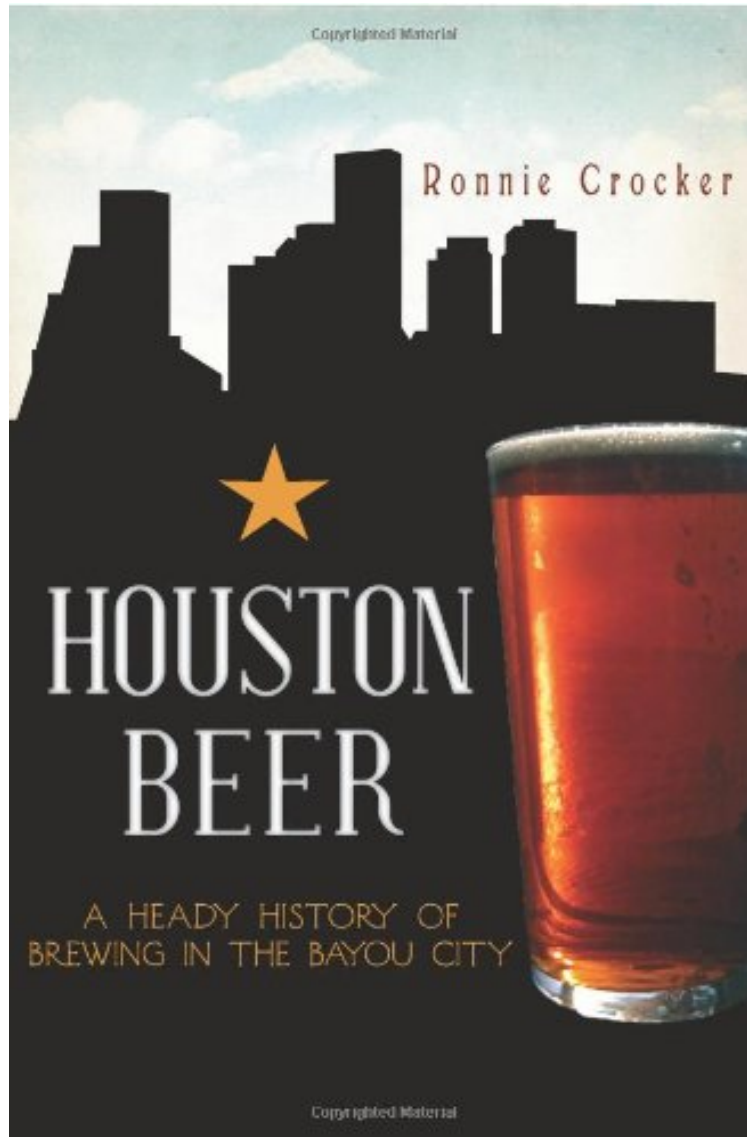


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Ronnie Crocker : Houston Beer:: A Heady History of Brewing in the Bayou City (American Palate) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Houston Beer:: A Heady History of Brewing in the Bayou City (American Palate):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. In The Beginning-Sort Of-And NowBy Tony Marquise Jr.This is a

history of beer brewing and drinking in Houston, Tx., from city's founding in 1836 to the present. It is a very good history of the subject and I recommend it. Truth is, the history of beer brewing prior to the 1880s-90s is unclear-the brewers and governments of the time kept very few if any records. Starting in the late 1880s this started to change, and this history from this time period forward gets 5 stars. Most interesting to me was how prohibition destroyed the beer industry in the Houston area and how it had to be rebuilt from scratch afterwards. This book is a good read and I recommend it to anyone interested in the subject and to everyone interested in the history of a city and area in a way not covered in most histories. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Perfect! By Jo Ann Cook This was exactly what I wanted, arrived on time, and was perfectly packaged! I couldn't ask for anything else! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Part history, part reverie and not all bad By David D Thomas Mr. Crocker gives a pretty nice history of the Southern Select and Grand Prize era of Houston and Galveston brewing before an obligatory nod to Budweiser and then diving into where his real interests obviously lie: the rise of the craft brewing industry and its aficionados. Much of the second half of the book is all but a love letter to the Saint Arnold Brewing Co. But, even though I purchased the book solely to learn about the pre-1970 history of Houston brewing, I'm not upset in the least to get half a book. He didn't have to write about Grand Prize or Magnolia or Dixie Pale at all, and I'm happy he did (and did fairly well, at that).

From the early days, and long before Americans had ever heard the term "craft beer," settlers in the Bayou City excelled in the art of ales, stouts and lagers. In 1913, it was a Houston brewery that claimed the distinction of "the world's finest bottled beer" after winning an international competition in Belgium. The unfortunate rise of Prohibition put the industry on hold, but recent years have seen a strong resurgence. At the beginning of 2008, Saint Arnold Brewing Company was the only craft brewery in Houston. Just a few years later, there are five and counting within an hour's drive of downtown. Journalist and "Beer, TX" blogger Ronnie Crocker chronicles Houston's long and surprising history of brewing, tracing everything from the grand legacy of Anheuser-Busch to the up-and-coming craft beer makers and those brewing it right at home.

"'Houston Beer: A Heady History of Brewing in the Bayou City' takes us on a surprising journey that begins at a time when you were more likely to find a saloon than a church spire. Indeed, this city with deep-rooted connections to space exploration and the oil and gas industry finds beer to be an integral part of daily life as far back as the mid-1800s....Thankfully, for Houstonians and fans of brewing history everywhere, Houston Beer proves Crocker was more than up to the challenge." --Examiner.com About the Author Ronnie Crocker is an editor and writer for the Houston Chronicle, where he launched the Beer, TX blog in March 2009. He was born in Galveston, grew up in the Houston area and worked as a journalist at the Bryan-College Station Eagle in Texas and the Daily Press in Newport News, Virginia, before returning home to join the Chronicle in 1994. He holds a bachelor's degree from Texas AM University and a master's of business administration from the College of William and Mary. Follow his beer writing at blog.chron.com/beertx, twitter.com/rcrocker and facebook.com/rcrocker.beertx.