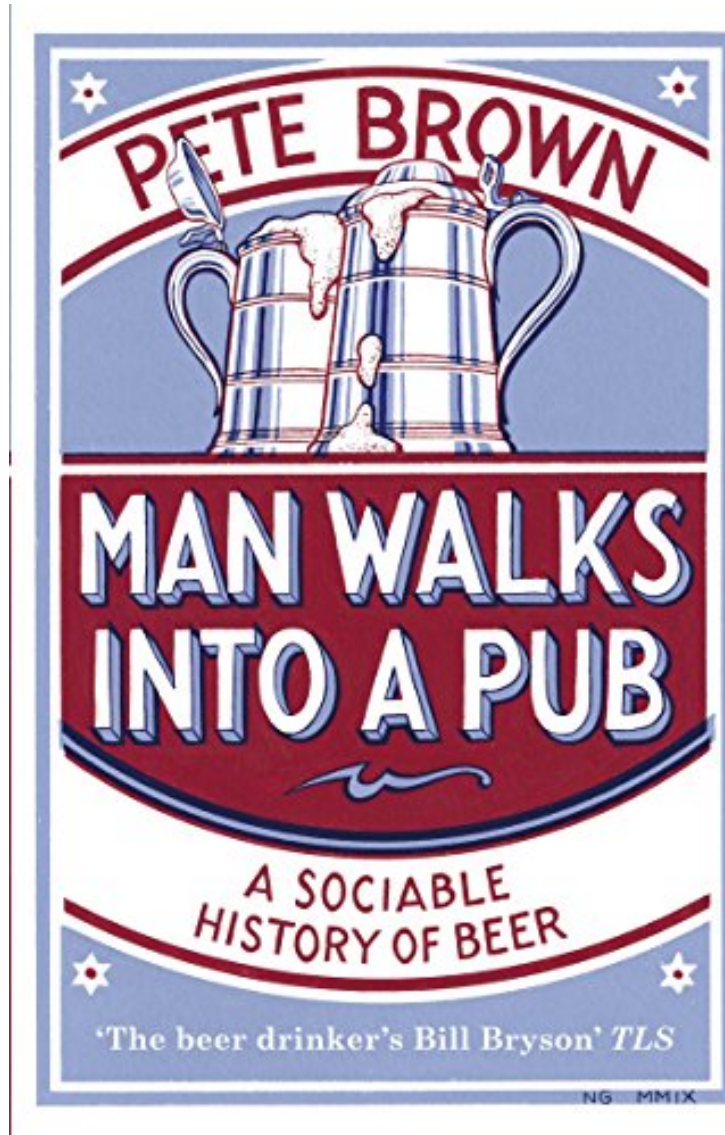


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they'd hoped. The well known story of industrialization of brewing on both sides of the Atlantic is disheartening, after all. My advice is, if you have an abiding interest in beer, resist any urge to put the book down. I stuck it out and was treated to a wealth of information hitherto unknown to me about cask conditioned ales and Britain's real ale movement. Thanks to CAMRA and to the craft brewing movement over here. I finished with both my curiosity and my thirst piqued. A drinkable historical artifact? What a grand notion! For those with a passion for beer, Mr. Brown will reward your perseverance too. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. When is a pub not a public house? By hashingisgreat The answer to my title is found in this book. A very comprehensive history of pubs and the beers they sold all told with a liberal smattering of humour. Pete Brown slips in the origins of certain words and phrases that I always wondered about but never questioned. A compelling read for all those who appreciate good pubs and beer. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Definitive and entertaining By Matt Gaston Great history of beer drinking in the UK, and by extension the world. More facts and figures than I'll ever remember, presented with wit, warmth and humor -- to the point where I laughed the beer right out of my nose a few times. If you've ever actually thought about beer and wondered how it got its wonderful grip on so many people, this is the read for you.

In *Man Walks into a Pub*, Pete Brown takes us on a journey through the amazing history of beer, from the first sacred sip of ancient Egyptian bouza to the last pint of lager on a Friday night. It's an extraordinary tale of yeast-obsessed monks and teetotaling prime ministers; of exploding breweries, a bear in a yellow nylon jacket, and a Canadian who changed the drinking habits of a nation. It's also the story of the rise of the British pub, from humble origins through an epic, thousand-year struggle to survive bad government and misguided commerce.