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The Complete Whiskey Course

By Robin Robinson

Winner of the 2020 Gourmand Award (US) for Spirits Education

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The definitive book on understanding and appreciating the exploding world of whiskey.



Renowned whiskey educator Robin Robinson demystifies the “water of life” in a definitive, heavily illustrated tome designed to take readers on a global tour of the ever-expanding world of whiskey. Across ten robust “classes,” Robinson explains whiskey history, how it defined the way whiskey is made in different countries and regions, the myriad styles, how aging and finishing works, and the basics of “nosing” and tasting whiskey.

In chapters dedicated to American whiskey (including bourbon, Tennessee whiskey, and rye), American Craft whiskey, Scotch, Irish, Canadian, Japanese, and world whiskies, Robinson presents the best offerings from new and historic producers, how to choose among them, and how to build a collection of your own. Each “class” is a journey into a country’s whiskies and makers, including recommended bottles and styles, as well as insider information on how distilleries make their unique offerings. Each chapter includes themed tastings organized by bargain, value, special occasion, and splurge price categories. This thoroughly up-to-date and wide-ranging guide also offers helpful recommendations on how to lead your own tasting, a glossary of terms, food pairings, and tips on everything from glassware to whiskey festivals and how to read a label.

Robin Robinson is a whiskey industry veteran who created the popular *Whiskey Smackdown* series at the Astor Center in New York City, the longest running whiskey class in the US. He has taught at the Culinary Institute of America and the Institute for Culinary Education and given lectures and seminars at the American Distilling Institute, Tales of the Cocktail and BarConvent Berlin, among others. He has been featured in the pages of *The New York Times*, *Liquor.com*, *Forbes.com*, *Chicago Sun Times*, *Playboy.com*, *WhiskeyWash.com*, and other publications.

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