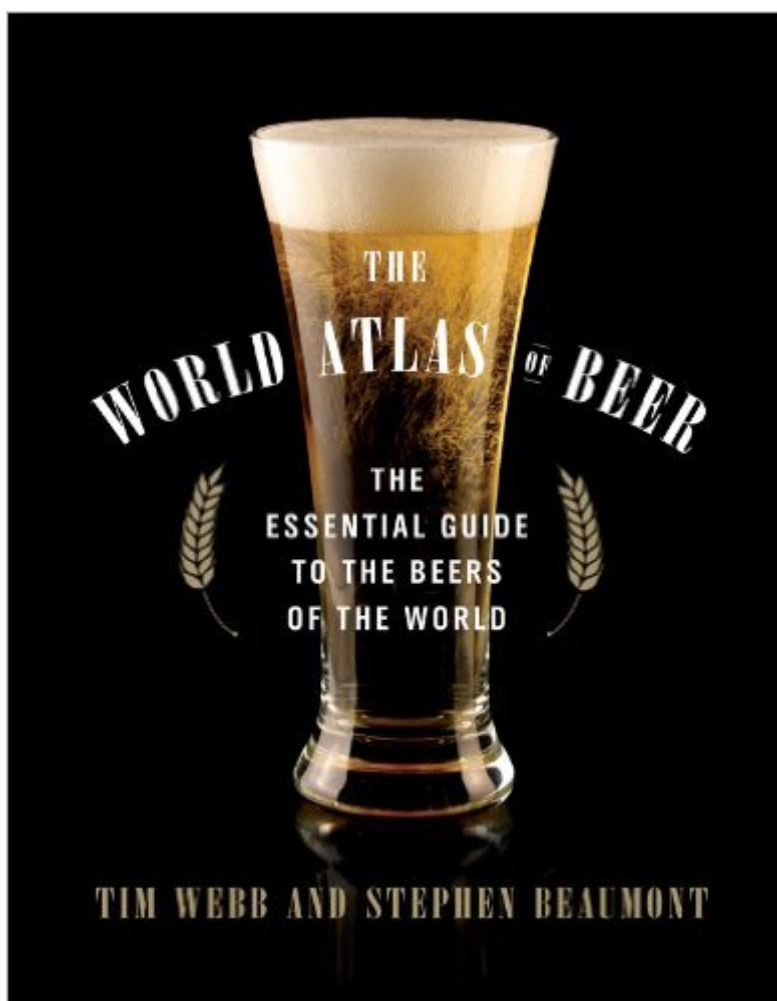


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# The World Atlas Of Beer: The Essential Guide To The Beers Of The World



## Synopsis

Got beer? This comprehensive, fully illustrated volume on beer by two of the world's leading authorities is more than just an in-depth history of this delightful beverage--its origins, brewing methods and technologies, trends, and more--from ancient times until the present day. It is also a detailed overview of more than 500 of the greatest beers from around the world, with sections devoted to major beer-producing countries and regions, including information on craft brewing, emerging markets, extreme beers, future-trend forecasts, and more.

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## Customer Reviews

The amount of attention paid to cocktails, whiskey, wine, and others is a flood compared with the drips and drops of books on beer. Instead, beer enthusiasts depend on festivals, magazines, blogs, beer labels and other random sources to learn about the world of beer. Now, however, we have a new and wonderful resource that will be a companion on my beer journeys, whether they go from the fridge to the couch or across oceans. Beaumont and Webb build on Jackson's classic 35-year-old *World Guide to Beer*. They cover basics like charting where beer comes from, how it's made, what goes in it, who makes it, and, most interestingly to me, where it's made. Open up the book to a random page or look up a specific term--either way you're going to come out of the book knowing more than when you went in. The scope is broad, yet focused. It succeeds in drawing a clear and detailed portrait of where brewing is around the world today. Maps, pictures, charts and other graphics help keep interest high and get a lot of important information out there. It's amazing to me how clearly the authors document the explosive and ongoing growth that is occurring in beer

consumption, creation, and distribution. We can now enjoy more beer varieties from more breweries in more countries than ever. We are truly blessed with beer today, and this book celebrates the craft beer revolution for which I am very, very grateful.

I finished this book a little while ago after getting my first copy at the Great Canadian Beer Fest. As was suggested this is indeed an excellent snapshot of who's brewing what and where in the world as of when it went to print. It surely opened my eyes and now serves as a great guide to go in search of new beer as I travel. This book is very nicely written with plenty of lovely photographs throughout. In this brand new age of excellent beer reference material i.e. the "Oxford Companion to Beer" and "The Brewmasters Table" this book does a great job of filling in the beer fan and the curious as to who's out there brewing and where we can find it travelling the world. The neophyte is not forgotten here as the book starts out with descriptions of what beer is, how it's made, and a summary of its history. Even for seasoned veterans in the world of beer the quality of writing still keeps these topics engaging. What follows is a wealth of research and information put down in a sensible guidebook fashion that the reader can enjoy cover to cover or open at any page. It is amazing to see where we have come since Michael Jackson wrote his first look at the world as it pertains to beer 35 years ago, and if the authors are right the future looks pretty bright. Well done gentlemen, thank you for taking the time to put this together for all of us out here in beer land, I for one appreciate the obvious amount of work you put into this book.

The best part about this book is the maps! They're not jaw dropping maps, but do show what you need to know. The map of England and Wales breweries BEFORE 1990 (that are still extant) puts the "craft" revolution in some perspective. A map of the whole of Belgium, showing breweries, is very useful for a short trip to this essential country. However, the limited space to cover the world's beers does result in some short cuts. Not enough reference is made to beer culture in some countries over beer choice. To drink a beer in Germany, Czech Republic, Denmark or Ireland is to become at one with the people- rich or poor! To visit a pub/bar in England, Belgium, Portland or Bavaria is to engraciate yourself into a unique culture. So the book is a little obsessed with beer choice over beer culture and it is hard to not think that West Coast USA beer is what you have to brew to be a "real craft ale" brewery- according to the authors.

This is my favorite coffee table book and the first book my friends read if they're sitting on my couch. It is very well written for a book about beer and the pictures are fantastic. By far the nicest designed

book in this category.

got this book for one of the doctors I work with and he loved it. This book is great for the beer drinker who loves all kinds of beer and has everything !!! It was bigger than I had expected and lots of pages and colored pictures !!! You will not be disappointed !!!

Purchased a signed copy from the authors at a book launch tasting dinner at Belgian Cafe in Philly as a gift for my brother. He read it cover to cover and loved it. I've picked it up and have also enjoyed the breadth of knowledge offered within. Highly recommended.

If you are someone of my generation, it is likely that this title has a very strong resonance for you, given that it's even money that the first book you read on beer was Michael Jackson's *The New World Guide to Beer*, first published in 1977 and updated in 1988. Webb and Beaumont both have impeccable beer writing credentials, which makes them the perfect choice to chronicle the world of beer, 24 years later. Visually, it is a beautiful book, with numerous excellent photos and fine graphics, a perfect conversation starter for your coffee table or bar top. Obviously, given the tremendous area being covered, some things had to be left out and reasonable people can disagree with the choices the authors made in that regard. Still, Webb and Beaumont have produced a truly magisterial work, one which belongs in the library of even the most casual drinker of craft beers.

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