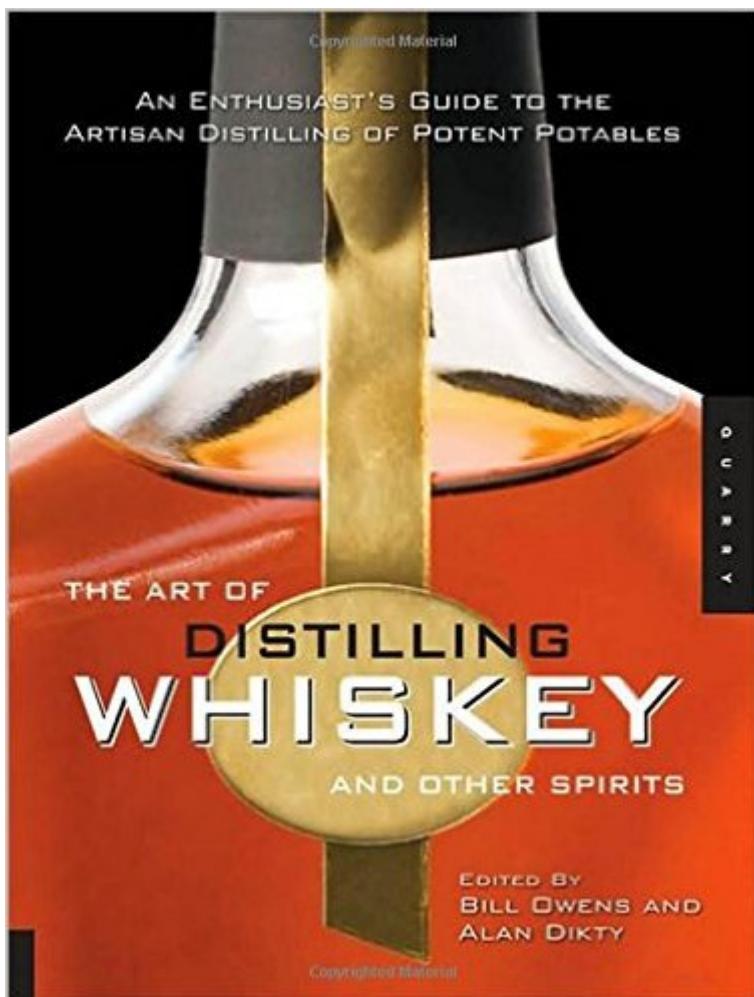


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# The Art Of Distilling Whiskey And Other Spirits: An Enthusiast's Guide To The Artisan Distilling Of Potent Potables



## **Synopsis**

This book is a backstage pass into the world of small-scale distilling of whiskies, gins, vodkas, brandies, and more. The reader, the ultimate spirits aficionado, will learn how water and grain are transformed into the full range exquisite, timeless liquors. There are few books available that explore the actual craft of distilling in such detail. Most of the other spirits books chronicle the historical side of the distilling world or focus on the flavors of various vintages. Our book will be the consummate insider's guide to distilling techniques. Bill Owens' original photography, the result of two cross-country road trips, offers comprehensive illustration of the microdistilling world.

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## **Customer Reviews**

The book was in perfect condition but the title totally mis lead me to thinking it was about the art of distilling whiskey and other spirits.../ it will never teach anyone anything about distilling There are some brief overviews which are not in the least way instructional.If you want beautiful pictures however this book is loaded with them. the pictures are of buildings and bottles.

I found the book fascinating. How different still types effect flavors etc. It's a quick read. However, don't look for any how to stuff. It's wonderfully illustrated and well, made me thirst for whiskey. The part on rum I found really interesting. I would have liked to see more on Absinthe though. More of a coffee table book. If you've had questions about spirits this will get you started.Fred FraaseTacoma Beer Preservationand Education Society.

"Enthusiast Guide" is correct. "The Art of Distilling" is misleading. I bought this as a "How to" guide, but it is not. It's more a world tour of boutique micro-distilleries.

I was looking for a more technical/scientific discussion, but this book is geared more for the whiskey drinker who is curious about the process from a very high level. Pictures are vivid and very detailed, but the "interesting" portion of the book, for me, was only about 25 pages in length. If you're interested in the high level picture of how whiskey is produced, it's a nice book. If you're looking for any sort of details/science/process about the distilling process, this book is probably not what you're looking for.

Whilst this is a great book to learn about the general process, terms and history of distilling Whiskey it certainly doesn't live up to the publishers statement "explore the actual craft of distilling in such detail." In fact, it covers the craft in quite a cursory manner. That said, it would be an ideal coffee table book (can you have a kindle-based coffee table book?) or primer to the different spirit styles and histories.

As an amateur distiller, I was looking for tips and tricks, and I didn't find them here. What I did find was a laundry list of different types of spirits throughout history that was very interesting, but not very practical.

If you want to learn about how to distill alcohol DO NOT BUY THIS BOOK. While it gives a very basic intro to how to distill it does not give any where near the level of information necessary to ferment, distill and age anything. To be fair the book is fairly well written and the publishing and photography is very good but there is far more info about what different kinds of spirits are, their history, bios on distillers (?) etc than anything you can actually use to get yourself distilling. I would have titled this book "An overview of distilling, its history, types of spirits, basic equipment and biographies of modern American craft distillers". This is not what the I believe the book description promised. I'm 1/2 way through Distilling Fruit Brandy by Josef Pischl and it seems to be a much more practical guide on what to do and how to do it.

this is not a how to book. the author covers, in depth, the history of production as well as licensed distillers in current production. it is a great read if you are wanting to know the origins of each of the

different distilled drinks but it wasn't for me.

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