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Beach Bum Berry Remixed



Synopsis

The global Tiki Drink revival is in full swing. But without Beachbum Berry's Grog Log and Intoxica!, there'd be nothing to drink. These two groundbreaking books revealed the top-secret, never-before-published, "lost" exotic drink recipes from Tiki's original midcentury heyday. Author Jeff Berry has unearthed a lot more recipes since his first two books, and picked up a lot more drink lore too. He's spilling it all in Beachbum Berry Remixed, a completely revised and updated anthology of the Grog Log and Intoxica!, featuring 40 newly discovered, previously unpublished vintage Tiki drink recipes from the 1930s-1960s, 38 of the best new recipes from today's Tiki revival, gathered especially for Remixed from the world's top mixologists and cocktail writers, expanded drink history and lore, incorporating newly discovered information about the origins of the Mai Tai, Zombie, Suffering bastard, and other legendary Tiki mysteries.

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Customer Reviews

This is a great book. It's engaging, instructional and fun, making dozens of fresh, sweet and spicy cocktails approachable as well as giving you a wealth of knowledge to create your own recipes. The only disappointment, and this is a HUGE drawback that pains me WHENEVER I reach for it, is the paper used in the most recent edition. A former printing of this book was glossy, on quality paper featuring brilliant color and which also felt good in the hand, but this version that I received from (a second edition, I believe, ISBN 978-1-59362-139-1 and printed in Hong Kong) is composed of barely more than newsprint, contains dull images and type and if there is even more than a hint of

moisture in the air (or your fingertips) the pages buckle and warp. A book like this needs to be read and, moreover, it needs to be used without fear of the pages self destructing. I would never have paid full price for this particular volume. It's a great book with historical insight, straightforward recipes, easy to find or make ingredients and there is hardly any blank space on the page, which makes the paper itself the problem. Buy this book. It's worth the cover price, but look harder and find an earlier copy.

I was referred to Beachbum Berry's works by the captain of a local "Tiki Boat Tour". The boat gives tours of the local harbor, and includes a full bar. The tropical "umbrella drinks", or more accurately Tiki Drinks, were amazing, better than any I'd had before. In talking with the captain, he described Beachbum Berry's works, and their influence on his drink recipes. I purchased this compilation of two books by "The 'Bum", and it is sheer Tiki genius! The author has conducted extensive research to find original recipes from the Tiki phenomenon that arose in the 30's and 40's. Many recipes, held highly secret at the time, were found by talking to the families of original bartenders from legendary establishments like Trader Vic's, Don The Beachcomber, and more. Many were found in tattered notebooks or scraps of paper, carried in a bartender's pocket decades ago and now family heirlooms languishing in obscurity until Berry tracked them down. Reading and mixing these recipes, one quickly realizes that most of today's generic bar versions of these drinks are unoriginal, unimaginative, and pale in comparison to the classic recipes. You haven't had a good Mai Tai until you've tried the original recipe, and others in these books. The Zombie was legendary in its own time, but if you order it in a bar today, you'll never know why. Aside from hundreds of amazing drink recipes, the author describes the process of tracking down relatives of long deceased bartenders in hopes of finding recipes that haven't seen the light of day in over 50 years, as well as a thorough, very entertaining history of the Tiki movement, the highly secretive "cloak and dagger" world of coded drink recipes and "Tiki Bar espionage". Buy this compilation book as a treasure chest of delicious drink recipes, and be the star at your next party. Or simply buy it for a glimpse at a historic, very colorful time in our pop culture. history.

Beach Bum Berry is a true cocktail archeologist - he has searched out the history and lore of these drinks and the fantasy world of Tiki to which they belonged from the 1930s to the 1970s - a world which is now being revived. While to me as a student Tiki Drinks were usually a mish-mash of fruit juices with a lot of rum, at one time they were made with as much care and deliberation, and they were excellent! Some were world famous. And now you can make these spectacular drinks

yourself. Most of the recipes for the most famous drinks were secret - to prevent your competitors from copying your drinks, so until now it was never possible to recreate the masterpieces of the best of the pioneers and founders of this style - most notably Donn Beach aka Don the Beachcomber, who invented tiki. By interviewing surviving bar-staff (and their children) and going through: papers, notebooks, receipts, magazine, old menus, etc.; Jeff Berry has put together the largest (and best) collection of important recipes - including all three of Don the Beachcombers (known) Zombie recipes. But this is not just another book with a hundred drink recipes. First, it includes all the recipes from the Bum's first two books, and they are unusually clear about how to make the drinks. Most drink books say "then add to crushed ice in a blender and blend", but this book says "add 6 oz of crushed ice to the mixture and blend for 20 seconds." Second, Jeff has gone through all the recipes and tried them (again), and included only the better recipes. And some recipes say "this drink is famous, but we've never liked it much" or "this is Vic's revised version, circa 1950. Not that did, but if you did ask us, we'd say that this one is much improved." Last, there is a lot of entertaining trivia about the bars, the stars, and the world these drinks lived in. Old photos, crazy drink mugs, the works. I own over 100 cocktail recipe books, for Tiki, this is the place to start and end. Aloha!

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