



The Brewers Tale: A History of the World According to Beer

By William Bostwick

W. W. Norton & Company. Paperback. Condition: New. 304 pages. Winner of 2014 U. S. Gourmand Drinks Award Taste 5, 000 years of brewing history as a time-traveling homebrewer rediscovers and re-creates the great beers of the past. The Brewers Tale is a beer-filled journey into the past: the story of brewers gone by and one brave writers quest to bring themand their ancient, forgotten beersback to life, one taste at a time. This is the story of the world according to beer, a toast to flavors born of necessity and placein Belgian monasteries, rundown farmhouses, and the basement nanobrewery next door. So pull up a barstool and raise a glass to 5, 000 years of fermented magic. Fueled by date-and-honey gruel, sour pediococcus-laced lambics, and all manner of beers between, William Bostwicks rollicking quest for the drinks origins takes him into the redwood forests of Sonoma County, to bullet-riddled South Boston brewpubs, and across the Atlantic, from Mesopotamian sands to medieval monasteries to British brewing factories. Bostwick compares notes with the Mt. Vernon historian in charge of preserving George Washingtons molasses-based home brew, and he finds the ancestor of todays macrobrewed lagers in a nineteenth-century spys hollowed-out walking stick....



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