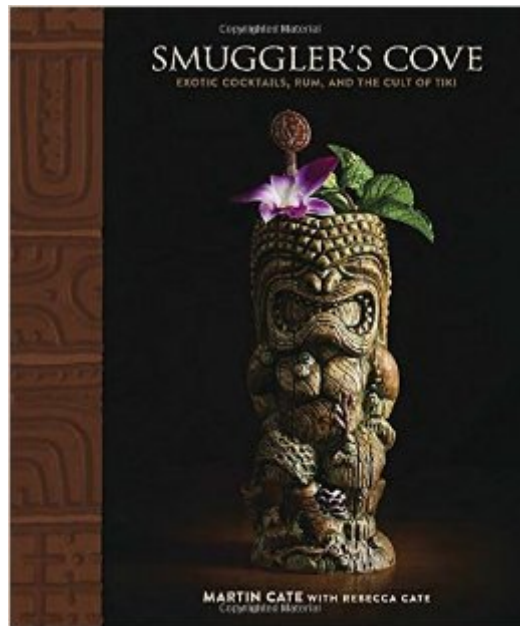


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Smuggler's Cove: Exotic Cocktails, Rum, And The Cult Of Tiki



Synopsis

Cast aside your cares and worries. Make yourself a Mai Tai, put your favorite exotica record on the hi-fi, and prepare to lose yourself in the fantastical world of tiki, one of the most alluring—and often misunderstood—movements in American cultural history. Martin and Rebecca Cate, founders and owners of Smuggler's Cove (the most acclaimed tiki bar of the modern era) take you on a colorful journey into the lore and legend of tiki: its birth as an escapist fantasy for Depression-era Americans; how exotic cocktails were invented, stolen, and re-invented; Hollywood starlets and scandals; and tiki's modern-day revival. Featuring more than 100 delicious recipes (original and historic), plus a groundbreaking new approach to understanding rum, Smuggler's Cove is the magnum opus of the contemporary tiki renaissance. Whether you're looking for a new favorite cocktail, tips on how to trick out your home tiki grotto, help stocking your bar with great rums, or inspiration for your next tiki party, Smuggler's Cove has everything you need to transform your world into a Polynesian Pop fantasia.

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Customer Reviews

This book goes far beyond being a cocktail book, or the history of a single bar. It effortlessly bridges the gap, or even better, proves that there has to be no gap at all between mid-century American Tiki culture and its re-appreciation in the 21st Century. Like no other publication before, it demonstrates that Tiki Pop is alive and well today. The eye candy of elaborate Tiki environments, the joy of their inhabitants, and the ambrosial nature of their libations are as seductively presented as humanly

possible, creating a spontaneous need to partake in such merriment. All this is backed up by thoughtful writing and insightful information that is bound to convert a new generation to the cult of Tiki. Behold, imbibe, and live Tiki like it should be lived.

This is a beautiful book. I only got it today and just started reading it so this is a preliminary review but this is one of the best-looking, best-reading cocktail books I've picked up in a very long time. With photos and art on nearly every page, Martin Cate's writing is clear and entertaining. There are more than a hundred recipes throughout the chapters, along with well-written information about the history of the tiki culture; everything about rum and how it's made; making the drinks (extensive info here); setting up your own home bar and throwing a tiki party. This book is not only a delight to read but it would be an appropriate gift for the cocktail-lover in your life.

A guide to Tiki and its libations. Martin sets the context of Tiki today and gives us the guidance only a bar owner and cocktail nerd/doer can. A cumulative passion expressed in 300+ pages. It is also about community as he draws on many others' knowledge, ability, and love to bring together a great resource for the Tiki enthusiast and the Tiki curious. This book will be on the shelf of every respectable bar in the world soon. Smuggler's Cove: Exotic Cocktails, Rum, and the Cult of Tiki

OMG! What a comprehensive guide to foods, drinks, decorating and the history of TIKI. I have many such books (love Mid-Century Modern, as well) but this is, by far, the best so far. An easy read as well as copiously illustrated. A great addition to your TIKI book collection.

Smuggler's Cove is the book to have for tiki cocktails. I've made three of the drinks so far and they have all been winners. One of the best things about the book is the author lists 7 types of rum and the recipes specify a type instead of a specific bottle which means the your home bar only needs 7 bottles of rum. Many cocktail books call for specific bottles which gets both expensive and unwieldy after awhile. The recipes aren't overly complicated which I appreciate as well. I have books from other famous bars and for some books, making one drink is a huge project. I look forward to working my way through more recipes. The text of book is fantastic as well. It gives a great account of the origins of tiki culture in the USA and how Smuggler's Cove came to be.

This shouldn't be the *only* book on your tiki shelf, but it's definitely one you NEED to add to your collection. It covers a large number of recipes both old and new alongside various bits of tiki history.

The writing is simple and easy to consume, without any airs or pompous "tiki-er-than-thou" assumptions or declarations. The recipes are what you'd expect from Smuggler's Cove, and come with an added bonus coding of rum type by number, so you can opt for an array of rums, rather than just the ones called for in the book - this is great for non-bartenders who want to make their own deliciousness. The layout of the book itself is wonderful and eye-catching, with scores of lush, beautiful photos throughout (I'm almost required to say that though, since I'm in one of them on page 130). It's a heavy binding, solid and textured on the outside, and the quality of the book itself feels really high. I think this may be the only tiki or cocktail book I own that I've read all the way through more than once, and I'm sure I'll be going through it again and again.

An excellent book It shares the history of tiki along with drink mix suggestions. The photos are excellent. The narrative riveting. A must for any tiki collector or tiki bar hopper. This bar is in San Francisco and a must see.

There are a handful of living souls who know what they're talking about when it comes to "Tiki" culture and it's complexity, and Martin Cate is one of them. This book joins my top shelf of manuals on the subject. Here Cate, a master of detail - lays it out in a simply exquisite cover to cover bible of tiki mixology, spirits and an ever growing revival by Polynesian utopians. I attended one of Martin's seminars on rum at Tiki Oasis in the early 2000's and before the lines blurred, I was quickly awed by his knowledge of rum - the key ingredient of any concoction worthy of a paper umbrella. I have some beautiful books. But let me just say that Martin has delivered one so beautiful that I reordered a time-capsule spare. The cover, the size (bible), the weight (bible), the paper stock (heavy), the vintage look, color photos (old and new) and illustration all match. The book is not just a reference, it's a complete story woven together as witnessed by the chapter headings: Part One; An Invitation To Escape / The Birth of Tiki / The Golden Era / The Tiki Revival - Part Two, Smuggler's Cove, The Modern Tiki Bar / Creating the Space / Curating the Experience - Part Three, The Spirit of Rum / Rum Through The Ages / Understanding Rum - Part Four, Exotic Cocktails: Mystique and Technique / The Theater of the Exotic Cocktail / Eight Essential Exotic Elixirs - Part Five, Creating Paradise / The Tiki Look and Feel / The Tiki Party - Epilogue: The Heritage of Tiki / House-Made Ingredients / Resources / Bibliography and Additional Reading / A Few Of My Favorite Tiki Spots / About the Authors / Index The book is co-authored by his wife Rebecca who inspired Martin on his long journey into the world of tiki and together they opened San Francisco's 'Smuggler's Cove' - the ultimate rum bar, where tiki meets pirate's chest and where all of the knowledge of this book lives

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