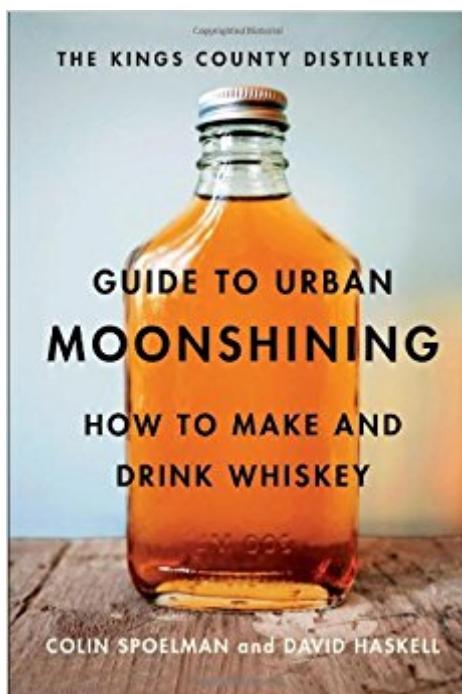


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# The Kings County Distillery Guide To Urban Moonshining: How To Make And Drink Whiskey



## Synopsis

Ã  A new generation of urban bootleggers is distilling whiskey at home, and cocktail enthusiasts have embraced the nuances of brown liquors. Written by the founders of Kings County Distillery, New York CityÃ¢â€šs first distillery since Prohibition, this spirited illustrated book explores AmericaÃ¢â€šs age-old love affair with whiskey. It begins with chapters on whiskeyÃ¢â€šs history and culture from 1640 to today, when the DIY trend and the classic cocktail craze have conspired to make it the next big thing. For those thirsty for practical information, the book next provides a detailed, easy-to-follow guide to safe home distilling, complete with a list of supplies, step-by-step instructions, and helpful pictures, anecdotes, and tips. The final section focuses on the contemporary whiskey scene, featuring a list of microdistillers, cocktail and food recipes from the countryÃ¢â€šs hottest mixologists and chefs, and an opinionated guide to building your own whiskey collection.

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"The moonshining world is notoriously full of orally-perpetuated misinformation and the legitimate whiskey industry is full of marketing lies and half-truths; Spoelman and Haskell have thankfully defied those traditions and released an educational book of honesty and transparency." (Serious Eats)

Colin Spoelman, a former rooftop moonshiner from Kentucky, and David Haskell, the

great-grandson of a Prohibition-era bootlegger from New York, founded Kings County Distillery in 2010 to make small-scale batches of moonshine, bourbon, and other whiskeys. Spoelman also works in architecture and Haskell is a Deputy Editor at New York magazine.

I'm a bit underwhelmed by this book, as it's more of a loose collection of whiskey related facts, that culminate in a recipe for a basic corn moonshine. All in all, about 5 pages of this book are about actually making and distilling alcohol, it's like I googled for a recipe, and had to read some dudes comprehensive forums post about Moonshine, Kentucky, the Different kinds of Bourbons, why you shouldn't care who made your whiskey, but you should care who made your whiskey. and then another guy posts a recipe below it. Save yourself 18 bucks, just google it.

I'm starting to learn about whiskey and the book is a valuable tool that gives me insight into the history and process that I really didn't know about. Reading it I felt very inspired to experiment.

A great read even if you aren't going to make your own. Fun, informative, great for anybody interested in American whiskey in general, history, booze science, etc. Would make a great gift or coffee table book. Hard to put down, you'll probably plow through it in a day or two. That said, I used it for tips to help me make whiskey. And it was good.

Gift for my husband. With close to 30 bourbons in his personnel collection. This book was full of interesting facts. I bought "The American whiskey family tree" print to go along with it. For less than \$50. I bought the guy who has everything...something he didn't. He loved it!

I'm not much of a whiskey drinker but neither am I a teetotaler. As a beekeeper I've had some experience with honey having turned to alcohol, though, and I've made a few batches of beer, too. But I've always had a thought of making some 'whiskey'. Even contacted the ATF offices some years back. Now that I've some time available the idea has reemerged and I was surprised to learn of 'The Kings County Distillery'. Kings county is Brooklyn and I'm a native of that N.Y.C. borough. I decided to read the book before I toured the distillery and found that Colin Spoelman and David Haskell have included more information on the subject of whiskey in their "Guide to Urban Moonshining", than I had hoped for. Their information on the history of whiskey making held my interest as did all about distilling. It isn't a how to book per se, but Included is information on stills and still making, and there are links for purchasing stills and equipment as well as recipes. I enjoyed

it all immensely.

Bought it for my brother and then kind of regretted having to leave it with him. The book is a combination of good information and good stories, which definitely drew me in and kept me reading.

Really enjoyed the entire book. Great information on the history of Whiskey as well as common manufacturers and practices.

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