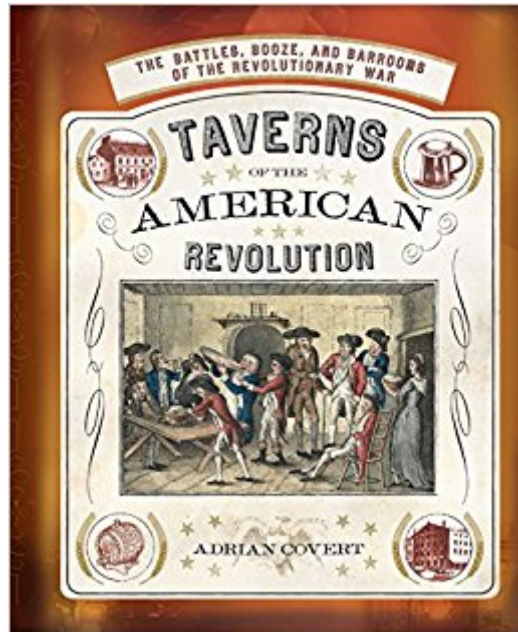




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# Taverns Of The American Revolution



## Synopsis

The first visual and narrative account of the American Revolution told through tales about the Colonial-era inns, taverns, and alcoholic beverages that shaped it, *Taverns of the American Revolution* is equal parts history, trivia, coffee-table book, and travel guide. *A Complete Guide to the Spirits of 1776*

In 1737, Benjamin Franklin published *“The Drinker”*—a compendium of more than two hundred expressions for drinking and drunkenness, such as *“oil”*, *“fuzl”*, and *“half way to Concord.”* Nearly forty years later, the same barrooms that fostered these terms over bowls of rum punch helped sow the seeds of revolution. *Taverns of the American Revolution* presents the boozing and schmoozing that went on in some of America’s most historic watering holes, revealing the crucial role these public houses played as meeting places for George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, and their fellow Founding Fathers in the struggle for independence. More than a retelling of the Revolutionary War, this unique volume takes readers on a tour of more than twenty surviving colonial taverns; features period artwork, maps, and cocktail recipes; and is filled with trivia and anecdotes about the drinking habits of colonial Americans. From history buffs and those interested in colonial architecture and art to tavern goers, beer aficionados, trivia lovers, and those keen on hitting a few historic pubs on their road trip through the original thirteen colonies, this one-of-a-kind compendium is the ultimate guide to the taverns that helped spark a revolution. Includes:

- Commentary on more than twenty surviving colonial taverns
- Period artwork, maps, and documents
- A detailed time line of the events leading up to, during, and immediately after the American Revolution
- Six colonial cocktail recipes
- A comprehensive index of more than one hundred fifty surviving colonial taverns
- An abundance of little-known facts and anecdotes that will have you owning your next pub quiz trivia night

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## Customer Reviews

"Of all the many pictures in *Taverns*, the interiors are most alluring—hardwood floors, colonial furnishings, inviting hearths, and especially those taprooms. There's a beautiful shot of the taproom at the Griswold Inn in Essex, Conn. But of the countless times I've been to "the Gris," I never knew until reading this book that one of the encased muskets held in its barrel a tightly scrolled letter, dating from 1776, from a father to his son." *The Washington Free Beacon* "These taverns are still around. So why not embark on a journey that combines a bit of history and a bit of booze? That was Adrian Covert's wonderful idea when he wrote *Taverns of the American Revolution*." *The Weekly Standard* "Taverns of the American Revolution is a great gift for history buffs as well as those interested in the drinks and conversations that occurred in these watering holes, some of which were frequented by George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin." *New Jersey Monthly*

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Fantastic review of American History through the taverns that helped feed the American Revolution. Great book with great recipes!

Great reference source for visiting some of this Taverns (already have been in some).

Every History Buff should read this book.

Really very good. Well put together. and a good story.

Cool book. Love history.

The publisher sent me a copy of this book for review. The best use for this book is planning a historical drinking tour in the Northeast. The author has made extensive efforts to identify all taverns currently operating in buildings that were used to serve alcohol before 1800. Although, as he says, the list is undoubtedly incomplete, he has found enough to get you most of the way to cirrhosis in a manner a bit more dignified than the usual. It is filled with amusing stories both about the taverns and what contemporary writers thought about taverns in general. This could have also been an educational history, because upper class taverns were essential social meeting places, lower class taverns were perceived as major social problems, taverns were often the only large public buildings available for almost any use, and taverns high and low were important incubators of democracy. While the author presents all these aspects, he is neither deep nor accurate enough to satisfy history lovers. So buy the book if you like amusing history softened by the warm glow of rum, companionship and cozy colonial architecture.

An original concept, Covert has put together a list and history of the taverns and pubs that became the breeding grounds of revolution. His genuine love of the topic and enthusiasm is clear; I imagine him gesturing with a drink in hand while recounting some of the stories. Only problem is it feels a bit padded after a while. It would also jump around a bit by location or chronology, but I wish the order could have stayed with one or the other. I really appreciated though his suggested walking tours and lists of locations that are still open/active, or at least still standing and viewable! I always get a kick out of visiting historic places, and what is more equalizing than a pub? Overall a quick, fun read.

Taverns of the American Revolution by Adrian Covert is a free NetGalley ebook that I read in early May. Taverns of the American Revolution is a 13-colonies selection of taverns that are still in operation or exist in some other form (wine bar, brewery, etc.). The rundown of its entries are as follows: dossier, brief history, what's on the walls, and the drinks that it's known for (in the past and in the present-day).

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