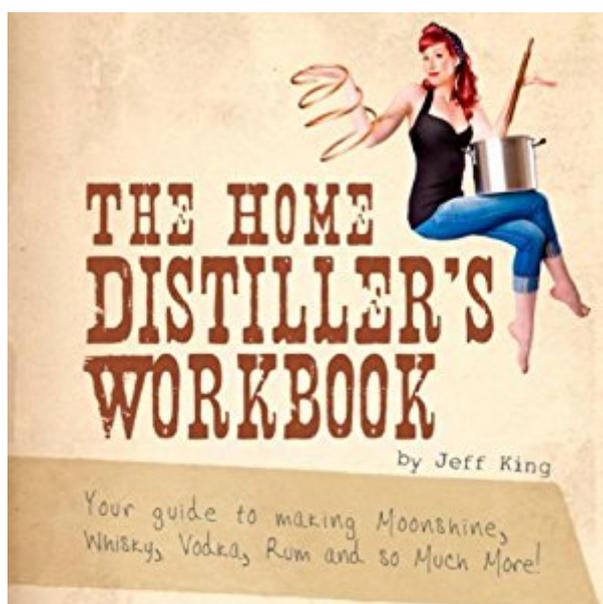


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# The Home Distiller's Workbook: Your Guide To Making Moonshine, Whiskey, Vodka, Rum, And So Much More! Vol.1



## Synopsis

The Home Distiller's Workbook tackles the often misunderstood and misrepresented world of moonshine and distillation and reduces them to such simple concepts that even a first time "Shiner" can understand. The HDW will introduce you to the three basic steps in making your own artisan-crafted spirits: brewing, distilling, and ageing. We will be tackling these steps one by one in a way that will have you saying "I just can't believe it was that easy." And the truth is that it's even easier than that. If you can follow a recipe to make a cake then with the help of the HDW you could be making anything from Moonshine to Vodka on your kitchen stove! Disclaimer: The information gathered in this book comes mostly from personal experience and from other publicly available sources. The purpose of this workbook is for entertainment and education only. Please note that the distillation of alcohol without a license is against the law in the United States of America and many other countries. Please check with your federal, state, and local laws prior to following any of the procedures outlined herein.

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## Customer Reviews

This book was massively disappointing, I don't know how it has so many positive reviews. First of all, the book is tiny. It's got 80 pages of large print, widely spaced text with a few basic diagrams thrown in. If you shrank the print size and spacing down to normal book sizes I think you'd be looking at about 40 pages, which is pretty paltry. I read it in about an hour. Second, the information presented is poorly laid out, frustratingly lacking in detail, and poorly edited. The book jumps around with little

sense of flow, repeats itself, and uses Wikipedia as it's only reference. Third, despite promising to in the title, it doesn't actually teach you to make Moonshine, Whiskey, or Vodka!! It doesn't seem like too much to ask a book to actually deliver on the promises in it's title, but incredibly this book fails at that. This book gives sketchy "recipes" without any details on what to do with the ingredients for Moonshine, Whiskey, etc... but amazingly says right there on page 60: "In this book we don't really have time to cover everything...so we are going to make rum." Then the author says that if you want to actually learn all the steps for making something other than rum, you'll need to buy his other books!! What kind of shady bait and switch nonsense is this? Finally, as other reviewers have noted, the author has a bizzare habit of arguing nastily in the comments with folks who give his book low reviews. Had I read the reviews more thoroughly before purchasing this I would have seen the warnings for everything I've listed here, noted the strange way the author responds to constructive criticism, and gone elsewhere. There are other, much better books available. If you want a short and sweet guide to whiskey and distilling that actually provides all the steps you will need to make your first batch of whiskey or bourbon I recommend How to Make Whiskey:[http://www..com/How-Make-Whiskey-Step-Step/dp/1480174408/ref=pd\\_sim\\_b\\_1?ie=UTF8&refRID=1EW7Q3MVSZRZ54CEAREJD](http://www..com/How-Make-Whiskey-Step-Step/dp/1480174408/ref=pd_sim_b_1?ie=UTF8&refRID=1EW7Q3MVSZRZ54CEAREJD)

I read this book last night. One of my friends has offered to show me the ropes of distillation. The author seems to know a lot about this topic and it shows. In this book, he discusses the different types of distilling, the equipment needed when buying or making your own and the methodologies for producing the results. He offers up shopping lists, pictures and links to sites that can also be helpful. He does all of this with a charming style and a sense of humor. He also offers some VERY important tips that prevent problems you would encounter if you were trying to just figure out on your own. He includes some recipes - that include the ratios needed to produce product. Recipes for things like Whisky, Grappa, Scotch, Schnapps and Fruit Liquors. He even tells you how to prevent your spirits from being "off". I'll still be glad for personal instruction, but this book sure has helped me get ready for it and will be a great reference tool.

This is a good book, for beginners looking to make their own spirits. My State has the highest tax on liquor in the country. After buying this book I have saved a ton of money. I rarely ever buy liquor at the store anymore. So it was definitely worth \$5. Having said that some of the recipes are off. The recipe for tequila calls for 32oz of blue agave for every gallon of mash. 32oz might be right if you were making 6 to 8 gallons of mash. The recipes I've had the greatest success with are whiskey

and moonshine. The whiskey I make is pretty much moonshine with aged oak chip flavored water added to it. I just cook the oak chips in my oven, fill up a jar with water, add the chips, stick them in my fridge and let them age. Once I've made a batch of moonshine, I pour some in a jar, add some oak chip flavored water, filter it with a carbon filtered Brita water filter, then presto I got a decent tasting whiskey with out too much waiting time. Moonshine is extremely easy to make, but you have to have a lot of time on your hands to make it. I usually make a gallon at a time which require you to make about 8 gallons of mash. distilling all that mash is an all day thing. You can buy stills on EBAY. I recommend the one that comes with a fish tank pump. The fish tank pump recirculates the water, so you don't have use a lot of water. I bought a 2 gallon still, then when I got good, I used that design to make a larger 5 gallon still on my own. Anyway, I'm going to stop making alcohol now, I gave both my stills away to a friend. I just don't have the time anymore. I would recommend this book to anyone who is looking for a rewarding, yet time consuming, hobby and shares a love for affordable, tasty, homemade spirits.

After reading this book, I decided not to do distillation for personal reasons. The book helped me make my decision by being comprehensive, descriptive, and well written. No number of websites could help me with this decision... this book was well worth the price. If you do have a genuine desire to distil spirits I HIGHLY recommend this book. Previous reviews mentioned a problem with diagrams (and the author addressed this in their comments), but my more recent purchase of this book had ALL diagrams present and detailed. I want to thank the author for providing a timely revision of your best selling information.

Google Home Distillation and save your self a few dollars. This book is so basic that in doing my homework I had questions like "What's the difference between 2 row and 6 row malts?" "What's the basics for cutting?" These basic questions for making distillate are not only there but the author references Wikipedia... Really? Even during college we were not allowed to do that, let alone publish it. If you don't have a computer or a library or access to the internet, then by all means buy this book. Go in with no expectations and you won't be disappointed.

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