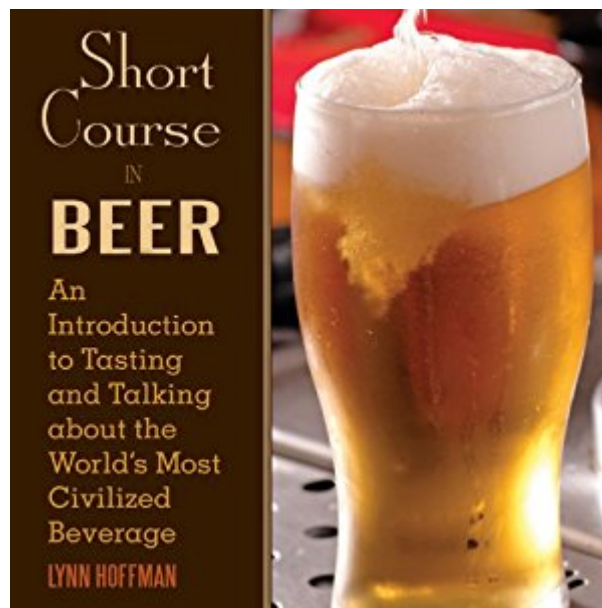


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# Short Course In Beer: An Introduction To Tasting And Talking About The World's Most Civilized Beverage



## Synopsis

Love beer. Sound smart. Drink well. Straightforward and opinionated, *Short Course in Beer* is designed to turn the novice beer lover into an expert imbibor and the casual drinker into an enthusiast. Readers will come to understand the beauty of beer and the sources of its flavor, as well as learn which beers are worth our time and which are not. With tongue in cheek, the author examines beer's historical connections to the Crusades, the Hundred Years' War, and modern-day soccer riots. He talks frankly (and joyfully) about the effects of alcohol on the body and brain, he defends beer from its enemies, and ushers it out of the frat house and into the dining room. Discussion questions at the end of each chapter are designed to stimulate lively conversations, presumably over a glass of equally lively beer. At last a beer course for smarties!

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This book was written by a man who has spent a large chunk of his life learning about, appreciating and creating beer (and food) as well as bringing the enjoyment and understanding of those things to others and it shows. Hoffman's approachable, conversational style makes readers feel that they're bellied up to the bar with him, enjoying a good old jawing session about a topic this man knows inside out. There is a metric ton of beer-knowledge in this book, but like a session ale it goes down easy. No hard-to-follow treatises on water chemistry here! You'll enjoy reading it so much that you won't even realize you've been learning the whole time. There are very few people in the world who could write about beer the way Lynn Hoffman does - I'm getting thirsty just thinking about it! Some folks would write a book about beer and then rest on their laurels. Not Lynn Hoffman. He wrote a

book about beer and then continued to store away bits and pieces of knowledge for years before revisiting and revising to put out this great second edition. This guy pays attention. The new edition of the Short Course in Beer contains all the good stuff from the first edition (I own both) but is updated, beefed up (more side-bars and illustrations), and spiffed up (color pictures and glossy paperstock). You may not walk away from this book knowing all about how to brew beer or judge beer in a contest (yes, there is such a thing as a Certified Beer Judge) but you will certainly walk away from this book well-equipped to talk about beer, which is a happy circumstance since enjoying a beer while talking can be one of life's greatest pleasures (I think Dr. Hoffman would agree). Hoffman covers important topics such as history, beer and food (there are recipes, people!

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