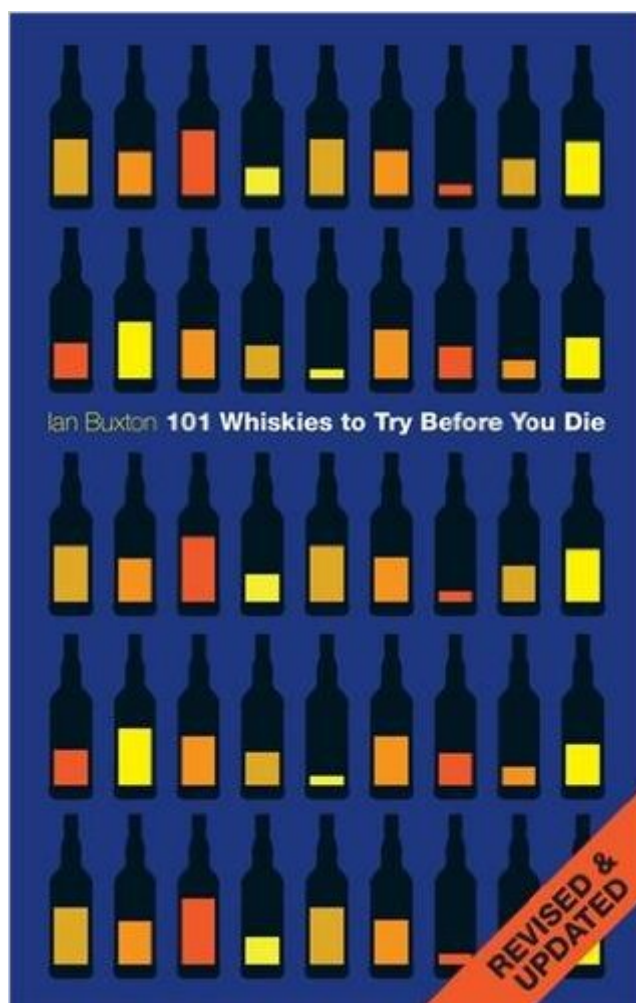


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# 101 Whiskies To Try Before You Die



## Synopsis

Fully updated and revised in 2013, *101 Whiskies to Try Before You Die* is a whisky guide with a difference. It is not an awards list. It is not a list of the 101 'best' whiskies in the world in the opinion of a self-appointed whisky guru. It is simply a guide to the 101 whiskies that enthusiasts must seek out and try in order to complete their whisky education. Avoiding the deliberately obscure, the ridiculously limited and the absurdly expensive, whisky expert Ian Buxton recommends an eclectic selection of old favourites, stellar newcomers and mystifyingly unknown drams that simply have to be drunk. The book decodes the marketing hype and gets straight to the point; whether from India, America, Sweden, Ireland, Japan or the hills, glens and islands of Scotland, here are the 101 whiskies that you really want. This is a desert island list of whiskies - fully revised and updated in the light of the industry's constant need to keep changing things! Try them before you die - Slainte!

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## Customer Reviews

If you're the type of whisky drinker who hasn't ventured outside of a handful of malts or blends, or are just starting to discover whisky, this book is a great resource for discovering new and exciting expressions. First, I must commend Mr. Buxton for placing whiskies on his list which he confesses to not enjoying, but realizes others might find excellent - some of the peatier Islay scotches for example. I bought this book knowing it was a subjective list, and did so gladly since the book doesn't try to focus only on single malts or a specific whisky making region - like Mr. Jackson's treatise, a "Complete Guide To Single Malt Scotch." And in the process of reading through the 101

whiskies presented in the book I've discovered a handful of whiskies from distillers I've never thought of buying (i.e. Buffalo Trace) and in a couple of instances I've expanded on the list by filling the gaps in the ranges Mr. Buxton recommends. One such example is The Macallan, which places three spots on the list with their 10, 18 and 30 year old expressions. After buying a bottle of The Macallan 10 year, and trying their 18, I decided to purchase a bottle of 15 year Fine Oak, which isn't on the list. The Macallan profile was so good in the two I tasted from the list that it convinced me to try the 15 year and see what I might have been missing between the 10 and 18 year expressions; I'm glad I did! The list isn't presented in any hierarchical structure, but rather alphabetically, which makes finding whiskies easy and the book enjoyable to read. The only complaint I have is with Mr. Buxton's color coded price guide, which can often be hard to decipher requiring a trip back to the front of the book to glance at the legend and as one color blind friend mentioned is near useless for him. Other than that small quibble, this is an excellent book and one I highly recommend.

I have quite a few books on whisky so I bought this with some skepticism because a lot of the books just rehash the same old stuff about the history of the distilleries, which ones have visitors' centers, etc. But this book was quite different. I wound up reading it straight through, thoroughly enjoying the offbeat selections (some good Japanese whiskies chosen) and snarky comments. (The comment about what to do with the purple Crown Royal bag made me laugh out loud.) And as much as I like the late Michael Jackson's single malt guides, Buxton makes an excellent point against Jackson: How the heck can you differentiate a 92 from a 93 rating? It's better to tell the reader what the whiskies are all about, and to his credit, he even says for several of them, "Hey, I don't particularly like this one, but you should try it." Bravo! If you like whisky (or whiskey) this is a wonderful book.

Color pictures on every page and a small size make this a nice, simple guide. The descriptions discuss both the tasting points (color, nose, taste and finish) as well as the process and history behind each.

Overall it's a great book, what I didn't know was that it was really kind of geared towards those across the pond, as it was written by an English author, so not only is the pricing in the euro, but many of the selections are going to be a bit harder to come by here in the U.S. Overall though a great book, and fun little read.

The book is very basic and will allow for you to really explore the world of whiskey, one bottle at a

time. The author provides his input and a simple justification of why a particular whiskey was selected. I find that it will be a great challenge from here forward to try all the listed whiskies before I die, but I am already at a 16 bottle start before I picked up the book. I found that his reasons for listing the ones I have tried match very much to why I liked them as well. I would recommend anyone that has an interest in drinking a whiskey without coke to pickup this book and a few bottles, and you just might make some new friends.

This book makes no sense. Don't buy this book if you want to learn more about these 101 whiskies. Yes, the book gives a short statement about color, nose and taste for each but mostly it consists of rants about the different brand's marketing. I want to learn about the whisky in order to find gems to try next, I do not care that "the competitors over at Chivas" do things different in their marketing, a phrase that seems to be the centerpiece of this whole book. Also, why do I have to read on several occasions that the author didn't like this and that whisky? If he did not like it, then why is it in his book about "101 Whiskies to try"? If you are interested in skewed personal opinions about the distilleries as businesses then go ahead and buy this book. If you are interested in the whiskies, and I assume that is why you are here, you won't find what you are looking for.

My hubby has a new interest in whiskey so I got this as a Christmas gift. He fell in love with this book. He read and re-read. He even took it to work to share. My only problem is how much money he is spending on whiskey now.

buy it, love it, get toasted on some great whiskies. Enough said. The alcohol is in alphabetical order, the pricing is all relatively inexpensive, most being below \$100, so its reasonable. Most are widely available as well. I bring it to the liquor store with me.

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