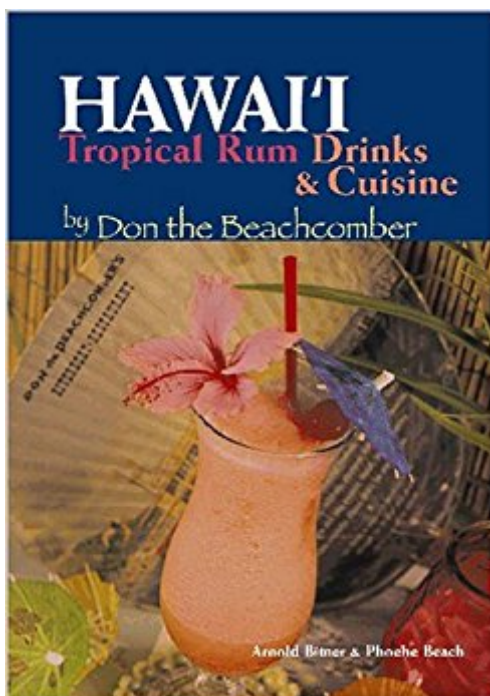


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got it for my sister's birthday and she loved it. She said they sat out on the patio making drinks one whole weekend... I guess she can review aspirin later!

all my life I have had sleazy "tiki" drinks made with mixes and high fructose corn syrup. Mostly served in Chinese restaurants. A Washington area restaurantier went to Hawaii and was blown away by the real thing and started serving them here. the only drinks really worth \$10 each, Made with fresh hand squeezed fruit juice, quality rums and exotic ingredients, including Absinthe. WOW what a difference. This book tells how to make the real thing A copy of the original Donn Beach, aka Don the Beachcomber 1933 receipes as served to Clark Gable and Carol Lombard. the only receipe missing is the orginal (Ernest) Hemminway Daiquiri. Great book, you won't believe how complex the real drinks taste, like really expensive wines. BTW a real Zombie has 13 ingredients! the recipes list the orginal rums and liquors and also list substitutes for those no longer made.

Lots of outdated, unavailable ingredients. Go with Beachbum Berry's Potions of the Caribbean for updates instead.

We've only read this book. We bought it to give us some culinary ideas for our trip to HI. We found fabulous sauces, and premixes in the grocery stores, so we didn't even open this book while we vacationed.

Awesome book, great history and a tiki must have.

This is a great book to have for your bar, but also a bit of nostalgia for those of us who went to Hawaii in the 50's when it truly was a paradise. I remember drinking those Vicious Virgins at the Moana in Waikiki. And who could forget Don the Beachcomer! This is a beautifully done collector's book.

This book is great for the Tiki fan. Great stories about Don and some great receipts in it as well. Great design and layout. Makes you wish you could drive to a Don the Beachcomer and have a Mai Tai and a Pu Pu platter.

I've always been a fan of the Zombie. It's just a great tropical drink. When I decided that I had had enough of paying \$7 for them at restaurants, and that I wanted my own at home, I looked up Trader Vic's recipe. It was okay, but it really was geared more for a sort of "Zombie Punch" -- where ratios were expressed in fifths (entire bottles) rather than ounces. Later, I happened upon Suzanne Matczuk's Cocktail-o-Matic, which had a much more approachable recipe for Zombies. I began to make those, and was happy. However, this year I spent two weeks on O'ahu. I became totally hooked on the atmosphere (one could say the entire island made a left turn at 1968, and has just sort of "lived tiki" since), the people, and the drinks and cuisine. So while I was in Hilo Hatties, I picked this book up on a whim. I was totally impressed. Where I thought I would be getting a book full of touristy BS, I got a book with authentic (one of the authors is Donn's widow, these recipes were taken from his belongings) recipes for both drinks and food. The drinks are quite palatable. Many of them (such as Beachcomer's Gold and Rum Barrel) are just classic. A couple are "out there" (such as Test Pilot), but you can really taste and feel what the author was going for. I feel I must mention the Zombie recipe from this book. Not only is it authentic -- the man invented the drink -- but we learn that it contained Absinthe! Also, that it was prepared at least a couple times with added glycerine. Wow. This explains the drink's somewhat evil reputation. If all you got in this book was the drinks, it would be worth the price. However, you gain priceless insight into the culture, and

into Donn himself. Of particular interest was the conversation between Donn and Vic about the Mai Tai. Additionally, the story of his shipping gardenias from Hawaii (daily!) and his experience in the Army during WWII. Highly recommended. I'd also recommend the Suzanne Matczuk book, as it is told in the same way (plenty of culture with the drinks), and it is instructional to see the difference in the drinks as she writes them, and the way they were originally... "prescribed."

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