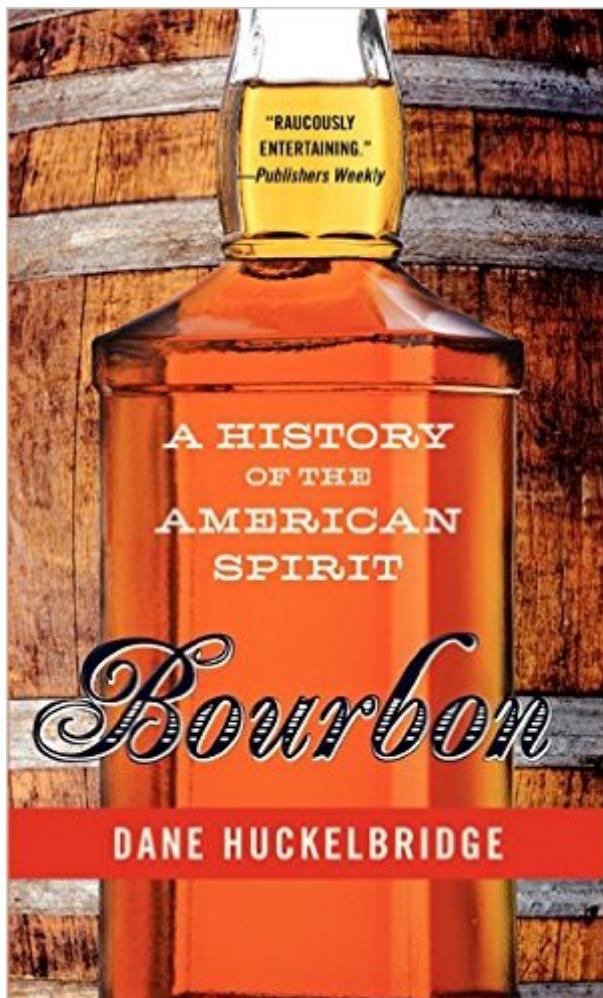


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"Bourbon: A History..." by author Dane Huckelbridge lives up to its title - chronicling the corn-based spirit from the beginning of "hard spirits" at the hands of Raymond Llull in 1265 to bourbon's (trendy) "small batch" distillations. Once free of historic connection to generic 'spirits' the book follows the life of American Bourbon from George Thorpe's 'letter' in 1620 (1st documented reference) into the "Whiskey Rebellion" of 1791, through "The Great Experiment" of Prohibition to the modern resurgence of high quality small-batch bourbons. Huckelbridge insists on a 'swaggering' (?) style in his prose that at first captivates, then becomes annoying and finally ends at the Epilogue in guarded acceptance given to a good story, well told. Here is an excerpt containing the style, be the judge of its entertainment value to you because there are ~288 pages of this:"Almost mind you. Because before bourbon can settle its spurs fully in the modern world, there are still a few wild corners of the country left to be tamed, and still a fair number of whiskey drinkers out on the range who know more

about six-shooters than they do about stock prices. And thanks to the new fangled railroads, getting there is only a hop, skip, and a few whistle stops away. So saddle up and get ready, because the west didn't get Wild by sipping Coca Cola, and America didn't cut its teeth on Dentyne gum. Long before there was a car in every driveway and a chicken in every pot, there was a saloon on every corner and a bullet with your name on it. Hi-yo, bourbon! Away!" (pg.143, loc. 1566) (even the text is 'at least 51% corn'.) The read is punctuated with a good number of illustrations that add interest and tie the text to the nostalgic past.

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