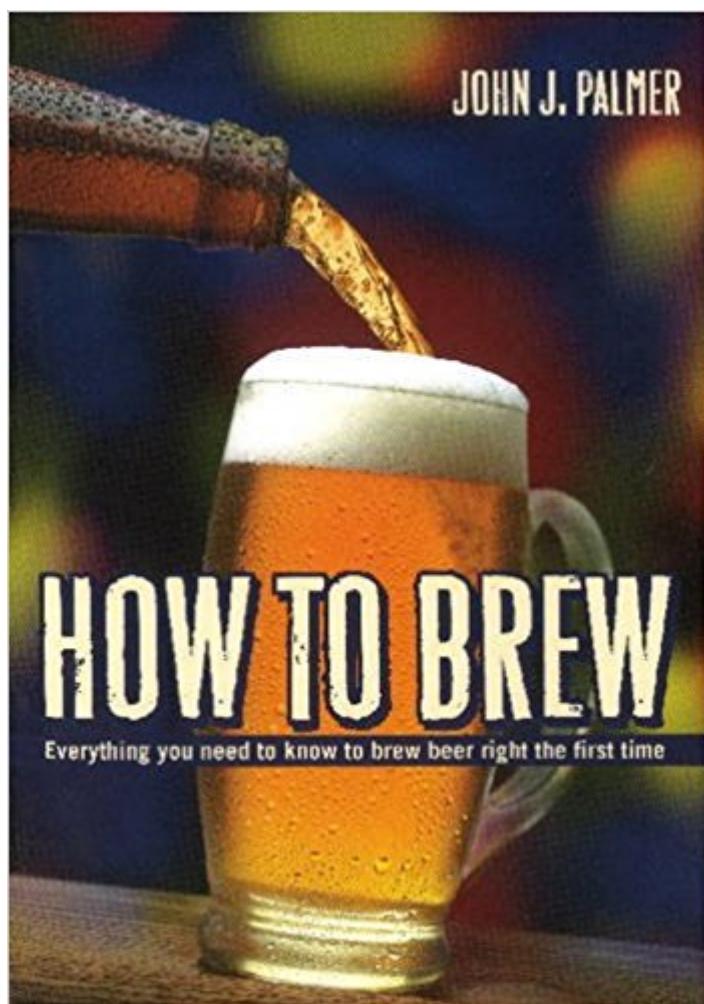


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# How To Brew: Everything You Need To Know To Brew Beer Right The First Time



## Synopsis

Everything needed to brew beer right the first time. Presented in a light-hearted style without frivolous interruptions, this authoritative text introduces brewing in a easy step-by-step review.

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Author of the homebrewing bestseller How To Brew, John J. Palmer shares his years of hands-on experience to help homebrewers consistently make great beers while expanding their knowledge and experience with the hobby.

This book is great! It was recommended to me (a beginner brew master) by several people who

have been brewing for many years! I love that this book does not beat around the bush when it comes to getting started. It is right there in the first chapter. I brewed my first 5 gallon batch of beer just by reading Chapter 1 and it turned out wonderful! I have since read the rest of the book and can say that Palmer really knows his stuff. Everything you will learn is tried and true and should help even the most experience brewers to brew better beer!

This should be your first purchase if you're looking to get into homebrewing. It covers everything you need to know to start your journey. Palmer does a great job explaining the intricacies of the brewing process in easily understandable terms. He also provides a vast amount of information on equipment, ingredients, and a section of recipes in the back to get you started. I always keep this book around on brew day.

I've been brewing using kits that I buy from a local homebrew shop sporadically for several years. I decided to buy this book because I wanted to mess around with formulas to develop my own recipes and, from what I could tell from the book's companion website, this book would be an excellent starting point (see Chapter 21 on the relationships between a pale ale, amber ale, brown ale, porter, and stout). This book was extraordinary in the depth of its description of each of the elements involved in brewing. What I found particularly helpful is the book's division into three sections, walking through the home brewing process from the simplest recipe (i.e. all extract) through partial grain to a complete grain recipe. The information is very enlightening about how best to use each of the elements in a kit, and I found that it gave me a much better idea of how to modify different components of a recipe in order to tweak a particular beer to my personal taste. There is even a trouble-shooting chapter on how to modify your beer recipe to get the flavor you desire (e.g. if you want a maltier beer, here are 3 things you can try). The book also has recipes that I am in the process of trying out, but I haven't had a chance to try them yet. The recipes don't seem very complex, but they range across a number of styles and contain notes from the author about his experiences.

Excellent book for learning to brew beer. If you are interested in learning, and making great beer! then this is your book! Highly recommend it. Made my second Batch spectacular, this shows how good this book is.

VERY informative. Maybe too informative. As a beginner, a lot of the subject matter is over my head.

This is a great book if you've got a general handle on brewing but if you've never attempted brewing in your life, look for something more remedial. I think this author would serve future brewers well to publish a more simplified approach to brewing (BEER 101) then recommend this book as a next step. A lot of technical terms and functions are described and I get a bit lost. I do think it is well written but I personally need to go back a grade - then read this book. NOT A BAD BOOK, just a bit too technical at my level.

This book is great. I started home brewing a year ago after getting an extract kit for Christmas. I knew nothing about it. I followed the instructions in the kit and the beer turned out pretty darn good, I guess I lucked out. Wanting to learn more about the process, I bought this book. I read most of the book pretty quickly, but was overwhelmed with the amount of information for a newbie. I only focused on information that I could understand at my level at that time and information that related to my extract brewing. Home brewing is a process of learning. You are not going to read this book and know everything about home brewing. For example, when reading the section on yeast, I couldn't really grasp all of the different types of sugars and how yeast consumes each one when I first read the book. To be honest, it wasn't necessary in the beginning. I could understand how oxygenating the wort before pitching the yeast helps it reproduce and why maintaining a certain temperature was important. Then I eventually moved on to all-grain brewing and started reading the book again. The second time, I started understanding why having a starter is important and now make a starter every time. As I read the material a third time, I can really focus on the more advanced stuff. Overall, if you think you are going to read this book and understand it all the first time through, you might be disappointed. If you are already an advanced brewer, then you might be disappointed (but please don't give it a poor rating because of that, the title clearly explains it is a beginner's book). I use it as a reference now and reread stuff when I want to gain more of an understanding. I can't believe I missed First-Wort hopping the first two times I read the book, but then again, it didn't matter at first, I just needed to focus on elementary hopping techniques. Now that I am getting more advanced, I can use the First-Wort hopping technique and understand why I would want to use it. Anyway, great book and it will probably be critical in my continuing education on brewing. I would recommend it for anyone just starting out or wanting to move on to all-grain from extract brewing.

Great initial read for a good overview on the subject. You will learn a lot regarding equipment needing, how to get the most of the flavors you want, and even good tips on bottling. Highly suggest

for the beginner brewer!

A great book to take you from complete novice to seasoned brewer. Some of the calculations can be a bit painful - especially if you're not used to mentally using US weights and measures, however you can pick up a huge amount of knowledge without having to get that deep if you want. Takes you from brewing with a extract beer kit to full grain brewing in surprisingly easy steps.

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