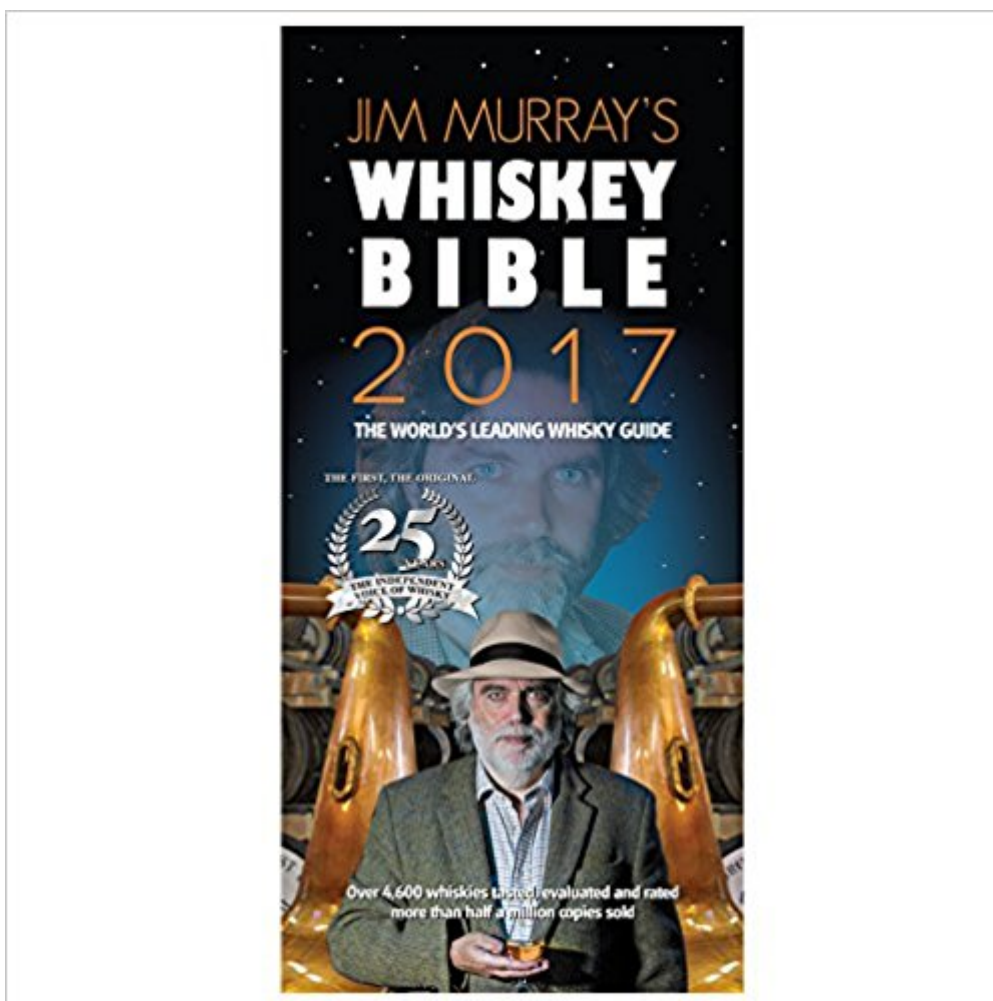


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This is a good reference for those looking into purchasing whisky - especially with the price of some

of these whiskies! The only reason this isn't a five star is that the book is very slim and many descriptions are very brief and vague. And the other thing is that you are really relying on one person's opinion, much like wine ratings. Murray does have his own taste and style he appreciates and he makes this obvious. This is especially notable when looking at Lowland or unpeated Scotch which tends to be automatically lower in score. Still, it is a good reference, and if he rates something highly, it is well worth checking out. If he rates it low, it might still be good, but it would be more of a personal preference of the individual at that point. Buy this as a good reference but understand that this should be used as a reference and not the final decision maker in what whisky to buy. If you like Bruichladdich (like I do) then who cares what scores it gets!

First let me say that I find my palate is very much aligned with authors, so for me it's a phenomenal guide to purchasing some awesome whisky at great prices. It has saved time and money - and led to some outstanding whiskies that I may have otherwise overlooked. For many people they associate price and age with the quality of whisky - this is clearly not true and Jim Murray's Bible puts an exclamation point on it by identifying diamonds that you can find at great prices. It doesn't list all whiskies available but sure hits most. One thing I wish he would do is to date his reviews, I say this because whisky is not consistent from year to year, it may differ in alcohol percentage, quality of barrels etc. however, he does a decent job in trying to capture changes in his later tastings. For the Scottish whisky he does seem to favor the peaty whiskies, but has been very fair with other regions. I have hosted some blind tastings with fellow enthusiasts, and what is clear is Jim Murray nails it time and again. A must have book.

Fantastic book. It's quite unique to taste thousands of whiskies and actually know how to classify them according to color, nose, palate, and finish. He's really got this down to a science. I make reference to his book every time I conduct a whisky tasting event.

I buy a copy of this book every 2-3 yrs. It is very helpful in getting the best bang for your buck when buying whiskey. With a little study you can get a better drink at a significantly lower price than the highly advertised bottles.

My husband loves researching various whiskey's so this was a joy to get. He likes to see if Jim has the same opinion as him when he tries a new one and will spend hours pouring over the various reviews!

While I don't always agree with the author's scores, his commentary and explanations can be very funny. I've bought all his books.

Every whisky ever bottled gets a good run-down (but there's no introduction about whisky itself, its history or anything).(And then there's the photo of Murray on the cover- it's a real caution! He looks like death warmed up. A man is not meant to drink this much whisky.) (But at least he's shared the knowledge he's gained with us!)

Great.

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