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Tea Lover's Treasury (101 Production Series)



Synopsis

Includes chapters on history, growing, brewing, serving equipment, and tea customs.

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Customer Reviews

Great book great condition

Apparently I ordered an older version of this book. That's fine, the jokes about the USSR were still funny. Outside of that, not much was anachronistic. The whole book was entertaining, informative, and often times humorous. I would think that any tea lover would also love this book.

I read this book cover to cover and found it to be a GREAT tea book! Although it covers a broad range of tea topics, it covers each of them very well. I usually don't like history but found the author's descriptions and stories of what happened long ago fascinating. I have re-read them many times, each time learning somethings new. Mr. Pratt provides a Chronology of Tea Fortunes in the back of the book which is an extremely valuable reference, helping me keep track of what happened when. The author covers many other tea subjects, too, including types of tea, tea trade, tea things, etc. but doesn't use recipes to fill up the pages. It is all very informative. The only thing that could have made the book better is a more up-to-date reference list in the back. Most of the books listed here are out of print. I have also read the New Tea Lover's Treasury by the same author but found

the "old" one to be a better value. There isn't much additional information in the new book and a lot of good stuff in the old version was omitted. For example, the chronology (historic time line) is completely omitted as is the coverage of the tea trade. The Bibliography of Tea Books in the new edition is more extensive, but here again most of the books listed are out of print.

I knew I had this and it did take awhile to find it, but find it I did. I remember buying it what seems ages ago and read it several times before it became dis-located. My love of good tea goes back to when I would adulterate regular lipton of luzianne tea with sugar. Now I have gone to mostly green tea from china and unadulterated. Pratt's homily on tea, my copy was published in 1982, has always been interesting and informative as pratt goes around the world of tea from tea things, to tea stories (even stories about the mud war of china when imperial england turn to growing opium in India to smuggle into china to addict a significant portion of the population to be able to trade in tea. Insidious, but certainly a symptom of an empire. Any thing to get or give and edge in business) to the types of teas and where they all come from at the time of this book. If you like tea, buy this book or electronic version and make a pot and drink your tea as you read. My book is still in readable condition but not without signs of wear and tear. Which means I will have to eventually buy a later version and in hope of new material from pratt.

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