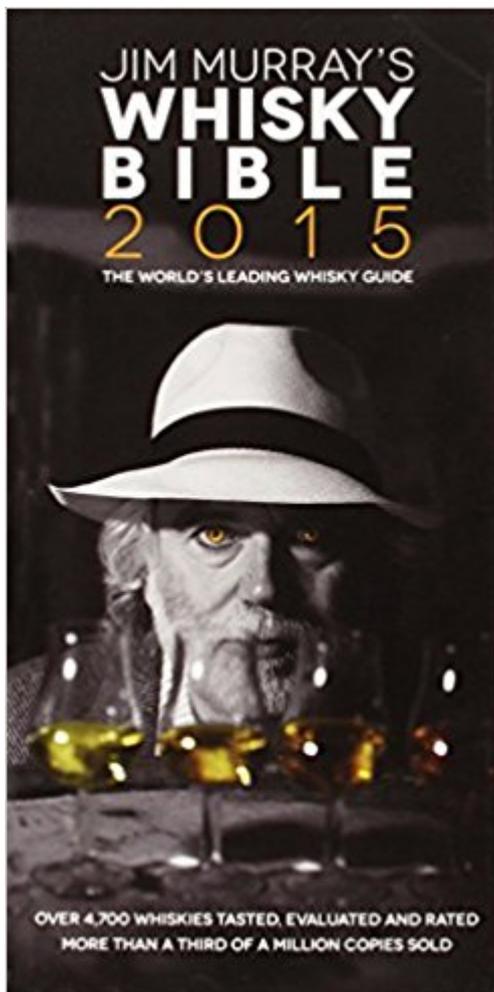


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Jim Murray is a legend and a leading player on the world's whisky stage. In his continuous thirst for knowledge and desire to stay at the very top of his subject, he has almost certainly visited more distilleries and tasted a higher number of different whiskies than anyone that has ever lived. Uncompromisingly independent, Jim is never afraid to pour scorn on those deserving or to champion whiskies previously unfashionable or unknown.

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Customer Reviews

Edit: After considering the spelling "whisky" on the title, in hindsight I clearly should have known this was primarily focused on Scottish whisky as opposed to other countries' whiskies. That's my fault. I added a star to make it 4/5 stars. This is a great little book to have in your hand if you find yourself in a store standing in front of a wall of Scotch whiskies wanting to try something you haven't tried before.

Original review: Great notes on a lot of whiskies, with some surprising omissions. I was hoping to get some professional tasting notes on some of the better whiskies in my cabinet, but many are

missing. Examples that come to mind so far are the Jefferson's Presidential Select 17, 18, 21, and Rye, and the 20 and 23 Pappy Van Winkles. These titans were omitted yet he took the time to taste literally hundreds of BT single oak project barrels. I don't know. Also many of the tasting notes outside the scotch whiskies leave a bit to be desired--that is, many are extremely short and uninformative. For example, the Yamazaki 12 year single malt, which is the more readily available whisky made at the same distillery as his "World's best whisky," the Single malt sherry cask, is simply described as "A complex and satisfying malt." I would've loved more description on this excellent whisky and many others. I was surprised to see how tiny this book was, so when you factor that in I guess you would expect basically number ratings and a couple words on many whiskies without much else. Lastly, the ratings start to become less meaningful after perusing for a while and seeing literally hundreds upon hundreds of whiskies page after page rated as "Brilliant" or "Definitely worth buying." I mean this guy REALLY loves whiskey. Aside from the few missing bourbons and the lack of satisfying tasting notes on a lot of the whiskies, it's a good reference for only \$14.

It may be a waste of money, but I like to get this each year and take the whiskey bible with me whenever I'm shopping. I find that his ratings mirror my own tastes except for Canadian whiskeys and ryes in general (I think some dessert-like ryes, Angel's Envy for instance, are great - Jim does not).

really good and fun book. Unlike many "reviewers" and critics of everything from whiskey to art, not only does this guy love what he's doing, but he knows what he's doing, and he's not that condescending. He's no snob. I get the feeling he likes bourbon more than single malt scotch, and even if not, it hardly plays second violin to SMS. And he clearly seems to favor blends over SMalts! Wow. I get the feeling he does this because he loves whiskey, not because he has a bone to pick with the ignorami of the world. Only negative? tiny little print....

Excellent buying guide. It helps avoid regretful purchases. It saves you money. It more than pays for itself. Highly recommended. 4 stars because, in my opinion, it could leave out some of the very esoteric, ultra rare and super expensive whisky editions, that 99% of us will never taste or be able to afford, in favor of more of the common brands and editions that were omitted (example: Jim Beam Rye).

Amazing resource. As an avid bourbon fan it is a great guide to help me find new bourbons to try and confirm which may or may not be worth trying at the price. Being that I am interested in learning more about Scotch and possibly other whiskeys it should be again a great resource to explore and try them as well.

Holy cow, how much can it cost to put an index in this beast. It's a great book if you know all the details about what you are looking for, if not, very frustrating! Even the Bible Awards at the front, which are handy, do not even give a page reference leading to the details - perhaps start with that at least boys!

This is a great book for 2015. I brought it as a gift to a scotch tasting party and it was a hit as just about any whiskey you can think of is listed here. However it should be noted that this is more of an encyclopedia. I wouldn't recommend it to a beginner who is just starting to learn but someone who truly likes scotch and is well versed in will really enjoy a copy of this book. People do enjoy picking it up from the coffee table and taking a thumb through.

This is a nice companion piece to the Michael Jackson guide. Jim Murray's a heck of a lot less subtle in his reviews, and gives a different perspective on both the newer stuff and the old warhorses. I keep this one on my desk.

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