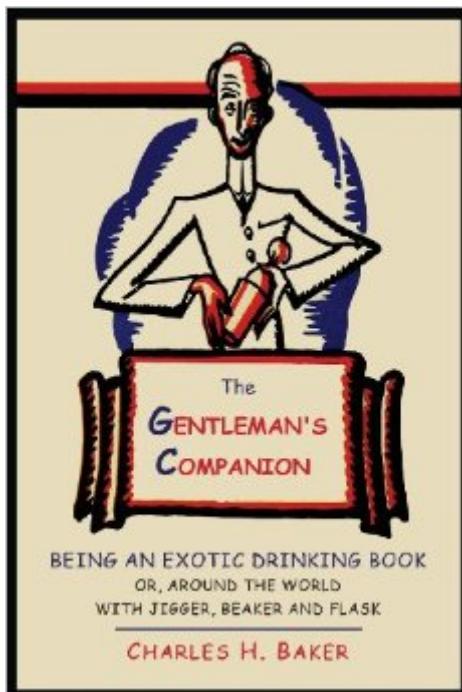


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The Gentleman's Companion: Being An Exotic Drinking Book Or, Around The World With Jigger, Beaker And Flask



Synopsis

2013 Reprint of 1939 Edition. Exact facsimile of the original edition, not reproduced with Optical Recognition Software. Charles H. Baker, Jr., wrote five collections of recipes that are far more than cookbooks, and impossible to classify. Baker states his chief tenet that informs his work: that all really interesting people-sportsman, explorers, musicians, scientists, vagabonds and writers-were vitally interested in good things to eat and drink; cared for exotic and intriguing ways of composing them. We soon discovered further that this keen interest was not solely through gluttony, the spur of hunger or merely to sustain life, but in a spirit of high adventure. Part travelogue, part memoir, and part instruction manual for budding bon vivants, his books and magazine columns chronicle a life spent searching for good things to eat and drink and the really interesting people with whom he loved to share them. Like his contemporaries Robert Ripley and Frank "Bring 'Em Back Alive" Buck, Baker traveled incessantly in search of unusual specimens; Baker brought his quarry home scribbled on the backs of bar napkins. In between overseas adventures, Baker fished with Hemingway off the Bimini coast; downed flaming apple brandy in the back room of a New Jersey inn with "Bill" Faulkner; joined Errol Flynn and Robert Frost for a beachfront dinner south of Miami, featuring four-inch steaks and potatoes boiled in pine resin—"better than any potato ever baked in mortal oven." "If you ever wondered whose oyster the world is," Esquire wrote in 1954, "meet Charles H. Baker, Jr." This book is an account of his discoveries regarding the world of exotic drink.

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A comedic adventure tale disguised as a mere cocktail manual. Baker's small stories on the where's , combined with his do 's and dont's ,as well as his opinions on the world around him (20s and 30s) ,makes one wish to travel back in time. In other words , you'd want to be him for a week. The actual recipes are very good, but it will take some coin to stock the bar to Mr Baker's specifications.... And always chill the glasses!

Amazing compendium written in the 30's when a drinking man, to be legal, had to leave the country to enjoy his pleasures. A real trip.

Have the original hardbound copy of book one. So pleased to find this companion

A thoroughly enjoyable read, especially with a classic cocktail in hand!

Fun book on mixology, but of limited use to a would be amateur bartender.

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Really great book, a nice read!

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