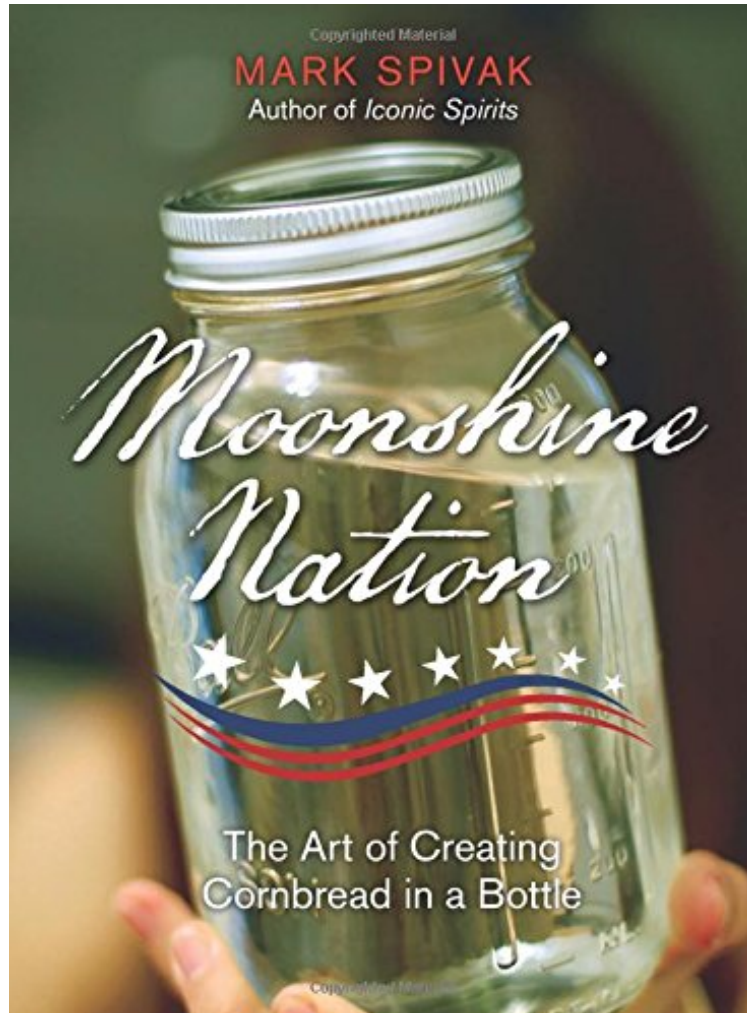


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Mark Spivak : Moonshine Nation: The Art of Creating Cornbread in a Bottle before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Moonshine Nation: The Art of Creating Cornbread in a Bottle:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Couldn't put it downBy West Palm Tennis BumLet me start by saying that whether you drink or not has no relevance to your enjoyment of this book. It is just a great collection of stories that happen to be about moonshine, but are really stories about America. It begins with an amazing history of the US as seen through the lens of whiskey and the taxes the government tried to levy on it. The repercussions of that turn out to be far more than you think. This is followed by stories of illegal moonshiners, all of whom are great characters, and then present day legal moonshiners, also great characters. It's an easy, interesting, fun read and you'll see America in a slightly different light. A great job from a writer who knows how to hold your interest.1 of 1 people

found the following review helpful. Great history
By Philip J. This is a great dive into the history of moonshine and the state of the industry in modern times. However, I was disappointed that the recipes didn't include recipes about making moonshine. I was excited to see a recipe section in the Table of Contents listed out after each of the modern moonshiners. Unfortunately, the recipes are limited to using their commercial products to make mixed drinks, etc. Do not look here for moonshine recipes or techniques.
2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Good Summer Read
By Lynn B. This book is fascinating. The author tells the history of moonshine, and there is much more to it than you would imagine. It covers one of those tiny little corners of Americana history that sometimes are overlooked, but are very interesting. And if you aren't into moonshine, a glass of wine is also a great while you're reading.

Moonshine is corn whiskey, traditionally made in improvised stills throughout the Appalachian South. While quality varied from one producer to another, the whiskey had one thing in common: It was illegal because the distiller refused to pay taxes to the US government. Many moonshiners were descendants of Scots-Irish immigrants who had fought in the original Whiskey Rebellion in the early 1790s. They brought their knowledge of distilling with them to America along with a profound sense of independence and a refusal to submit to government authority. Today many Southern states have relaxed their laws and now allow the legal production of moonshine provided that taxes are paid. Yet many modern moonshiners retain deep links to their bootlegging heritage. Moonshine Nation is the story of moonshines history and origins alongside profiles of modern moonshiners and a collection of drink recipes from each.

[I]t's a clear-eyed history of moonshining in America that is especially good in its analysis of the Whiskey Rebellion of 1791-94. It's best received as a valuable and readable collection of stories about the people who made the whiskey and the unintended consequences of Prohibition, finished off with a directory of distillers. (Arkansas Democrat-Gazette)
About the Author Mark Spivakis is an award-winning writer specializing in wine, spirits, food, restaurants, and culinary travel. He is the author of *Iconic Spirits: An Intoxicating History* (Lyons Press), was the wine writer for the *Palm Beach Post* from 1994-1999, and was honored by the Academy of Wine Communications for excellence in wine coverage in a graceful and approachable style. Since 2001 he has been the Wine and Spirits Editor for the Palm Beach Media Group, as well as the restaurant critic for *Palm Beach Illustrated*. His work has appeared in *National Geographic Traveler*, *Robb Report*, *Art Antiques*, *Mens Journal*, the *Continental* and *Ritz-Carlton* magazines, *Arizona Highways*, and *Newsmax*. A broadcaster for many years, he is currently working with Matrix Media to host *Quench!*, a weekly podcast that reveals the untold stories behind everyone's favorite alcoholic beverages, available on iTunes and at webtalkradio.net