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Cocktails: The Bartender's Bible the quintessential reference for anyone interested in making alcoholic concoctions. Before giving the recipes, Difford provides readers with the ultimate context for bartending, with sections on "Bartending Basics," "Bartender's Kit," "Glassware," "Garnishes," and "Key Ingredients." Drink recipes are listed A–Z, with each specifying the glass, garnish, recipe, variants (if any), comments from the author, and the origin of the drink. A small color photograph accompanies each entry, while "Bartender's Tips" throughout the volume offer valuable techniques to ensure the highest-quality cocktail. A great feature of this resource is the "New/Updated" designation next to the name of the cocktail, allowing owners and users of previous editions to identify recipe variations and new additions. --Janet Pinkley

Review

This 11th edition is the product of 18 years of research by the author, and is updated with 800 new cocktails. Many have a number of variations and some have profiles that feature interesting tidbits on the drinks' historical or technical aspects... My favourite part: the rating of the drinks. They range from 1 star (disgusting) to 5 stars (excellent) with hilarious gradations in between... There is plenty of info for new and experienced bartenders alike... Cocktail, anyone? (*Canadian Living* 2013-12-17)

(star review) This is a visually appealing, easy-to-use guide for accomplished bartenders and newcomers alike. (*Library Journal xPress Reviews* 2013-11-23)

Easy to follow, straight up. (*Newsday* 2013-12-05)

The 11th edition of this boozy reference guide is the essential tome for your serious, hardcore cocktailian. (*Vancouver Sun* 2013-12-13)

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Simon Difford is a drinks industry celebrity. His experience includes running his own bar, founding his own import company and establishing brands. He is a Glenfiddich Food and Drink Award winning writer and lives in London, England.

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