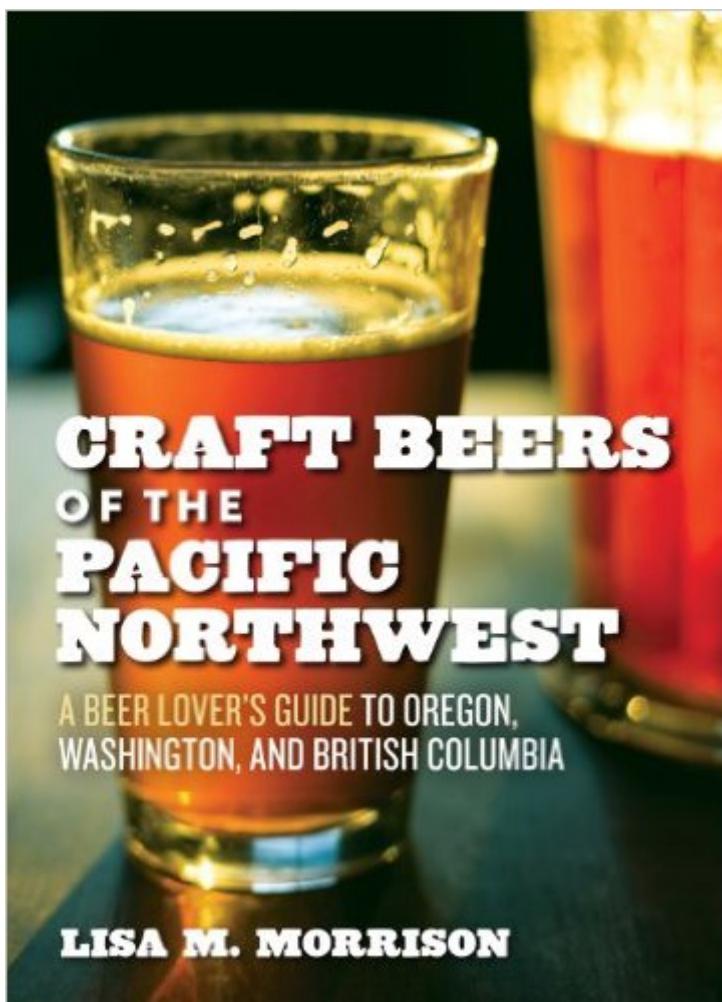


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# Craft Beers Of The Pacific Northwest: A Beer Lover's Guide To Oregon, Washington, And British Columbia



## **Synopsis**

In the 1970s a handful of brewers in Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia were tired of the traditional light and flavorless American beers and began exploring ways to make better beer brewed from local ingredients. The “microbrews” (as they were originally called) caught on, and the Northwest quickly became the center of the craft beer movement that is now flourishing and spreading across the United States, Canada, and the world. *Craft Beers of the Pacific Northwest* is a suds-soaked adventure through the 115 key breweries and brew pubs in Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia. Lisa Morrison, aka The Beer Goddess, has included every brewery worth visiting, from pioneers like McMenamins, whose Hillsdale Brewery & Public House in southwest Portland was the first brewpub in Oregon, to a new generation of start ups like Upright Brewing, a production brewery that is creating French-Belgian inspired, open-fermented beers. With 18 walkable pub-crawls, a beer primer and glossary, a list of the best bottle shops, *Craft Beers of the Pacific Northwest* has everything a beer lover needs to navigate the best of what the region has to offer.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Do not expect a simple list of breweries to visit. Any local magazine, brochure or website can do that. What separates this book is the style and format. The book reads out like a story in a periodical. The venues are mentioned and some of the history and important facts are given. Since it is laid out in a reader friendly style, one can actually sit down and read this book. For example: I

didn't know the Ponzi family co-founded Bridgeport Brewing (despite being a long time wine industry guy). I also didn't know that Upright brewing was named so because the building formerly used to have a jazz club where upright basses were played. These are the neat tidbits that one finds out and only helps to add to the appreciation of the venues. Morrison never really spends a lot of time focusing on the beers each place produces. Partly I believe this is so that the reader is not pre-disposed to any of the beers at one particular venue. She might mention a few to try or to look for, but it is never stated in a: Go to Brewery A, drink Beer B, play song C on jukebox, go to next brewery. She also includes some local bars with a variety of taps or bottled beers. Since she mentioned both APEX and Beer Mongers, she has gained my trust. I did find it odd that there was no mention of John's Market (biggest beer selection in Oregon - but purely retail so maybe that is why...). There are many fun pictures, all black and white, but they show some of the venues, signs, or other fun photographic subjects. There are several maps included as well. I also smiled at some of the 'off the radar' venues listed, such as Beircafe in Tualatin (right down the road from me!) and some of the spots in Seaside/Canon Beach (the one in the outlet mall amuses and intrigues me!). I would say this is a great resource for those more familiar with the beer scene in the Northwest. As a beginner, it might be a bit much to navigate through. But, even for novices, this book combined with a local city/brewery guide becomes a valuable tool for selecting the breweries that sound most interesting from a list of dozens. Highly recommended!

This book is such an easy read for any beer lover interested in the Pacific NW! Packed with info and fun facts, this book is such a help when traveling around Oregon, Washington or British Columbia. On a recent trip, I stuffed it in my backpack and used it like a Lonely Planet. Stopping at the breweries and suggested restaurants along the way. The maps were super helpful! How nice to be able to take a pit stop in Bend, OR and realize that you can walk to four breweries within blocks of each other. Without this book, it would have taken a lot of googling and of research to plan such an efficient route. This book laid it all out for me! Loved it. I left it in my backpack for next weekend!!!!

If you live in the Northwest or are thinking of visiting the Northwest, this book is a must for even the occasional beer drinker. Every page is brimming with interesting facts, and the maps and suggested places to visit are invaluable. Morrison obviously knows her stuff-- her expertise shows at every turn, and yet it's not "preachy." On the contrary, it's a fun read and her advice is peppered with humor and interesting trivia. We hope to see an encore presentation covering another area of the US.

I purchased this book in anticipation of an upcoming trip that my wife and I had talked about to experience craft beer in the pacific northwest. Needless to say we booked the trip and used this book as a guide. We flew to San Fransisco and flew out of Seattle. We rented a car and drove the coast of the pacific northwest. We experienced some of the best craft beer, freshest food, and most beautiful scenery in the country. The great thing about this book is that the breweries and brew pubs mentioned had awesome craft beer AND excellent food to go with it. Throw in the beautiful scenery that surrounded these locations and you had a complete winner! This was by far one of the best trips my wife and I had ever taken. Europe has NOTHING on this trip. I would highly recommend this book!

Lisa Morrison - The Beer Goddess - has authored a thoroughly researched, fact filled and well written delightful book, Craft Beers of the Pacific Northwest. She highlights over 100 key breweries and pubs in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. Lisa has listed every brewery worth seeing in the Pacific Northwest. This certainly will help me navigate my summer outings. Lisa has also included, with maps, 18 walk-able pub-crawls. Her section entitled Beer 101 is extremely important as an educational introduction to craft beers. She includes a history of how beer is made, beer styles and a very helpful beer glossary. This extraordinary book, besides being informative, is extremely fun to read. It absolutely belongs on your bookshelf. I give this book my highest recommendations for all beer connoisseurs from the newbie to long time the lover of great craft beer.

Lisa Morrison's book is a resource that any craft beer drinker would want to own. Ms. Morrison knows her beer. In her book, she explains basic brewing and terminology of the craft beer world. And then she takes you on a delightful journey of the breweries and brewpubs of the Pacific Northwest, including recommended pub crawls in Portland, Seattle, Vancouver and Victoria, B.C. For visitors to the Pacific Northwest as well as locals, I recommend that you get a copy of this book and keep it in your car. Next time you want a really good Northwest craft beer, you will know in which direction to head.

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