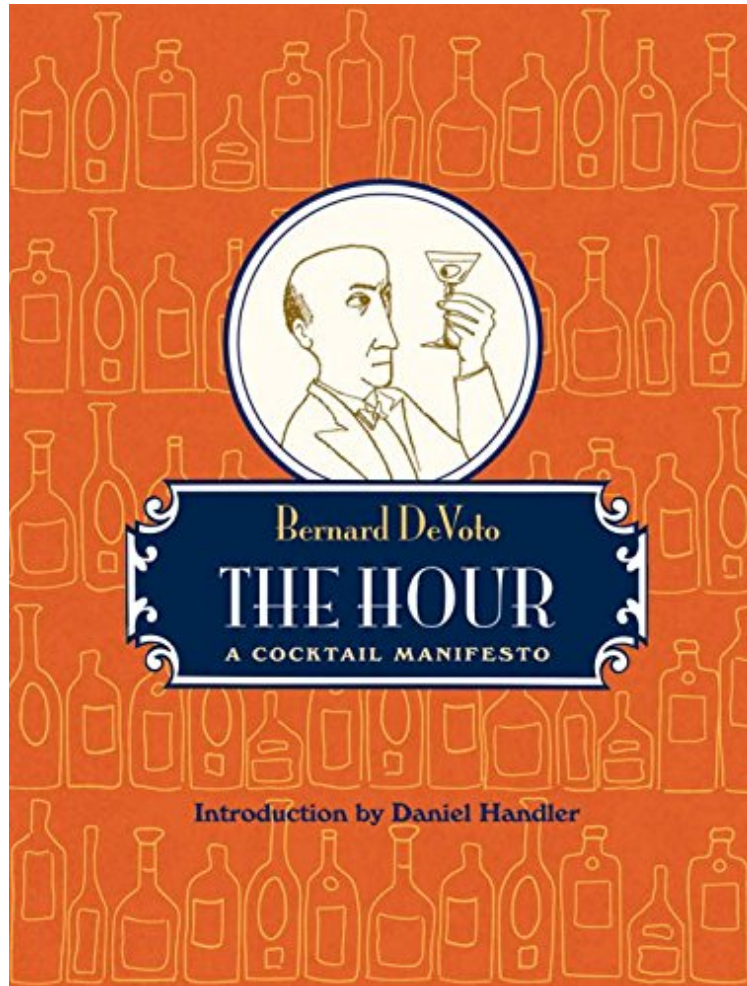


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Bernard DeVoto : The Hour: A Cocktail Manifesto before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Hour: A Cocktail Manifesto:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful -- if read with a light heartBy CustomerOne doesn't often get the chance to use the word "irascible", but this book begs for it. DeVoto has firmly held beliefs about cocktails (there are two of them) and woe unto any who disagree. His tone and style here remind me of H.L Mencken. And like Mencken, I'm sure DeVoto can infuriate people. But remember, it's a book about cocktail hour.and like Mecken, DeVoto has been dead since the mid 1950's.. So there's really not much point in getting upset.At least one reviewer calls this book "a great rant". That is a great description.If you can't lighten up and read this book for fun, don't buy it.If you can enjoy a rant that is well written by an irascible author, then pour yourself a drink (one of the two permitted by DeVoto) and have your dictionary nearby and enjoy.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. ...

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This glorious tome harks back to a time when a good rant was a respected and a great rant was celebrated. This great rant is to be celebrated.
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By Anonymous
Superb summary of several crucial principles in life: 1) The cocktail hour is 6pm. 2) There are really only two drinks that men should imbibe, 3) Drink gin with water (not tonic), and 4) never drink rum. Hilarious, priceless little book!

One part celebration, one part history, two parts manifesto, Bernard DeVoto's *The Hour* is a comic and unequivocal treatise on how and why we drink—properly. One part celebration, one part history, two parts manifesto, Bernard DeVoto's *The Hour* is a comic and unequivocal treatise on how and why we drink properly. The Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award-winning author turns his shrewd wit on the spirits and attitudes that cause his stomach to turn and his eyes to roll (Warning: this book is NOT for rum drinkers). DeVoto instructs his readers on how to drink like gentlemen and sheds new light on the simple joys of the cocktail hour. Daniel Handler's introduction to this reprint of the 1950s classic provides a humorous framework for the modern reader.

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