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“A whiskey novice’s best friend . . . It’s a book I plan on keeping around for constant reference.”

—*Saveur*

About the Author

Clay Risen is an editor at the *New York Times*, where he has written extensively on whiskey, rum, and other spirits. He has also written for *The Atlantic*, *Smithsonian*, and the *Washington Post*. He is the author of *A Nation on Fire: America in the Wake of the King Assassination* (Wiley, 2009) and *The Bill of the Century: The Epic Battle for the Civil Rights Act* (Bloomsbury, 2014). Risen grew up in Nashville, Tennessee, and lives in Brooklyn, NY, with his wife and two young children.

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