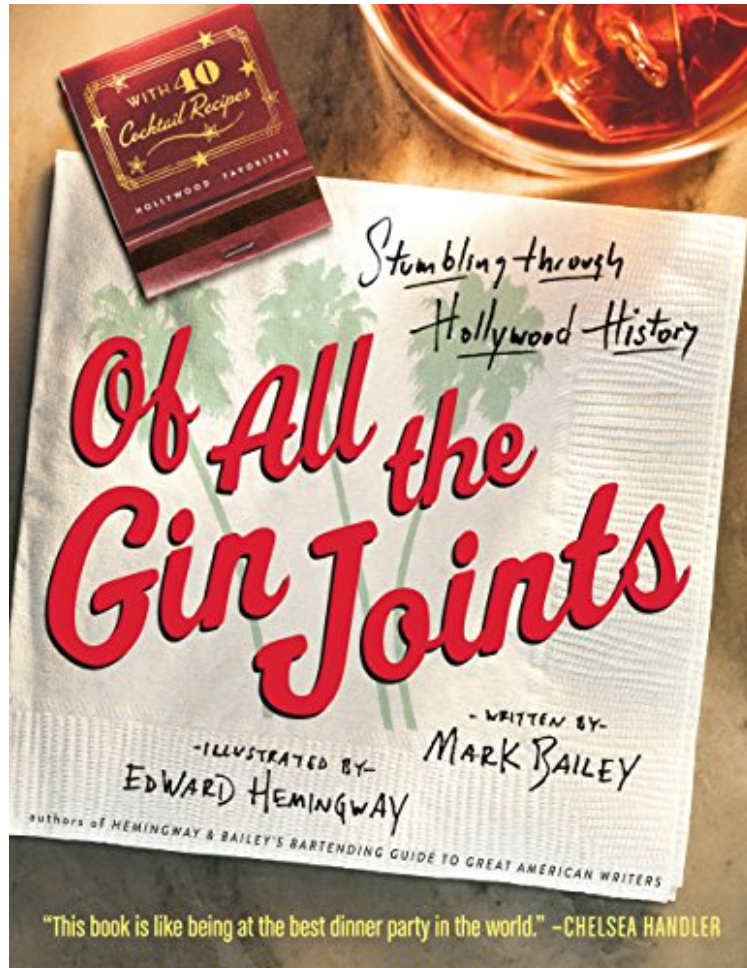


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**Mark Bailey : Of All the Gin Joints: Stumbling through Hollywood History** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Of All the Gin Joints: Stumbling through Hollywood History:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Through a martini glass lightly. By ilprofessore Stories told, twice or thrice, are still worth telling, and Mark Bailey has done an excellent job of gathering together the best of old Hollywood gossip, some borrowed, some blue, and some that even might be true. The illustrations, whether intentionally or not, distort some famous faces: they look as if they had been drawn while looking through the bottom of a martini glass. "Very dry please." Sammy Davis Jr. somehow is transformed into the famous book jacket photo of the young J.D. Salinger. J.D. was half Jewish and Sammy Jewish by adoption, which only goes to prove the miraculous effect of alcohol, if used discreetly. There are also a number of recipes for obscure cocktails of the past for those who would rather mix than read. All in all, a useful adjunct to anyone's bar or library. 0 of 0 people found the

following review helpful. Hollywood stars and the gossip By B. Farmer Now if you like history of Hollywood and its stars, you will love this book. I did and recommend it for any of you who are curious to learn who drank and how much. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Staggering Through Hollywood History By addict Tales of fabled stars and their favorite drinking spots and recipes for the delicious cocktails imbibed by Hollywood's best actors, some who died because of alcoholism, smoking, and very active lives. Since I lived in Los Angeles, I remember a few of the Gin Joints noted in this book. Those that were demolished prior to my stay in the City of Angels were brought alive by photos and sketches. I found this book to be a great read because I like to read about Hollywood celebrities, and I found out many useful recipes for parties. Vignettes of stars and their favorite alcoholic beverages held me rapt as I skidded along the pages of this book. I recommend this book to those of us who adore silent movies, talking movies of the thirties and forties, and great places to eat and drink. Bottoms up!

True tales of celebrity hijinks are served up with an equal measure of Hollywood history, movie-star mayhem, and a frothy mix of forty cocktail recipes. Humphrey Bogart got himself arrested for protecting his drinking buddies, who happened to be a pair of stuffed pandas. Ava Gardner would water-ski to the set of *Night of the Iguana* holding a towline in one hand and a cocktail in the other. Barely legal Natalie Wood would let Dennis Hopper seduce her if he provided a bathtub full of champagne. Bing Crosby's ill-mannered antics earned him the nickname Binge Crosby. And sweet Mary Pickford stashed liquor in hydrogen peroxide bottles during Prohibition. From the frontier days of silent film up to the wild auteur period of the 1970s, Mark Bailey has pillaged the vaults of Hollywood history and lore to dig up the true and often surprising stories of seventy of our most beloved actors, directors, and screenwriters at their most soused. Bite-size biographies are followed by ribald anecdotes and memorable quotes. If a star had a favorite cocktail, the recipe is included. Films with the most outrageous booze-soaked stories, like *Apocalypse Now*, *From Here to Eternity*, and *The Misfits*, are featured, along with the legendary watering holes of the day (and the recipes for their signature drinks). Edward Hemingway's portraits complete this spirited look at America's most iconic silver-screen legends. This book is like being at the best dinner party in the world. And I thought I was the first person to put a bar in my closet. I was clearly born during the wrong era. Chelsea Handler

[An] entertaining assemblage of boozy anecdotes, quotes, and Tinseltown lore. Elle This book is like being at the best dinner party in the world. And I thought I was the first person to put a bar in my closet. I was clearly born during the wrong era. Chelsea Handler Booze it up with F. Scott! Roll one with McQueen! In *Of All The Gin Joints*, you can experience the true measure of showbiz debauchery without the annoying side effects of divorce, death, or unfulfilled potential! Rob Lowe, author of *Love Life* Pure fun . . . A perfect bedside reader. *Imbibe Magazine.com* Foodies and celebrity watchers alike will be delighted by this walk through Hollywood drinking history. *Library Journal*, starred review Sensational stories of drinking and excess by Hollywood celebrities . . . [A] scrapbook approach, full of boxes and sidebars and illustrated with numerous cartoons by Edward Hemingway, while the stories are funny, sad and at times, unbelievable in the way only Hollywood could pull off. *Forbes.com* Hollywood gossip before TMZ came along and ruined it for everyone. *BookRiot* Emmy-nominated screenwriter Mark Bailey has concocted a heady mixture of stories from Hollywood watering holes . . . Snappy little bios of some of Hollywood's most famous imbibers . . . And like an olive in a dry martini, Edward Hemingway's slightly off-kilter illustrations are a nice adornment. Cheers! *Newsday* An irresistible compendium of Hollywood inebriates. Its one part history, one part cocktail recipe book, topped off with soulful black-and-white caricatures . . . Whatever your preferences or level of party, your knowledge of Hollywood or mixology, *Of All the Gin Joints* has something for everyone. *Kirkus s.com* This wonderful combination of words and pictures is the perfect cocktail of a book: sweet enough to go down easily, sour enough to cleanse the palate, and strong enough to leave you giddy. I gulped down the first half and sipped the second half slowly, but when I finished I still wanted more! Walter Kirn, author of *Blood Will Out* and *Up in the Air* *Of All the Gin Joints* is one part cinematic history, one part old Hollywood weirdness, and one part handy basic bar guide, with a dash of romance and more than a few wry twists. Bailey and Hemingway prove themselves very entertaining cultural mixologists. Sam Lipsyte