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**Max Watman : Chasing the White Dog: An Amateur Outlaw's Adventures in Moonshine** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Chasing the White Dog: An Amateur Outlaw's Adventures in Moonshine:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A wonderful historical guide to a romanticized American "activity" written by a wonderful story-teller. By johnjorg Considering the subject (Mr. Watman's personal search for the how,

why, and where of nontaxed, illegally made whiskey), Mr. Watman has presented a remarkably balanced - and entertaining - report on small-volume whiskey-making in these United States. After a brief survey of whiskey-making pre-20th Century, he narrates his personal experiences with distilling at home and with seeking out persons who made, or now make, and consume moonshine. His wonderful stories capture the romanticized view of moonshining, but he balances this with some hard, and occasionally uncomfortable, descriptions of the basic business of selling untaxed whiskey for profit. He also introduces us to some of the persons responsible for, and currently contributing to, the current growth in craft distilling which grew out of that complex business we oh so simply call moonshining. Where his personal biases or internal conflicts arise, as in his attempt to distinguish those who are making whiskey for family and friends from those who make, literally, rotgut, he carefully and humorously shows how difficult it is to draw a line. For example, just how big can that group of "friends" be before the maker becomes a business? This is not a how-to book. This is an excellent addition to the literature about American whiskey. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This Ain't Dogpatch... or is it? By EllenJ This book is a **\*\*MUST READ\*\*** for anyone interested in understanding liquor's place in America's history... and it's present. There are other books on the subject, some much more comprehensive. But Watman's style of choosing just a few very specific subjects and examining them in detail really focuses the reader. And the subjects he chooses could not be more representative of the culture. Each example is treated almost as a stand-alone article, and indeed would win high praise on its own. But Watman doesn't take on the role of teacher, nor even guide. Rather he writes from the perspective of the reader... a reader who just wants to learn how to distill old farmer-style corn whiskey moonshine and who, in attempting to do so, learns more and more about the ever more fascinating shadow world of 'shine and its culture. Linda and John (EllenJ) Lipman American Spirits[...] 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By gr\_ssman Bought as gift for son who likes it.

In *Chasing the White Dog*, journalist Max Watman traces the historical roots and contemporary story of hooch. He takes us to the backwoods of Appalachia and the gritty nip joints of Philadelphia, from a federal courthouse to Pocono Speedway, profiling the colorful characters who make up white whiskey's lore. Along the way, Watman chronicles his hilarious attempts to distill his own moonshine -- the essential ingredients and the many ways it can all go wrong -- from his initial ill-fated batch to his first successful jar of 'shine. It begins in Monongahela, Pennsylvania, where drunk and armed outlaws gathered in the summer of 1794. George Washington mustered 13,000 troops to quell the rebellion, but by the time they arrived, the rebels had vanished; America's first moonshiners had packed up their stills and moved on. From these moonshiners who protested the Whiskey Tax of 1791, to the bathtub gin runners of the 1920s, to today's booming bootleg businessmen, white lightning has played a surprisingly large role in American history. It touched the election of Thomas Jefferson, the invention of the IRS, and the origins of NASCAR. It is a story of tommy guns, hot rods, and shot houses, and the story is far from over. Infiltrating every aspect of small-scale distilling in America, from the backyard hobbyists to the growing popularity of microdistilleries, *Chasing the White Dog* provides a fascinating, centuries-long history of illicit booze from an unrepentant lover of moonshine.