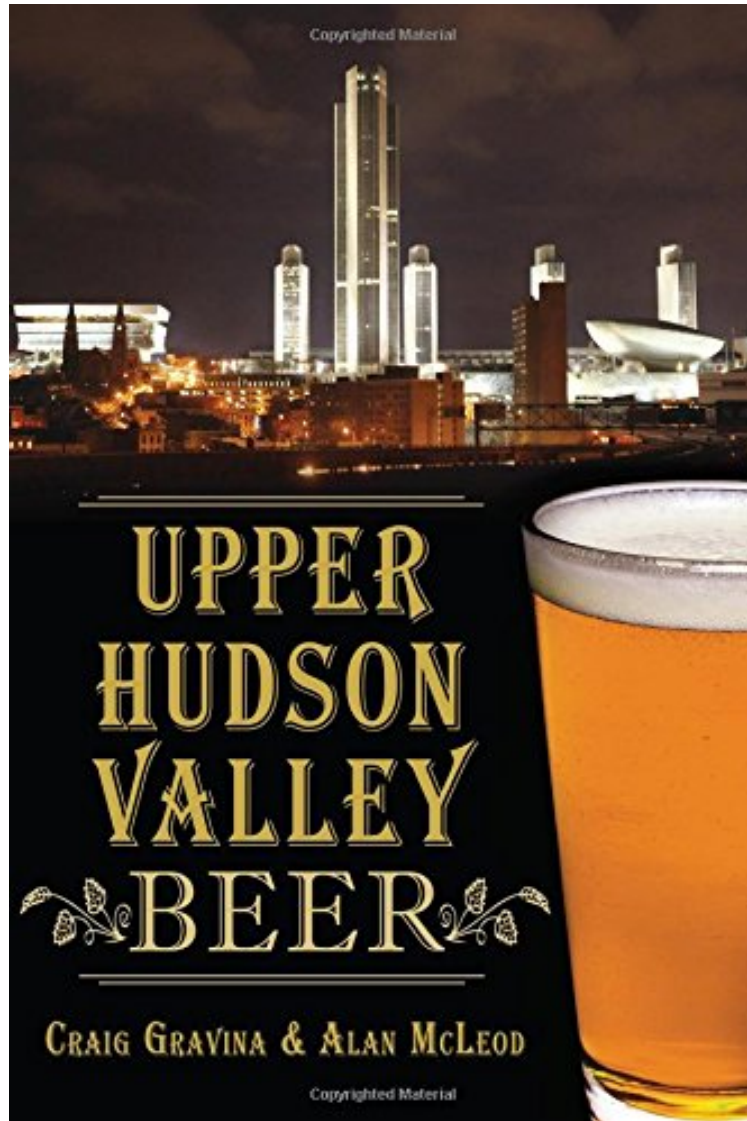


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Craig Gravina, Alan McLeod : Upper Hudson Valley Beer (American Palate) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Upper Hudson Valley Beer (American Palate):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Carol Reis Very interesting and historic. Very well written. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. a well-researched, scholarly study of the history of brewing in the greater Albany area By kuyathese authors, gravina and mcLeod, should be very proud of this little book of 160 pages. what is now known as the city of Albany, in New York State, has a very rich tradition as an early Dutch

settlement, which opened its gates to all and thrived because of its location on the Hudson and Mohawk rivers, and later Erie Canal. Breweries were rampant here, first using the locally grown wheat and hops, and later barley brought in from the Erie Canal to make enormous quantities of beer, which was consumed internationally. New York in the mid 1850s grew 90% of the world's hops and exported this also. Albany at one point in the mid 1800s had the largest brewery in North America, and brewed more beer than NYC, Philly and Boston COMBINED. Albany was king for perhaps 50 years. Albany's contribution to the history of North American beer is little known and long forgotten except by a very few of us. But at one time Albany Ale was an internationally known style of beer, reportedly 10.67% abv, which was drunk from the southern tip of South America to Newfoundland, including the Caribbean, as well as being consumed in Europe. Granted, it wasn't famous because it was great tasting beer perhaps, but it was sought out by those looking for a very strong beer. These authors correct the omission of the significance of Albany from most beer history books with this scholarly study. As a local, I recognize many names and I found it all fascinating, but anyone interested in history would enjoy this story, and anybody with an interest in brewing would appreciate this too. What happens in these pages is the history of our founding...Henry Hudson, early Indian alliances, Revolutionary War era history, right on up through the Erie Canal era, and through every era since up to the present day resurgence, including the Prohibition era. There's also a murder mystery here: who killed Legs Diamond, a transplanted NYC mobster who was believed killed before he could muscle in on the local beer brewing; but who did the actual killing and who ordered it is speculated here, briefly, and if the reporting is true then the owner of Hedrick's beer has the dual distinction of 1.) brewing possibly the worst beer in America (an almost universal local opinion) and 2.) of ordering a mob hit on a potential competitor (which I've never heard mentioned openly before). Then there's the story of a Troy brewer (Sam Bolton Jr.) who put himself into his work so much that he actually took a swim in a pot of boiling wort in an act of suicide; there's no mention of what they did with the wort afterward, or how it affected the taste. Maybe part of the reason I appreciate this book is because this book appreciates Albany history more than Albany appreciates its history. We've torn down almost every last remnant of all the breweries in this book, we've barricaded the city from the very river we used to make our beer with-- the Hudson, and we've buried the creeks the smaller brewers used, into our storm sewer system, but as hard as Albany tries to ignore or forget or deny its history, the forgotten history is still there, only hidden, just as the brewing continued unobserved during Prohibition. This book won't make the NY Times best sellers list, but it deserves to be on the bookshelves of every craft brewer, because these authors restored these forgotten brewers to their rightful place in history. Brewers were prominent members of society long ago. Their contributions to our history deserve this kind of scholarly, well-researched study. Some nice photos also. Somebody buy Gravina and McLeod a round of beers. They earned it. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Fantastic book about the history of brewing beer in Capital ...By Chris

Fantastic book about the history of brewing beer in Capital Region of New York State, particularly Albany. If you like history and beer, and you're from the Albany area, you will likely enjoy reading this book. I feel much more knowledgeable about local beer history after reading this book.

The Upper Hudson Valley has a long and full-bodied brewing tradition. Arriving in the 1600s, the Dutch established the area as a brewing center, a trend that continued well into the eighteenth century despite two devastating wars. The Erie Canal helped develop Albany into a beer capital of North America--Albany Ale" was exported across America and around the world. Upper Hudson Valley breweries continued to thrive until Prohibition, and some, like Beverwyck and Stanton, survived the dark years to revive the area's brewing tradition. Since the 1980s, there has been a renaissance in Upper Hudson Valley craft brewing, including Newman's, C.H. Evans, Shmaltz and Chatham Brewing. Beer scholars Craig Gravina and Alan McLeod explore the sudsy story of Upper Hudson Valley beer."

About the Author Craig Gravina is a world-class beer drinker, so infatuated with the sudsy stuff he took to writing a blog about it. He stumbled across the brewing history of his hometown Albany, New York, and the long-lost story of Albany Ale. This discovery resulted in the Albany Ale Project. Along with history he also writes about beer culture, the state of brewing and beer making in the United States and around the globe. Alan McLeod has been writing about beer for over a decade. He lives in Kingston, Ontario, with his family, where he practices law. Through his work he has explored the heritage and history of his corner of Ontario. Alan is one of the founders of the Albany Ale Project, a collaboration which explores the roots of Ontario's New York Loyalist traditions through the lens of a beer glass.