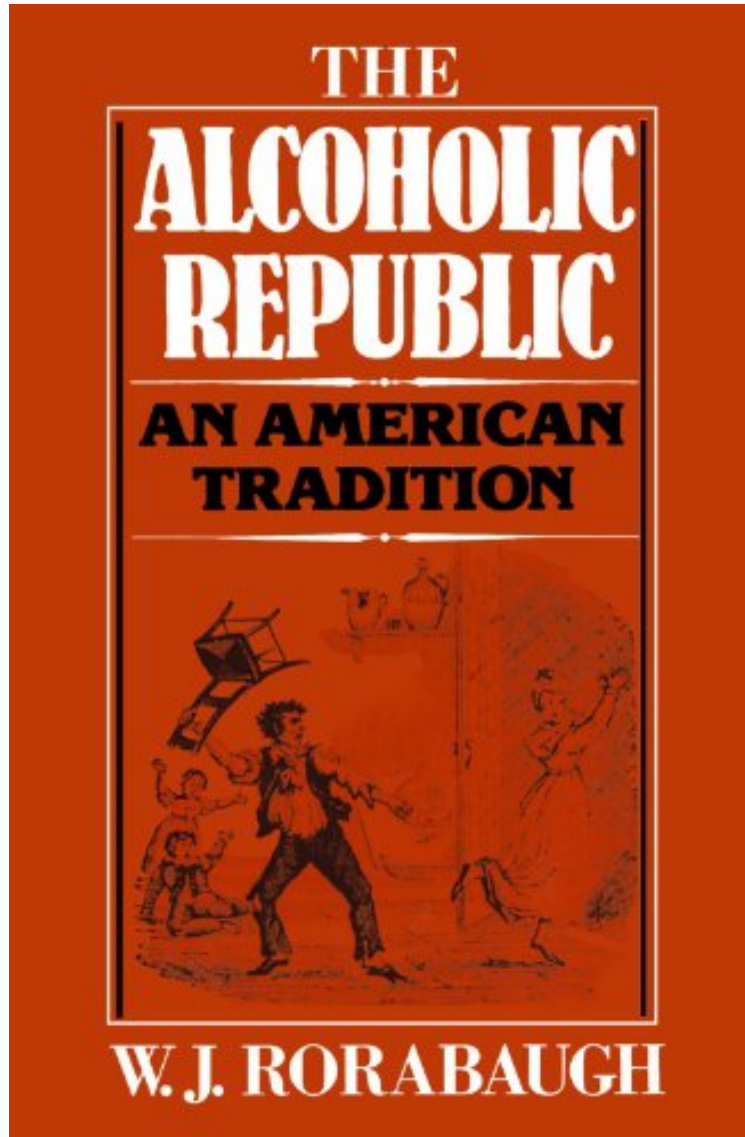


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Plastered PatriotsBy Franklin the Mouse"The Alcoholic Republic was published in 1979. Mr. Rorabaugh's work covers the huge spike in American liquor consumption during the late 1700s and early 1800s. Excuse me. The word 'huge' doesn't seem apt. It would be better to write a Holy-Sweet-Mother-Of-Moses-Mega-Massive spike in American liquor consumption. Our ancestors from farmers, doctors, lawyers,

ministers, women, and children imbibed. Heck I wouldn't have been surprised if Kippy the family dog was plowing through a keg or two between pee breaks. The author covers the most frequently used liquors such as whiskey, rum, gin, brandy, the New England staple of hard cider, beer, and wine. Mr. Rorabaugh also attempts to explain the social, economic and environmental factors that caused this specific period of tipplers. The author uses a lot of conjectures as to the motivations for why many people drank so much. They are plausible factors, but should probably be taken lightly. However, there are many interesting tidbits about customs and social pressure to "drink up" until the Temperance Movement started to get some traction towards the mid-1800s. On a side note: Mr. Rorabaugh's psychological explanation on why someone became an alcoholic by specifically drinking whiskey fit to a tee a person I know. Considering the book was published over 35 years ago and made such an accurate assessment about a friend in 2015 is impressive. The book is a quick easy read and embellished with old black-and-white sketches from that time period. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This book is a "tell all" about alcohol use ... By planosue This book is a "tell all" about alcohol use production (legal and illegal) in America. I've mentioned the book to several people. One woman explained that she wanted to know how to make a white lightning still -- said she was writing a book and wanted to describe the still accurately. (Yeah!! I bet) (smiles) I was surprised at how "hooked" I became on a topic I knew nothing about and had not, heretofore, perceived any innate interest. I think other readers may have the same experience. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Mac-Te excellent!

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"Rorabaugh has written a well thought out and intriguing social history of America's great alcoholic binge that occurred between 1790 and 1830, what he terms 'a key formative period' in our history.... A pioneering work that illuminates a part of our heritage that can no longer be neglected in future studies of America's social fabric."--Journal of Psychohistory "A bold and frequently illuminating attempt to investigate the relationship of a single social custom to the central features of our historical experience.... A book which always asks interesting questions and provides many provocative answers."-- s in American History "Great! The dual emphasis on common lifestyles and on reform, on qualitative and quantitative methods make it ideal for undergraduates."--Dan Woods, Ferrum College "This accessible monograph is grounded in a useful combination of social psychology and social history, providing undergraduates with an excellent example of how to use theory and evidence to elucidate an important and much-neglected episode in American history."--Simon Cordery, Monmouth College About the Author W.J. Rorabaugh is at University of Washington.