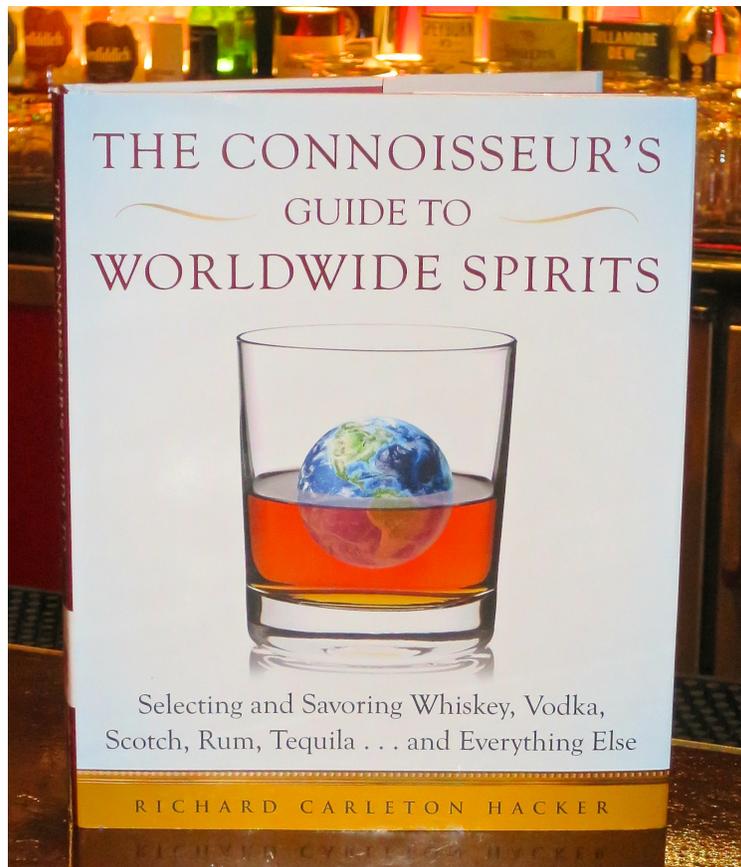


## **THE CONNOISSEUR'S GUIDE TO WORLDWIDE SPIRITS**

Selecting and Savoring Whiskey, Vodka, Scotch, Rum, Tequila . .  
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**Richard Carleton Hacker**

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### **About the Author:**

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