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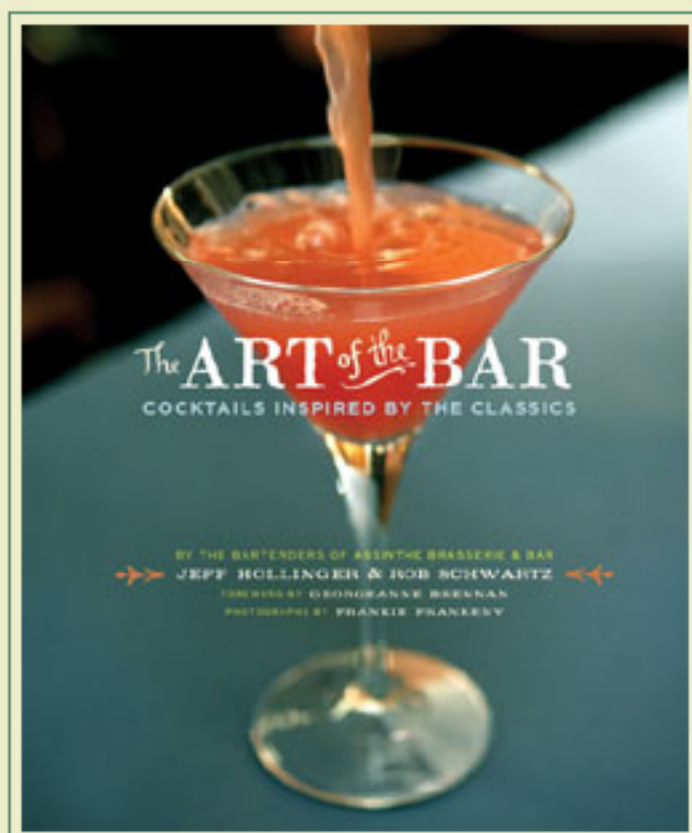
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## ➤ Book Review: Art of the Bar



There are dozens of cocktail recipe books on the market and just about any good bartender has probably given thought to finding a publisher and developing their own collection. Bartenders **Jeff Hollinger** and **Bob Schwartz** of San Francisco's **Absinthe Brasserie & Bar** did not just think about it, they created one of the more beautiful and interesting cocktail

books to hit bookstore shelves in recent years.

**The Art of the Bar: Cocktails Inspired by the Classics** features the lavish photography of **Frankie Frankeny** to go along with classic and soon-to-be classic recipes, bar history and helpful hints on everything from glassware to garnishing drinks. A great theme throughout the book is how to use fresh ingredients and craft bases from fresh juices and syrups to make excitingly crisp cocktails.

The 143-page book from **Chronicle Books** has a list price of \$24.95. It's worth that price just for the beauty of the photography. But **The Art of the Bar** goes beyond that by encouraging us all to make artistic concoctions such as the Paddle Boat and the Agave Rose. You may even find yourself gathering the ingredients to make a French 75, Sazerac or Opera after seeing them detailed in this book.

**The Art of the Bar** is not the most comprehensive volume of cocktails ever published. It was not meant to be. It is designed to inspire bartenders -- both professional and amateur -- the make something more than just a drink the next time they go behind the bar.

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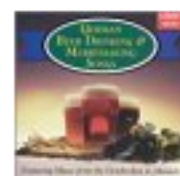
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