



## Miracle Brew

Hops, Barley, Water, Yeast and  
the Nature of Beer

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“Like a good drinking companion, Pete Brown tells a remarkable story. . . .  
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a magisterial book that will remain a key contributor to our knowledge of  
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—ROGER PROTZ, editor of *Good Beer Guide*

**B**eer is the third most popular drink on the planet, yet few people know what beer is actually made of. In lively and witty fashion, award-winning British beer writer and regular BBC Radio contributor Pete Brown dives into beer’s four natural ingredients—malted barley, hops, yeast, and water—and shares the incredible story each has to tell.

*Miracle Brew* presents a complete natural history of beer and emphasizes the importance of place—or *terroir*—that each ingredient brings to the finished glass. From traditional malting techniques, to the evolution of modern hop breeding, water chemistry, and the miraculous catalyst that is fermentation, craft beer brewing has become a part of the local food movement and is redefining how the world perceives beer.

Brown, who has been traveling and writing about beer for over a decade, introduces readers to a cast of characters who reveal the magic of beer and celebrate the true joy of drinking it.



**Pete Brown** is one of the U.K.’s most respected beer writers. Over the last twelve years, he’s written five and a half books about beer, pubs, and cider and why they matter. He also writes one of the U.K.’s most widely read drinks blogs and many articles for mainstream and beer trade press titles. He has twice been named Beer Writer of the Year, and with Bill Bradshaw he won Drink Book of the Year in the 2014 Fortnum & Mason Food and Drink Awards.

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