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Review

"Drew and Denny have provided a practical and insightful approach that covers a wide range of the techniques and ingredients being used by today's best brewers. This book has everything that homebrewers can use to take their skills to the next level." - ***Mitch Steele, Brewmaster at Stone Brewing and author of IPA***

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"What I love about homebrewing is the opportunity for experimentation, learning, fun, and great beer. Drew and Denny have captured all of that and more." - ***Jamil Zainasheff, Author of Brewing Classic Styles, Owner of Heretic Brewing***

"With home and craft brewing widely practiced, next-level direction will be welcome, and the authors bring

more than 30 years of combined experience to this informative, playful guide. Beechum (*The Everything Homebrewing Book*) and Conn (contributor, *Craft Beer for the Homebrewer: Recipes from America's Top Brewmasters*) are accomplished brewers and serve on the American Homebrewers Association Governing Committee. While the heart of the work addresses experimentation, adequate coverage is given to basic ingredients, equipment, and techniques. The "Favorite Experimental Styles" chapter particularly reflects the book's utility by exploring these fashions, then adding variations so fellow brewers get a feel for moving from the known to the unknown. The final section, "The Experiments," highlights the science and community behind brewing and invites readers to "reportâ€¦results and discuss them" at the book's website. The detailed index enables easier navigation of the text. **VERDICT** With this much talent on tap, readers won't be disappointed. Recommended for beginners (but not complete novices) and veteran home brewers who enjoy a challenge or want to experiment with their craft." - **Library Journal**

About the Author

Drew Beechum has been brewing and writing about brewing since he first picked up a kettle in 1999. He is the author of *The Everything Homebrewing Book*, *The Everything Hard Cider Book*, and *The Homebrewer's Journal*, and coauthor of *Experimental Homebrewing*. Beechum has also written for *Zymurgy*, the journal of the American Homebrewers Association, writes a regular column for *Beer Advocate*, and is the cohost of the *Experimental Brewing* podcast. He lives in Pasadena, California, with his lovely wife, a dedicated brewery, and his loyal army of dogs and cats. Denny Conn brewed his first batch of homebrew in 1998 and since then has brewed over 500 more. He is a BJCP national-ranked beer judge and has been a member of the governing committee of the American Homebrewers Association for nine years. His recipes have been brewed by several commercial breweries in both the United States and Europe. He was a contributing author to *Craft Beer for the Homebrewer* and coauthor of *Experimental Homebrewing*. He currently consults for several breweries, is a field educator for Oakshire Brewing in Eugene, Oregon, and cohosts the *Experimental Brewing* podcast. He lives in the foothills of the Coast Range in Oregon with his wife, five cats, and two dogs.

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