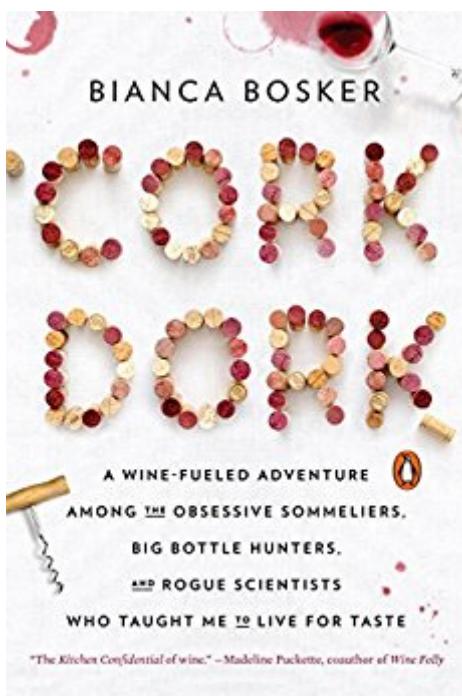


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Cork Dork: A Wine-Fueled Adventure Among The Obsessive Sommeliers, Big Bottle Hunters, And Rogue Scientists Who Taught Me To Live For Taste



Synopsis

â œThe Kitchen Confidential of wine: Read this book, and youâ™ll never be intimidated by wineâ" or wine snobsâ" again.â • "Madeline Puckette, Wine FollyFor readers of Anthony Bourdain, Susan Orlean, and Mary Roach, a surprising, entertaining and hilarious journey through the world of wine. Like many of us, tech reporter Bianca Bosker saw wine as a way to unwind at the end of a long day, or a nice thing to have with dinnerâ" and that was about it. Until she stumbled on an alternate universe where taste reigned supreme, a world in which people could, after a single sip of wine, identify the grape it was made from, in what year, and where it was producedâ" down to the exact location, within acres. Where she tasted âœwine,â • these people detected not only complex flavor profiles, but entire histories and geographies. Astounded by theirÂ fanatical dedicationÂ and seemingly superhuman sensory powers, Bosker abandoned her screen-centric life and set out to discover what drove their obsession, and whether she, too, could become a âœcork dork.â •

Â Thus begins a year and a half long adventure that takes the reader inside elite tasting groups, exclusive New York City restaurants, a California winery that manipulates the flavor of its bottles with ingredients like âœMega Purple,â • and even a neuroscientistâ™s fMRI machine as Bosker attempts to answer the most nagging question of all: whatâ™s the big deal about wine? Funny, counterintuitive, and compulsively readable, Cork Dork illuminates not only the complex web of wine production and consumption, but how tasting better can change our brainsâ" and help us live better.--â œReadingÂ Bianca Bosker isÂ likeÂ sitting down withÂ a brilliant, curious friend for an after-work drink, and suddenlyÂ findingÂ itâ™s midnight and the table is littered with empty bottles. Between her hilarious exploits and thoughtful meditations on wine and life, youâ™ll wantÂ toÂ stay forÂ just one more.â • â "Lauren Collins, author of When In FrenchÂ "In this delightfully written and keenly observed book, Bianca BoskerÂ takesÂ readersÂ on a year-long rompÂ throughÂ the realm of wine lovers, experts, cultists, sommeliers, and poseurs.Â Along the way,Â she helps us becomeÂ connoisseursÂ not only of wine but also ofÂ peopleÂ whose passions would more aptly be described as obsessions.â • â "Walter Isaacson, author of The InnovatorsFrom the Trade Paperback edition.

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