

★ Friday Night Cocktails: 52 Drinks to Welcome Your Weekend

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Perfect for budding mixologists or seasoned professionals in search of inventive twists, the sleek cocktail book *Friday Night Cocktails* is replete with creative beverages to slake your seasonal thirsts.

A bit of history on cocktails themselves opens this irresistible guide, followed by a quick rundown of the gear—and glasses—that any accomplished cocktail-maker will claim. Thereafter, it's a race through the year—beginning with the cozy, citrus-themed tastes of fall.

Perennial favorites like the Vesper and Boulevardier coexist with revived treasures like the Chrysanthemum (featuring absinthe and vermouth) and the raspberry-tart Clover Club. Chocolate bitters and shavings breathe decadent new life into the Old-Fashioned, and the Negroni Sbagliato is the mistake you'll want to make.

The recipes are concise—one per page, with tidy lists of ingredients, garnishes, and the necessary glassware. Each is complemented by a corresponding image of the drink in question—pictures that are artful and evocative in their own right. And the suggested variations, recipes for scrumptious syrups, and intermittent tips (such as to dry leftover citrus for later, or on how to dry-shake egg white for the perfect foam) make the guide useful even beyond the promised 52 options.

With its elegant photographs and gleaming, gilt-letter packaging, *Friday Night Cocktails* is a crowd-pleasing guide for those who raise their glasses to the weekend.

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