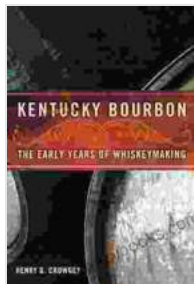


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## The Birth of an American Icon



Kentucky bourbon is one of the most iconic American spirits, and its history is a fascinating one. The early years of bourbon whiskey were a time of experimentation and innovation, as distillers sought to create the perfect spirit.

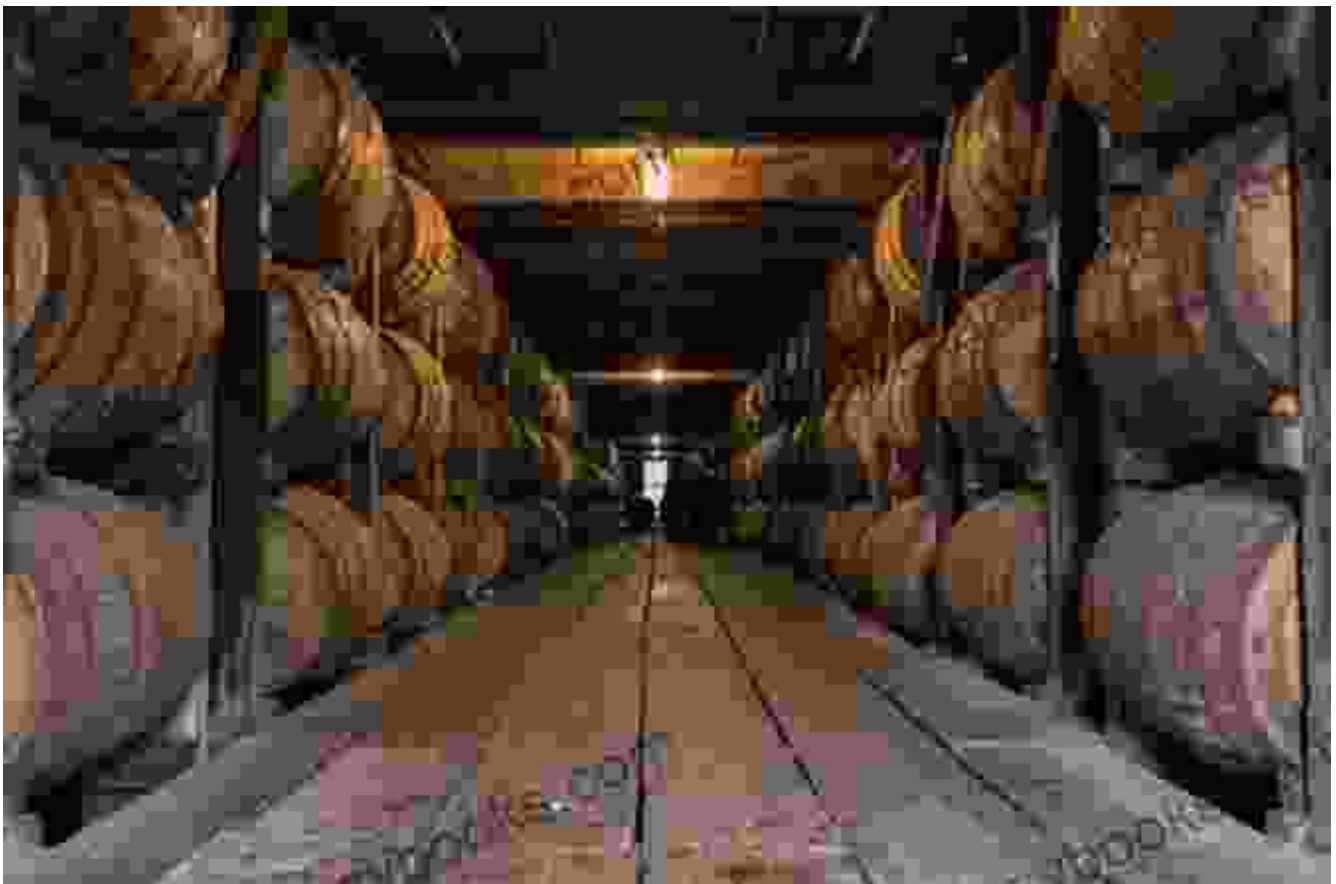
In the early 1700s, Scotch-Irish immigrants began to settle in Kentucky, and they brought with them their knowledge of whiskey making. The first

bourbon whiskeys were made from corn, rye, and barley, and they were typically aged in oak barrels.

Over time, bourbon whiskey began to develop its own unique flavor profile. The limestone-rich water in Kentucky gave bourbon a smooth, mellow taste, and the aging process in oak barrels imparted a rich amber color and complex flavors.

By the early 1800s, Kentucky bourbon had become a popular spirit throughout the United States. In 1835, Congress passed a law that defined bourbon whiskey as a "spirit distilled from at least 51% corn." This law helped to establish bourbon as a unique American spirit.

## **The Rise of the Bourbon Industry**



The bourbon industry boomed in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The growth of the railroad system made it easier to transport bourbon to other parts of the country, and the demand for bourbon grew rapidly.

By the early 1900s, there were over 100 bourbon distilleries in Kentucky. The bourbon industry was a major economic driver for the state, and it helped to make Kentucky known as the "Bourbon Capital of the World."

## **The Prohibition Era**



The Prohibition Era, which lasted from 1920 to 1933, had a devastating impact on the bourbon industry. The sale, production, and transportation of alcohol were all banned, and many bourbon distilleries were forced to close.

However, some distilleries were able to survive by producing medicinal whiskey or by exporting their products to other countries. After Prohibition

was repealed in 1933, the bourbon industry began to rebuild.

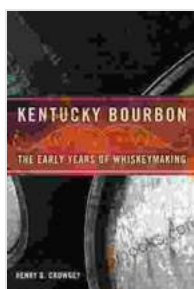
## **The Modern Bourbon Industry**



The bourbon industry has continued to grow in the modern era. Today, there are over 90 bourbon distilleries in Kentucky, and bourbon is one of the most popular spirits in the world.

Bourbon whiskey is made in a variety of styles, from light and smooth to rich and flavorful. There is a bourbon to suit every taste.

If you are interested in learning more about the early years of Kentucky bourbon, I encourage you to read my book, "Kentucky Bourbon: The Early Years of Whiskeymaking." This book provides a comprehensive history of bourbon whiskey, from its humble beginnings to its rise as an American icon.



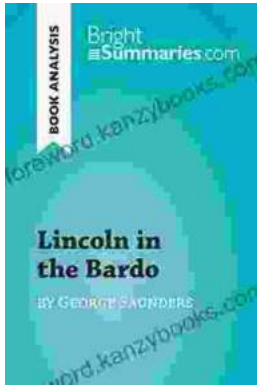
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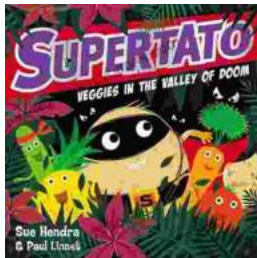
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