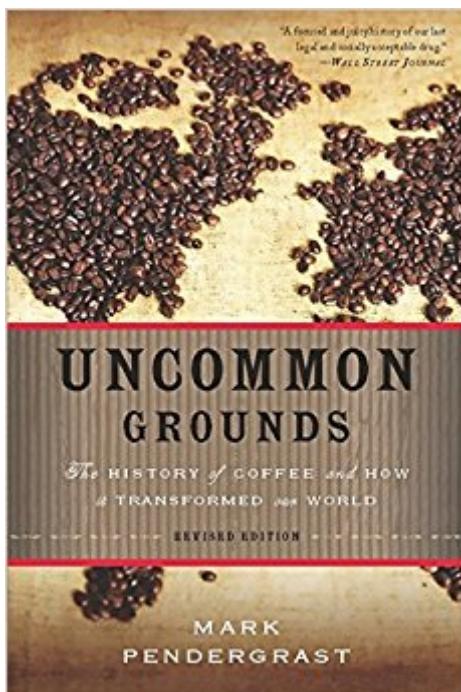


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# Uncommon Grounds: The History Of Coffee And How It Transformed Our World



## Synopsis

Uncommon Grounds tells the story of coffee from its discovery on a hill in ancient Abyssinia to the advent of Starbucks. In this updated edition of the classic work, Mark Pendergrast reviews the dramatic changes in coffee culture over the past decade, from the disastrous "Coffee Crisis" that caused global prices to plummet to the rise of the Fair Trade movement and the "third-wave" of quality-obsessed coffee connoisseurs. As the scope of coffee culture continues to expand, Uncommon Grounds remains more than ever a brilliantly entertaining guide to the currents of one of the world's favorite beverages.

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MARK PENDERGRAST is an independent scholar who brews a fantastic cup of coffee. He is the author of many books, including *For God, Country and Coca-Cola*, *Mirror Mirror*, *Inside the Outbreaks*, and other books. He lives in Colchester, Vermont."

If you are a new coffee fanatic, and are in to roasting your own coffee and wanting to learn all you can about coffee, go ahead and purchase this book, Pendergrast does a pretty good job of covering the coffee world from harvest to cup, and it is in an easy to read format. But I must say, I felt it was basically a "Cliff Note" of the all encompassing "Coffee Bible" that William H. Uker wrote almost a hundred years ago. Ukers book is titled "All About Coffee", and is the acknowledged complete work of every aspect of the coffee world. You can sometimes find the out of print book on Ebay, but it is

usually over \$150 for a worn out copy! I found that you can go to "Project Gutenberg" on the web and read the entire book, with all the full color hand drawn pictures, absolutely free of charge! Do it! You won't regret it!

Came across this book at a coffee bar and it piqued my interest in coffee. Lengthy, so for time I read some other books about coffee first. I've been brewing coffee in a basic way for years and never thought of trying to improve my coffee brewing methods. Now, I am brewing coffee better in so many ways! This book gives a good history of coffee, which includes a bit of how to brew. I love this book.

Have given multiple times as gift to coffee lovers - always a hit.

Very informative book of you are at all interested in coffee or history.

It was an excellent read and brought back many memories of how coffee was advertised. A nice blend of history and the story of how coffee impacted the world was very well written. Now, whenever I have a cup of coffee it actually means more. Recommend this to anyone who is a coffee lover!

I never received this order!

A well-written and informative book overall. Though I must echo the comments of other readers that state that it focuses more on the Americas. Having said that, it would have had to be a very long book to cover the world history of coffee. The book had some great parts which were very interesting (for example how America became addicted to drinking stale, packaged coffee in the 20th century) and parts that were less riveting (the incessant ups and downs of global coffee prices). Overall, I don't regret the purchase at all, it was a good read that left me with a much better understanding of coffee.

Wow! This book really delves into behind the scene dealings of coffee companies extending into the darker aspects of government interventions in the exploitation of foreign nations' resources. Loaded with fun facts and pertinent information. I bought it for my dad for Christmas. He's a coffee lunatic and collects Chase & Sanborn vintage coffee tins.

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