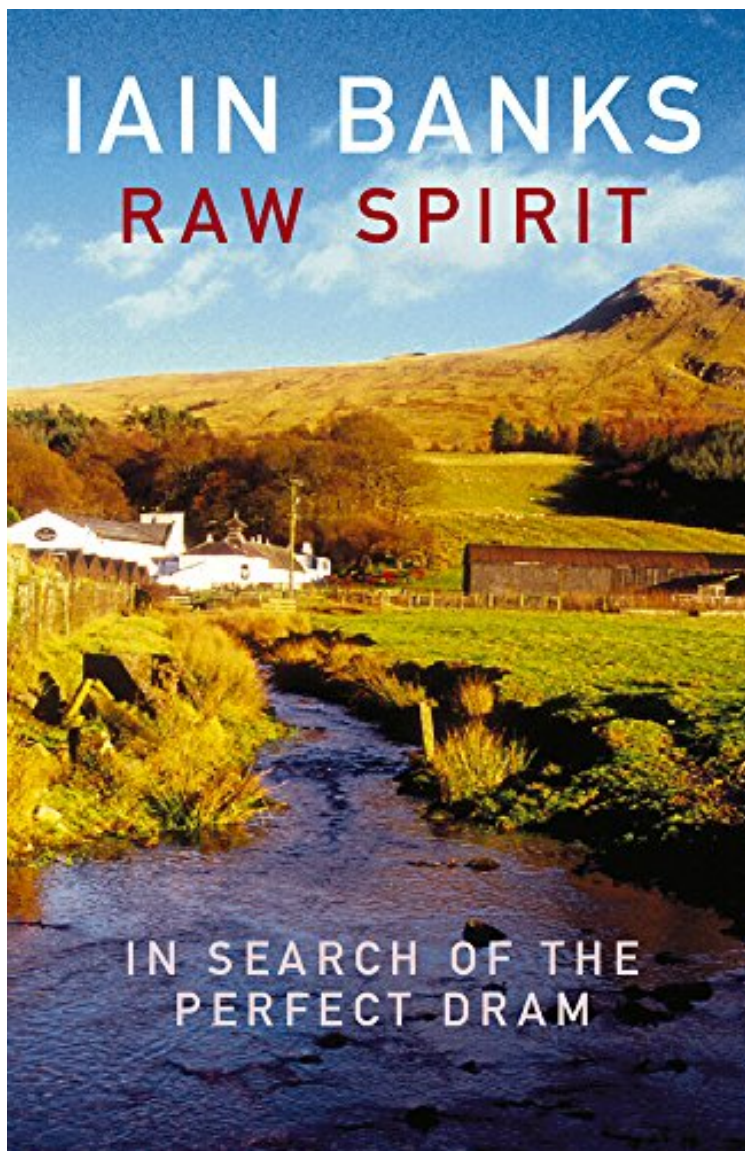


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to drink single malt scotch. He spends as much time reflecting on the Scottish roads and countryside, the Iraq war, British taxes, Australian red wine (of a specific bottling), Scottish cooking, favorite cars and motorbikes, the US President, firecrackers, and personal friends who accompany him, as he does on tasting single malt scotch whiskey. This is why I gave the book only 3 stars, because someone seeking more information on Scotch should go elsewhere, and that's the honest part of me as a reviewer. OTOH, if, like me, you adore Penfolds Grange (I have the largest 3 decade collection in the East US), damn good scotch, well-engineered motor vehicles on twisty roads, close/old friends, warped skiffy stories; and you hate the Iraq war, the 'dubya' President, the use of taxes for military and complete BS properness, then the rating for this book should be 5 stars. And it doesn't hurt that this book drove me to my fave stores to hunt rare SMs as well for a small fortune. The fact that I like Iain's stories, particularly the skiffies, is just the best icing on the cake. Aside from the Glenfiddich Havana Reserve, that is. An' heer's tu ya. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Fine Drams of a Small Country By Tone Ford Having been there, appreciated the almost Personal Guide to the Distilleries of Scotland- with the help of google earth too. The personal touch is a nicely written, with help from his friends and family, we get to travel and enjoy the landscape, the whiskeys and Iain's fine humour. Of course his finest dram coincides with mine, and that was thanks to my friend Chris. He is getting this book as a Real Book, in the mail. Iain Banks or as Iain M. Banks, has been a touchstone for me for a long time, and I have not read all his offerings. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Disappointing By Axelantl This book is more like a rambling, diarrhea-of-the-mouth blog about the author's past adventures and escapades than it is about the landscape and whisky distilleries of Scotland. I slogged through it, but it was disappointing from such a well-known writer.

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