

THE MILK  
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# COCKTAILS

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This delightful book is the latest in the series of Milk Reading menus that have been specially planned to help grown-ups with the drinks around them.

As with other menus in the series, the large, clear script, the careful matching of flavours, the balance of aromas and the thoughtful choice of ingredients, will all enable grown-ups to really get their drink on, whilst maintaining a certain level of sophistication.



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All cocktails marked with a "🍷" are in after work offers.

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# RUM

Rum is a very important spirit in the history of our nation. Soaked in the blood of slavery, piracy, and the British navy. Rum has been enjoyed by grown-ups for generations.

## **Bermudan Fall**

Goslings Black Seal Rum, apple juice, blackberries, walnut bitters, Pedro Ximenez, red wine. Shaken and served short over ice, captures all the flavours of Bermuda.

£7.50

## **Taffy's Mistress**

Wray and Nephew Rum, blackberry liqueur, Velvet Falurnum, lime juice, topped with Ting. Churned and served with lots of ice. Long and refreshing, you'll feel at home in Jamaica with Taffy's Mistress.

£7.50

## **Magie Noir**

Chairman's Reserve Spiced Rum, peach liqueur, lemon juice, Peychauds bitters, aquafaba. Shaken and served straight up with nutmeg. Named after the myths and legends of St. Lucia. Sweet with a zesty kick.

£7.50

## **Navy Fours**

Wood's 100 Navy Rum, Benedictine, vanilla syrup, coffee, cinnamon. Flamed over a tall glass with a cinnamon garnish. When a Pusser got lost at sea, this is how he would drink his rum (so we say). Celebrating the British navy and the Guyanese jungle.

£8.00



## **P.S. I Love You**

Sailor Jerry, Baileys, Disaronno, Tia Maria, milk. Shaken and served short with ice. Rum classic, perfect for that overindulgent evening.

£7.50

## **Missionary's Landing**

El Dorado 3, Koko Kanu coconut Rum, orgeat syrup, pineapple juice, mint. Shaken and served tall with ice. Think Mojito, but better. This twist on a classic is guaranteed to keep you refreshed all night.

£7.50

## **Caught In The Rain**

Koko Kanu coconut Rum, El Dorado 3 year Rum, pineapple and thyme sugar syrup, lime juice, coconut water. Shaken and served straight up. If you like Pina Coladas, we've made a lush, short, lighter version that all can enjoy.

£8.00

## **El Presidente**

Mount Gay Rum, Martini Rosso, triple sec, orange peel. Stirred and served straight up. Said to have been created by American bartender Eddie Woelke at the Jockey Club in Havana, and supposedly named after President Mario Garcia Menocal, this drink has been described as the Martini of Cuba.

£8.50

## **Planter's Punch** 🍹

Blackwell Jamaican Rum, orange juice, lemon juice, sugar syrup. Shaken and served tall. The Planter's Punch first appeared in the New York Times in the early 1900s, created by Fred L. Myers. However we like to use Blackwell Jamaican rum for that little bit of smoothness.

£7.50

## Feeding William

El Dorado 3 year Rum, peach liqueur, velvet falernum, Martell VS lemon, topped with tonic or lemonade, (your decision) a pinch of dry herbs and a surprise companion. A twist on a favourite of America's first president, George Washington.

£9.50 (bring back the surprise for a £1 refund)

## Corn and Oil

El Dorado 8 year Rum, Velvet Falernum, Angostura bitters. Stirred and served over ice. This drink became incredibly popular in the Caribbean so early on, particularly in Jamaica and Barbados, that its origins have been lost in time.

£8.00

## Reading Milk 🍷

Skipper Navy Rum, sugar, nutmeg, milk. Built in a tall glass with ice. The oldest drink in Reading, travellers passing through the town (not city) would drink rum, nutmeg and milk at the George hotel on Broad Street.

£7.00

## Painkiller

Pusser's Navy Rum, pineapple juice, orange juice, coconut cream. Shaken and served tall over ice with nutmeg. Inspired by Daphne Henderson, owner of the Soggy Dollar bar at White Bay on Jost Van Dyke (British Virgin Islands), this is the closest we can get to her secret recipe as possible.

£8.50

## The Milk Bottle

Appleton Estate Signature Blend Jamaican Rum, Rebellion spiced Rum, pineapple juice, cranberry juice and lime blended together and served in one of our signature milk bottles. Milk bottles were once a common sight in the British isles, but have all but disappeared because of Tesco.

£7.50 - 2 for £12

# GIN

Gin is a lovely spirit flavoured with juniper, which was invented by the Dutch, but in keeping with British traditions it was stolen, and we made it our own. Gin was once only popular with housewives, but is now enjoyed by all grown-ups due to marketing.

## **Miller's Crossing**

Martin Miller's Westbourne Strength Gin, Rinquinquin Vermouth, Velvet Falurnum, Peychaud's bitters. Stirred and served straight up with an orange twist. Martin Miller always said gin had to be drunk properly, so we made a drink to live up to this with a twist on the classic Gin Martini.

£8.50

## **The Duchess** 🍷

Beefeater Gin, Martini Rosso, lemon juice, apple juice, sugar syrup, peach bitters. Churned over lots of ice, served tall. Slightly herbal, refreshing and great for summer, the Duchess is very easy drinking.

£7.00

## **Summer In The Ding** 🍷

Hendrick's Gin, cucumber, apple juice, lemon juice, and elderflower cordial. Shaken and served in a tea cup with batons of Cucumber and really who doesn't want to drink gin from a tea cup?

£7.50



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# WHISKY

Whisky is traditionally made from grain and Scotland but sometimes Americans and other countries make Whisky too. Whisky can be drank neat, over ice, on park benches or in cocktails.

## **Boulevardier**

Monkey Shoulder Scotch, sweet vermouth, and Campari. Stirred and served short with ice. A whiskey twist on a Negroni, one of our favourite cocktails. Scotch, sweet and Italian, would never leave a bitter aftertaste in your mouth...

£8.00

## **Death Proof**

Evan Williams Bourbon, El Jimador Tequila, green Chartreuse, lime juice, agave nectar. Shaken and served straight up, this one packs a zesty punch. One of our bar-type friends came up with this bad boy. Not for the feint hearted.

£8.00

## **Old Fashioned Lemonade** 🍹

Wild Turkey Bourbon, sugar syrup, lime juice, orange bitters, tonic. Built in a tall glass with ice. Long and refreshing, you would normally associate Bourbon with a cold winter's night, however we have fought the odds by creating a bitter sweet summer bevvy.

£7.00

# TEQUILA / MEZCAL

Tequila and Mezcal come from Mexico and are made using the agave plant. Tequila famously makes you happy and although there is no scientific evidence to support this boast, it is a fact.

## **Matador**

El Jimador Reposado Tequila, Martini dry, Ancho Reyes chilli liqueur, triple sec. Stirred and served straight up. Remember the El Presidente? This Mexican twist gives you a hint of spice and a kick of agave. Think Mexican Martini.

£8.50

## **Chocolatina**

Montelobos Mezcal, cold brew coffee, chocolate liqueur, orange bitters. Created by Milk for Cinco de Mayo. As we have a love for Espresso Martinis, we thought we'd bring a smoky kick to it.

£9.00

## **Puebla 5 🍷**

QuiQuiRiQui Matatlan Mezcal, creme de pêche, Ancho Reyes chilli liqueur, cranberry, lemon. Shaken and served straight up with a lemon twist. Named after the city of Puebla in Mexico where the Mexican army won a historic victory over the occupying French army.

£7.50

# VODKA

The name vodka comes from the Slavic word 'voda', meaning water. The famous Russian dictator Joseph Stalin took this quite literally! However we would not recommend this as he later went on to murder millions of people.

## **Bloody Mary**

Reyka Icelandic Vodka, spiced tomato juice paired with Shed hot sauce, and our homemade Reading sauce (as featured in *Around The World In 80 Days*) Sticking to our Reading roots, this is a Bloody Mary on (extra) heat. Tailored to exactly how you like to drink. (not suitable for vegetarians)

£9.00

## **The Seagull**

Russian Standard Vodka, blue curaçao syrup, Koko Kanu, apple juice, lemon juice. Carbonated and served in an alcopop bottle. WKD, you say? Try our alcopop cocktail, named for our favourite seagull Nelson, who flew away to Brazil.

£8.00

## **Terry's Standard**

Russian Standard Vodka, chocolate liqueur, triple sec, orange bitters, Mozart chocolate bitters. Stirred and served straight up. Chocolate and orange, Martini style. This is one boozy mistress.

£8.00



# MISCELLANEOUS

## Barrel aged

Ask your bartender what we've got ageing at the moment. It's well worth it!

**PYO** Choose your own booze! 

Choose from: **Beefeater Gin, Sagatiba Cachaca, or El Jimador Tequila.** Lime juice, sugar, Peychaud's and peach bitters, topped with apple juice and lemonade, also built with lots of ice, not shaken. Long and refreshing, this summery number will keep you guessing with each taste.

£7.50

## Sours (Vegan friendly)

A traditional family of drinks. We have accommodated all drinkers, by using aquafaba in place of egg white in our sours. Lemon juice, sugar, all combine together for this classic tasty drink. Choose from: **Disaronno, Monkey Shoulder Scotch Whisky, Glenfiddich 12 year Whisky, Tullamore Dew Irish Whiskey**

£7.50

## Carribbean Sours

A rummy, fruity, tiki twist on the classic Sours, using The Duppy Share, with a homemade Port Falurnum float.

£8.00

## Captain Kidd's Punch

Plantation 5 year Bajan Rum, Shaken and served short with ice. This is the reconstruction from Potions of the Caribbean based on the 323-year-old recipe from The Pirate Hunter where Captain Kidd was first mentioned. A sweeter version of a sours made with lime juice.

£8.00

# WINE

Oenophobia is the fear of wine, if you are lucky enough not to be afflicted with this terrible phobia we have some lovely grapey numbers for you to try. Our wines are sourced from independent Reading wine merchants. We have a choice of:

## **White, Red, Rosé** 🍷

175ml £5.50

250ml £6.50

Bottle £15.00

## **Prosecco**

125ml £5.50

Bottle £20.00

# VIRGINS

Virgins used to be sacrificed to please the gods but in this case refers to cocktails without alcohol. Great for grown-ups who are hovercraft captains.

## **Fruit Passion**

Passion fruit purée, pineapple juice, orange juice, lime juice, and sugar syrup.

## **Apple Mac**

Elderflower cordial, apple juice, fresh mint, soda, served over ice in a pint glass.

## **Clean Colada**

Coco Lopez coconut cream, pineapple juice, lime juice, orange juice.

All £4.00

# COCKTAILS...

## THAT HAVE STOOD THE TEST OF TIME

There are lots of lovely cocktails not listed in the main part of this book but don't worry we can probably make them. If you can't see your favourite drink don't be frightened, just ask.

**Bramble**

**Breakfast Martini**

**Blood and Sand**

**Caipirinha** 🍷

**Caiprioska**

**Champagne Cocktail**

**Clover Club**

**Corpse Reviver no. 2**

**Daiquiri**

**Dark 'n' Stormy** 🍷

**Dutty 'n' Tongue**

**Espresso Martini**

**Hanky Panky**

**Hemingway Daiquiri**

**Hurricane**

**Julep**

**Kir Petillant**

**Last Word**

**Mai Tai**

**Manhattan**

**Martini**

**Martinez**

**Mojito**

**Margarita**

**Negroni**

**Old Cuban**

**Old Fashioned**

**Pina Colada**

**Paloma**

**Rob Roy**

**Rosita**

**Side Car**

**Silk Stocking**

**Starporn Martini**

**Ting Wray** 🍷

**Vesper**

**White Lady**

**Zombie**

Allergies – Do you have an allergy? Don't be shy and potentially die. Let your bartender know and they will be able to advise.

Milk Reading hope that you enjoyed this book and had a lovely responsible evening with your grown-up friends.