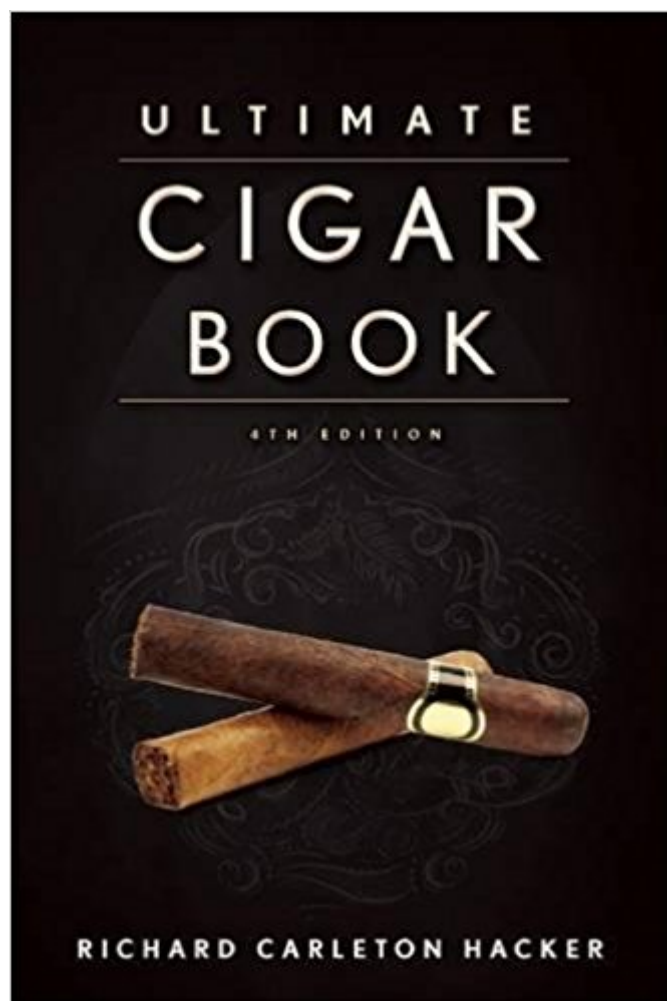


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# The Ultimate Cigar Book: 4th Edition



## Synopsis

First published in 1993, *The Ultimate Cigar Book* has become a classic in its field, and is generally credited with having helped launch the current cigar smoking craze. It has been reprinted numerous times in the United States, and is now sold worldwide. No other book contains as much detailed and factual information on virtually every facet of cigar making and cigar smoking. And now this trendsetting book has been revised in this fourth edition for the aficionado of the future! Forget 1492. This book starts out in B. C. (Before Columbus) and transports the cigar enthusiast on a fun and fact-filled adventure into virtually every realm of today's popular and growing cigar smoking pastime. Written by one of the most knowledgeable and internationally-celebrated pipe and cigar authors of our time, Richard Carleton Hacker's well-known wit and wisdom will keep the reader enthralled with every turn of the page, as he takes you on an information-packed world tour of cigars. Starting off with a history of cigar smoking, the author then shows us how cigars are made today (handmade, handrolled, and machine made), divulges the secrets of finding the "perfect" cigar, and discusses the ritual of smoking and how to properly care for and store our cigars. From there the book lists a number of innovative cigar accessories, suggests which beers, wines, whiskeys, brandies, and cognacs go with what cigars, enlightens us with a chapter on cigar smoking celebrities, and concludes with the world's first International Compendium of virtually every cigar brand known today, complete with histories and observations on taste, according to the author's HPH (Highly Prejudiced Hacker-Scale) ratings. If that was not enough, there is even a dictionary of CigarSpeak! *The Ultimate Cigar Book* is the most comprehensive, factual, and up-to-date book for the cigar smoker or for those who just want to learn more about the fascinating and popular world of cigar smoking.

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Richard Carleton Hacker is one of the world's foremost authorities on the subjects of cigars and cigar smoking. Christened "The Cigar Czar" by the news media, he has written more than three hundred articles on the topic. In 1994, he was knighted by the Internationales Tabakskollegium in Germany for his numerous writings on the subject of tobacco. He lives in Sherman Oaks, California

Great weekend read. Filled with interesting facts and anecdotes. Not exactly a "coffee table" boo, as it measures just ~5 inches across. It is a substantial, solid book, jam-packed with cigar info. So packed with information is this book that it doesn't even get around to the 'how to light a cigar' section until page 173. Must have for cigar lovers. Cover price is \$24.99, nice to see it at for less.

I purchased this book for my husband and he cannot put it down. He calls it his cigar encyclopedia. I have briefly reviewed the book and it is truly detailed and well written.

Everything you need to know about cigars. Learning about the history of cigars was fascinating and entertaining. One of the tidbits was the history of the cigar band and why they were created. Must read book for the cigar aficionado.

Wonderful comprehensive book on cigars and their tobaccos. Bought it on "Kindle" and will probably order the hard copy!

Most awesome book on cigars and the industry I have ever read!

Good, but the author does tend to ramble on about his life a little bit. I like that, but some may not. Otherwise, it's almost overly informative.

Great book, for novice and aficionado alike! Hacker writes with great knowledge and references, and in an engaging and captivating way. He even employs humor into this fantastic, all encompassing book on cigars.

I ordered this book for my son-in-law, who loves a good cigar with his father-in-law (my husband) for a Valentine's present. It was priced perfectly for the amount I spend on Valentine's day and was a great resource for him. He loves it! It's a quick reference guide for him.

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