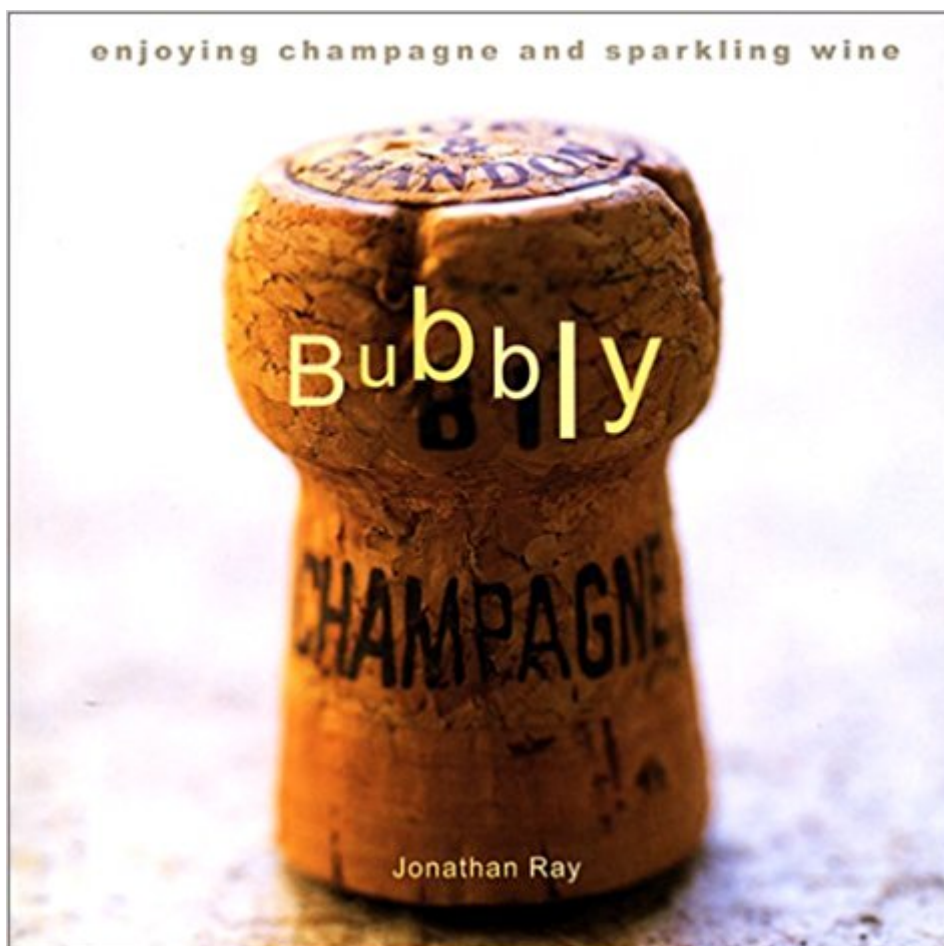




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Nothing beats a glass of champagne or sparkling wine for celebrating the special occasions in life or for pepping up an otherwise ordinary day. Jonathan Ray's "Bubbly" has all the vivacity and elegance of a glass of your favourite fizz. In it he reveals the essential facts and illustrious history behind champagne and sparkling wines, explains how the wines are made and looks at the wealth of styles available. With the basics considered, he comes to the best part--how and when to drink bubbly. Be it pure and unadulterated, or as part of a gorgeously decadent cocktail such as Bellini or a Black Velvet, fizz is impossible to resist. -As seductive as a tall flute of lightly chilled fizz, "Bubbly" celebrates the magic of champagne and sparkling wine -Wise and witty text from leading young wine writer Jonathan Ray

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Customer Reviews

Jonathan Ray spent several years in the British wine trade, working for Peter Dominic, Oddbins, and Berry Bros & Rudd. Now a writer and lecturer, Jonathan's books include "Red Wine" and "White Wine" (both Ryland Peters & Small).

This little book, the size of a CD jewel case, stretches a few short articles on champagne to fit 64 pages. There are pretty pictures, and some amusing type design. It might make a nice accompaniment to a gift of champagne, but if you're looking, as I was, for something substantive on the history and making of champagne, forget it. In any event, I'm deeply suspicious of any book that comes with a list of places to buy "glasses and other bubbly accessories."

In reality, this book is probably closer to a 3 star rating. However, given what I believe to be a rather unfair "1 star" rating on the part of the previous reviewer, I feel the need to counter-balance the negativity with a positive review. Granted, this book is a bit of a fluff piece. However, for just one dollar (purchased at a nationally known discount book store) the book presents a cursory introduction to the world of champagne and sparkling wine. Moreover, the photography of the book is aesthetically pleasing as well. In essence this is a miniature coffee table book; it's something that you might keep with photographic books about chocolate or tea - a kind of decorative book to be thumbed through occasionally during festive times of the year. If you can find this book on a discount shelf for \$1 or \$2, it's worth purchasing.

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