

First taste: how Indigenous Australians learned about grog (2008)

Type: Booklet

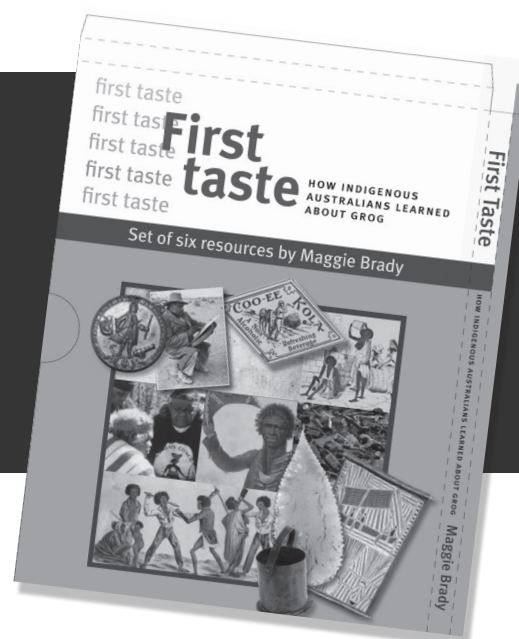
Description:

Maggie Brady, a social anthropologist from the Australian National University, has written a series of short books called *First taste*, which explore the social history of alcohol use in Australia. The series of six booklets investigates the factors that have been a foundation for Indigenous drinking habits. The booklets provide a complete analysis of the history relating to the introduction of alcohol to Indigenous Australians. The topics covered by the booklets include:

- aims and ideas (introduces the series)
- the first taste of alcohol
- strong spirits from SE Asia (strong liquor arriving in the northern region of Australia)
- the story of the bottle (cultural significance of glass)
- learning to drink from the English (how the English taught the Aboriginal people drinking customs)
- struggles over drinking rights (effects of the ban on drinking alcohol)

When to use this resource:

This resource can be used to give Indigenous people an understanding of how history has played a role in the current levels of alcohol drinking. It is applicable to all age groups and settings (rural, urban or remote). It provides useful background information to anyone working in the area of Indigenous health and alcohol use.



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