



Tea: A Very British Beverage

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Amberley Publishing. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Tea: A Very British Beverage, Paul Chrystal, The ubiquitous cup of tea is as much a part of British life as indifferent weather, the BBC or the queue at the Post Office. Look at the facts: we Britons drink 62 billion cups per year; 70% of the population (over age 10) drank tea yesterday; over 25 per cent of milk consumed in the UK goes into your cup of tea. Tea, since its arrival here in the seventeenth century, has shaped our lives, our history, our work, our culture and even our bodies. Not surprisingly for a drink that we take throughout the day, every day, there is a fascinating story to tell about its origins and how it took Britain by storm to become our second most popular beverage after tap water. This book begins with the early history of tea and goes on to chart its development as something quintessentially British with it slowly but surely insinuated itself into our culture, language and society. Our loss of the American colonies, the Opium Wars, female emancipation and victory in the Second World War all owe something to a nice cup of...



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