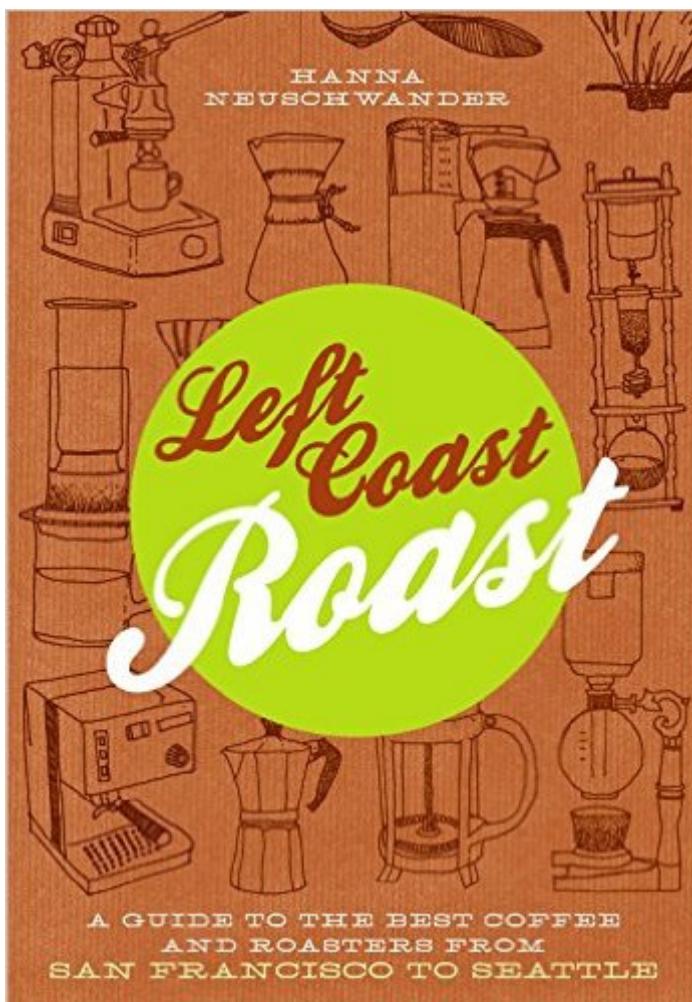


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# Left Coast Roast: A Guide To The Best Coffee And Roasters From San Francisco To Seattle



## Synopsis

From Alfred Peet's original shop on the corner of Walnut and Vine in Berkeley, to the small roasters opening each year, West Coast roasters have largely defined and refined how Americans drink and think about their morning cup of joe. They have turned a morning ritual into an obsession. *Left Coast Roast* is a caffeine-fueled guide to 55 key companies in Washington, Oregon, and Northern California—“from small artisan roasters like Heart, Coava, and Kuma and history-making icons like Peet's and Starbucks, to rapidly expanding shops like Portland's Stumptown and San Francisco's Blue Bottle. Profiles describe each company's background, roasting history, and style, and explain how to visit and order beans for home brewing. A coffee primer—with notes on lingo, varieties, roasting basics, and how to brew the perfect cup—makes this an ideal guide to the coffee obsessed. Drink up!

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This is really a great book that I will recommend to anyone who is trying to get into the world of specialty coffee. It begins with a little bit of knowledge teaching, not too much that if you have already been brewing your own coffee with your Hario V60 or Rancillio Silvia for a while, you will probably find the content to be too little. However, the vivid writing from Hanna makes the reading a great experience by itself. The rest 2/3 part of the book, as the title says, depicts individual coffee shops/roasteries from San Francisco to Seattle. This is not for tour-guiding to show you where you can find the best coffee, but a well-written account of individual coffee roasters and the history of

coffee culture along the way. From the text, you will find the gourmet spirit of coffee making and the current efforts to improve the quality and knowledge of this world's most consumed beverage. For beginners, this book is a perfect 101 textbook. For seasoned drinkers, despite the fact that you might have heard or have tasted most of the coffee, this handy, beautifully designed, well-written book is still a great addition to the collection of one's coffee gears.

I've been toying with the idea of opening a coffee shop, but wanted to make sure I wouldn't be in over my head on what's out there. This book has helped me with some of the nomenclature of the business without being overwhelming. It's a good resource to wet your palate, so to speak, and point you in a direction. It's an easy read too.

This book is amazing. I especially like it because there is something for everyone. The way it's split between how to and where to is really cool. The instructions on how to make coffee are very accurate. Another highlight is the illustrations. I've been to a lot of the shops that are in this book and I think Hanna is spot on. The book highlights a lot of great roasters from the micro set to the mega corporations. This book belongs on your bookshelf.

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