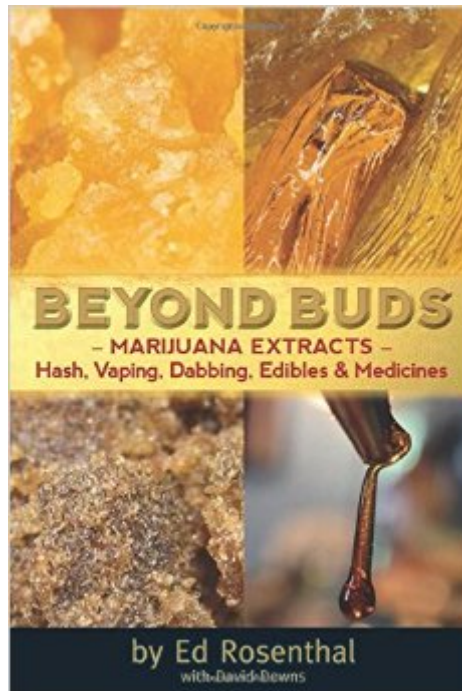


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Beyond Buds: Marijuana Extracts—Hash, Vaping, Dabbing, Edibles And Medicines



Synopsis

Beyond Buds is a handbook to the future of marijuana. Prohibition's end has led to a technological revolution that's generated powerful medicines and products containing almost zero carcinogens and little smoke. Marijuana icon Ed Rosenthal and leading cannabis reporter David Downs guide readers through the best new consumer products, and demonstrate how to make and use the safest, cleanest extracts. Beyond Buds details how award-winning artisans make hash and concentrates, and includes modern techniques utilizing dry ice and CO2. The book is a primer on making kief, water hash, tinctures, topicals, edibles, and other extracts from cannabis leaves, trim, and bud bits, and it goes on to explore and simplify the more exotic and trendy marijuana-infused products, such as butane hash oil (BHO), shatter, wax, and budder. More complex than lighting a joint, these innovative products call for new accessories; special pipes, dabbing tools, and vaporizers; all of which are reviewed and pictured in the book. Beyond Buds expands on Rosenthal's previous book Ask Ed: Marijuana Gold: Trash to Stash. Completely updated with full-color photographs that are both how-to guides and eye candy, this book enables not only the health-conscious toker but also the bottom line-driven cultivator.

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I'm a book editor, and I've spent years improving book manuscripts for print. Beyond Buds has been copyedited and laid out by people who know what

they're doing, but it needed a strong content editor, someone who knows what they're doing when checking the layout, and a less commercial (less greedy) approach. The material is badly organized and the information is full of holes. It's an overview book, not a methods book, meaning this is not a good source of information for someone seeking to learn DIY techniques. On top of that, this book is clearly a money-making opportunity for the author/co-author/publisher. It fails to meet the needs of the reader/consumer. As an editor, my job is to make sure the author has delivered the content to the reader in a clear, accurate, and valuable manner. With this as the criteria for rating the book, this book only deserves 2 stars. Ed Rosenthal may have written the introduction and a few of the segments he knows something about, but for the most part this book seems to be a compilation of company-sponsored text and contributing writers with Rosenthal as the writer in name only. Even then, Rosenthal is probably here for name-recognition only, with the real writer being the co-author David Downs. I say this because there are contradictions within the chapters, and this happens when multiple writers are contributing content. This is also backed up by the list of names in the acknowledgments, which isn't just a list of individual's names, but a list of company names. The sections of this book that are most helpful are on topics that address the traditional methods such as making kief, cannabutter, edibles, caps, and tinctures. However, much of this information is easily available from books and internet sites. The content on water hash lacks detailed instructions, but does have plenty of product-placement images. Chapters 7, which addresses bud, shatter, and wax is so badly written and edited that it is nearly worthless. Chapter 8 on CO2 extraction is simply an overview of the main concepts along with a massive plug for Eden Labs, an equipment manufacturer, and a couple of other corporate plugs. Nothing here for someone looking for small-scale DIY techniques. Many of the chapters are simply compiled with company-sponsored images and marketing text. Advertising would be excusable if the content provided was valuable, but it simply isn't. We get a lot of product-placement photographs and very little usable information. I came away from reading several of these chapters with a strong sense that the contributors don't want the readers to know anything. I think the contributors are keeping people in the dark "they don't want to give up trade secrets. This is akin to a chef writing a cookbook without divulging all the necessary information (special ingredients, techniques, cooking temperatures, pressures, detailed instructions, and important tips). By far, the worst thing I have to say about this book is the most obvious "it's full of product sponsorship, and this has been done in the most blatant way, with company photos, MSRP (Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price) information, and the most dreadful of all "Company Spotlight" pages. Chapter 5,

Vaporizing, is made up of 12 vaporizer reviews and 14 product images. The back of the book is all advertising, a section of "Corporate Sponsors" consisting of 16 full-page advertisements "thanking" the sponsors. It's pretty clear that this book is advertisement-driven. The authors/publisher is more concerned with getting the production and printing costs covered than with producing a book that will benefit the readers. It's shameful really. Magazines are advertisement-driven publications. Books, on the other hand, should deliver good content that has longevity, which makes for happy and satisfied readers. This book doesn't provide the reader with anything close to \$24.95 worth of content. Save your money.

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Some background. I live in a legal state, and have been in the industry. I also have a science background. This book is interesting. It is more of an introduction to extracts for people without much prior knowledge on cannabis. Unfortunately, there were several claims that just aren't supported by science and it would have been nice for to add citations. (Marijuana is a great medicine, but exaggerating claims hurts its potential. for ex: not acknowledging side effects). In addition, there are multiple advertisements, which is unfortunate as it can limit the writer's objectivity. In conclusion: I'm not sure how to recommend this book as I think it hurts to tell people incorrect information, but on the other hand, there was a significant amount of good information--especially for beginners--in this book.

Beyond Buds is a comprehensive introduction to cannabis essential oils, processing, and alternative delivery methods. This book offers a definitive overview of cannabis concentrates and their current state within the cannabis industry and emerging markets, providing a wide audience of readers with both a compelling resource, as well as a source of inspiration for iterations and continued development. For the newer processor, consumer, and medical patient, Beyond Buds answers questions that you would spend years trying to track down on forums/google/publications or figure out through trial and error. For the industry veteran and die-hard worker, Beyond Buds serves as a brief yet invaluable reference, index, and basis for research for cannabis concentrates. Beyond Buds sheds positive light on a largely mis-understood culture, striking a fine balance between readability and mass distribution, and acceptance by a sometimes brutally critical following and

community. Contrary to some criticisms, I am of the opinion that referencing online mediums is beneficial in this case, particularly if the book is treated as a foundation, because the greater cannabis knowledge base is now expanding so rapidly. For example, a book published on the topic in 2013 would seem incomplete and out-of-date already. *Beyond buds* will stand the test of time as the go-to handbook for cannabis essential oils.

The book is alright if you are looking for basics of hash making and an overview of the process. I totally agree with one of the reviewer's in the statement that this book is a product catalog. Not much insight or thought on the actual process of modern extraction at all which is why I am returning this book. The how to's are all based upon the products listed in the book, so if you have no interest in using the products in the book then the How to demonstrations may not help you out. All the information is very rudimentary and basic, also there is an entire section dedicated to just dabbing gear. I thought this was going to be a book about the processes of manufacturing modern day hash oil and maybe somewhat delving into some of the older methods of creating hash. Also, the book is a lot smaller than I anticipated, I was looking for something similar to Ed Rosenthal's *Marijuana Grower's Handbook* in terms of clarity and depth of information, and I was disappointed.

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