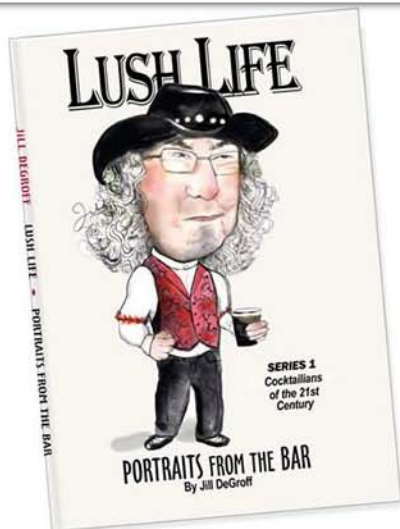


'Lush Life': Jill DeGroff Draws (on) Cocktail Scene

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Jill met her future husband, Dale DeGroff, in Hollywood back when he was a struggling actor tending bar on the side. She's been a witness to the career of the man who would become [King Cocktail](#), not to mention the evolution of the craft bartending movement that he helped pioneer. *Lush Life: Portraits From the Bar* is Jill's tribute to her husband and his fellow [cocktailians](#). The artist's whimsical caricatures of bartenders, brand ambassadors, and other boozy characters have the happy, hazy feel of a world gone, well, tipsy. And the snippets collected from her subjects offer a glimpse into this socially lubricated scene of drink slingers and sippers -- from [Pegu Club](#) owner Audrey Saunders's recollection of asking her mentor, Dale, "What's a Pegu Club?" to King Cole Bar's Kwaku Nyampong's recipe for his signature King's Passion cocktail. In the tradition of Ralph Steadman's *The Grapes of Ralph*, *Lush Life* is what you want to peruse as you proceed to wet your whistle.

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