

## Why do you like your beer in a glass?

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So why do we prefer to have our beer in glasses rather than in plastic cups? After all, plastic cups are much more practical: they don't break, they are easily disposable, and they can't be used to attack people. Beer glasses, however, do tend to break, they cannot be easily disposed of, and are often used to attack people (in the UK, for example, more than 5,000 are attacked with glasses every year , costing the health service more than £2bn).

So why then, do we keep using glass to drink beer?

The answer to this mystery can be found in [Mark Miodownik](#)'s upcoming book, [Stuff Matters](#). The book is not out yet, but you can read a great excerpt published in *The Guardian* a few days ago [here](#).