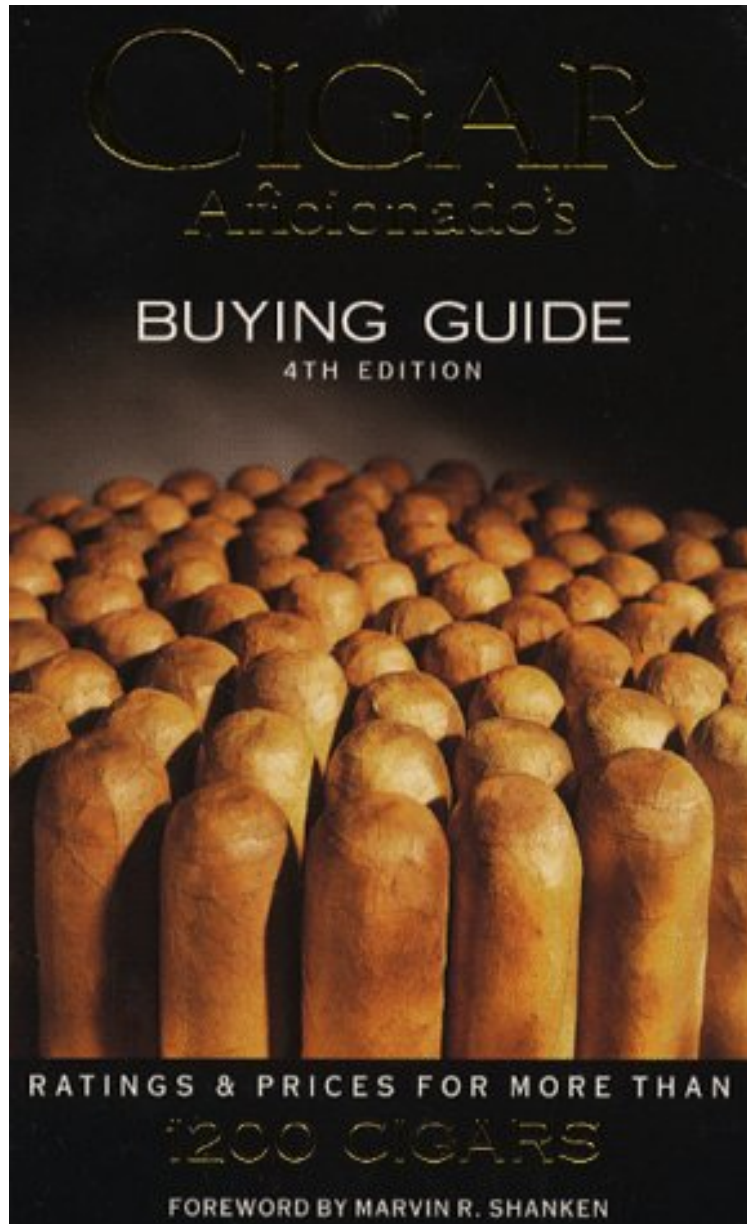


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This complete listing of more than 1200 cigars reviewed in CIGAR AFICIONADO magazine is an ultimate resource for cigar lovers. Each cigar is rated on a 100-point scale and listed along with its price, country of origin, type of tobacco, and description of strength and flavor. Also includes a directory of over 3200 retail tobacconists in the U.S. and some abroad.