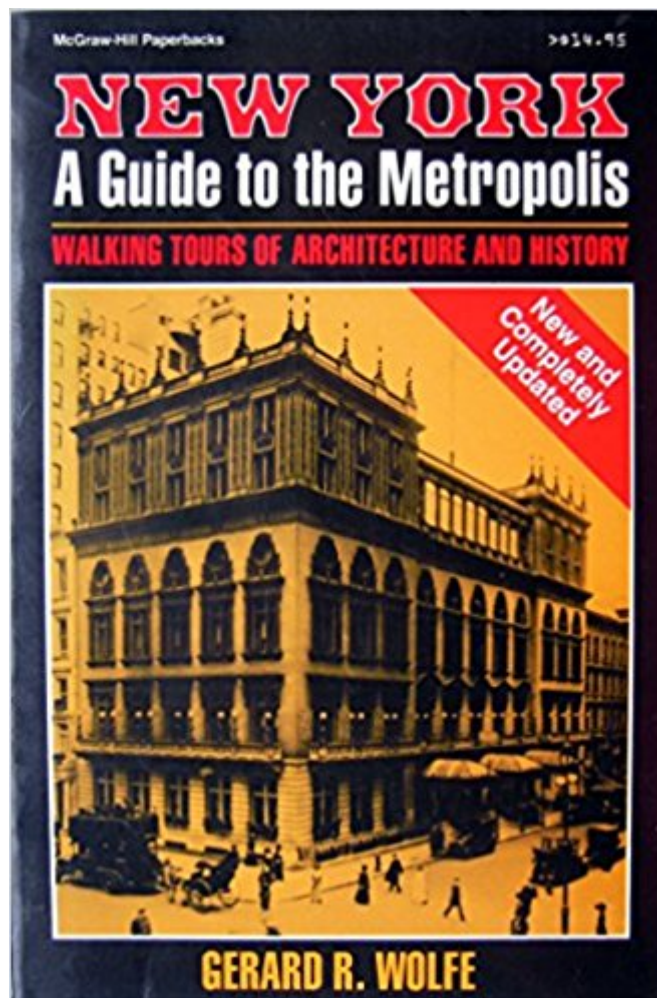




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Synopsis

This walking tour guide shows the variety of architectural styles that can be found in New York's public buildings, residences and commercial structures. Its 20 walking tours provide an insider's look at the architecture of New York City, and nearly 300 new and vintage photographs help to bring the city to life. Easy-to-follow street maps make this an ideal walking companion to the city. The book demonstrates the remarkable changes in the New York landscape of the last ten years - new construction in Times Square and Battery Park City, and newly designated historic districts such as the "Flat Iron District". It contains: dozens of rare historical photographs, showing Lower East-Side tenements and sweat shops, street car trolleys and fashionable Chelsea promenades; useful historical details, including mention of the recently discovered "Negroes Burial Ground behind City Hall"; and tours of other boroughs, including often overlooked historical areas of Brooklyn, Queens and Roosevelt Island. Designations of landmark status are clearly marked throughout. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

Covering every area of Manhattan--from Battery Park to Central Park, from Washington Square to Times Square--the fascinating architectural history of New York is illuminated in this comprehensive walking-tour guidebook. Essential reading for both native New Yorkers and tourists alike, *New York: A Guide to the Metropolis* unveils the boundless diversity of Gotham's architectural wonders. The book is chock-full of facts and detailed descriptions, and illustrated with nearly 300 vintage photographs and engravings that bring old New York back to life. Examples of surviving

17th-century Dutch Colonial architecture, historic neighborhoods, and buildings displaying virtually every architectural style known in the United States are highlighted. Twenty walking tours, ranging from two to five hours in length, explore the most fascinating landmarks, structures, and important sites in the city, all of which are clearly marked on easy-to-follow street maps. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

If there is a better guidebook to New York City with a historical bent, we haven't seen it. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I just got back from Manhattan, having done at least six of these walks in the sweltering heat. The directions and the details in this guide were terrific. You can skip the history and detailed architectural information if you want, but it does add to the walks. The guide pointed me to places and detail I never would have seen on my own. My favorite walk was the upper west side, although it took the longest. The statue of Joan of Arc and the Pomander Walk were outstanding. I stopped into many a lobby, some of which I could walk through and some not. I did get lost a bit, but found it was my fault and not the guides. I do recommend tearing out each walk, stapling the pages and using that to walk with as the book is fairly heavy. HIGHEST RECOMMENDATION!

I used .com to search for a book to give as a gift to my sister, a native New Yorker still living in the city who brings family on tours when they visit. I was able to locate a number of works on the history of New York, check them out concerning table of contents and sample pages, and read reviews. This book seemed the best for my purposes, and yes, it was; my sister says it is a very good research tool, enabling her to check a date, check a site. We are both pleased.

I am a New Yorker originally, but it never ceases to amaze you when you discover some hidden treasures. The layout of this book is fantastic and allows you to spend as little or as much time as you have wandering various areas.

Yes

Really fun to read and full of photos that link places I know well to its colorful past.

Looks promising. Waiting to use it. Made a "big hit" when opened as a Xmas present. Will try in a

week or so when we are in NY.

Excellent guide for tourists

Bought these as gifts. We have not given them yet, but we feel confident that they will be just what our buds will like.

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