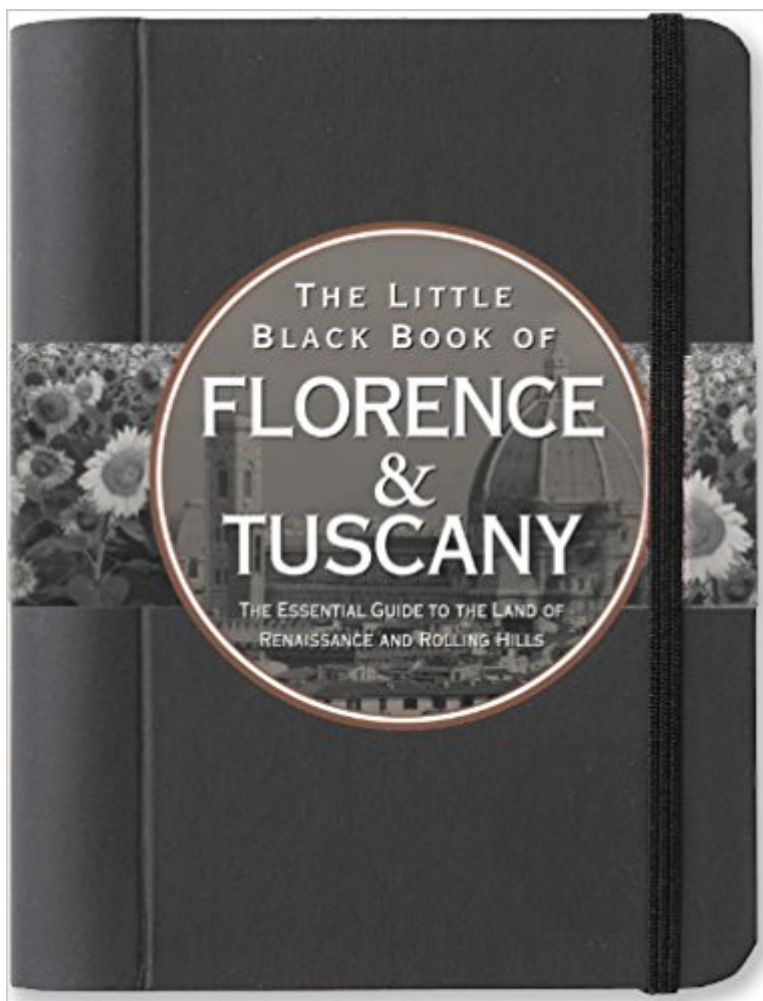


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Customer Reviews

When I buy a guidebook, I usually look for the Frommer's \$ a Day budget guides Washington D.C. from \$80 a Day, Paris from \$95 a Day, etc. Why? Well, mostly because I'm a creature of habit. I started buying the Frommer's and Let's Go guides years ago because they focus on budget travel. Let's Go is great for backpackers and those on a really tight budget. Frommer's is a bit more mature but still budget-minded (think hotels rather than hostels), and I like their "Suggested Itineraries" section and their maps (Frommer's maps are among the best). But now that there are so many other guidebooks to choose from, I buy Frommer's mostly because I can be in and out of the store in minutes rather than hours and I know I'll come home with a reliable guide. Then, just this past month, everything changed . . . I discovered something new . . . You see, when I went to the bookstore to pick up guidebooks for my upcoming honeymoon, I got an idea . . . Why not, I thought, buy five different guidebooks (from five different publishers) and compare them to find my favorite.

So that's what I did. I bought one brand for each stop and then, on my way out, I saw a little Paris guide I'd never seen (or heard of) before. So I picked that up too. (I go to Paris at least once a year so I can never have enough Paris guidebooks.) Here's what I found . . . and it surprised me: My favorite book of all for both pre-trip planning and on-the-ground support is The Little Black Book of Paris. The other guides I bought are all divided into sections this way: Where to Stay, Where to Eat, What to Do. But The Little Black Book of Paris is divided by area. And each area has its own fold-out map (which, to be honest, blows the Frommer's maps out of the water). While the guide doesn't have an entire history or culture section like most of the others do Lonely Planet, TimeOut, Fodor's, etc. it's well written and there's an overview of each area at the beginning of each section. I liked the guide so much I went back to the bookstore to buy more. --Lori Appling - The Travel Writer's LifeBest Travel Series of the Year, 2008 "We select the Little Black Travel Books as our travel guide series of the year. The main reasons for designating these guides as best of the year are their portability and user friendliness. (The spiral binding allows the reader to keep the book open to a certain page.) Individual volumes are small enough to fit into a pocket, but in terms of helpfulness, they are twice their physical dimensions. The other reason these guides are so worthy of praise is the fact that each volume has a neat, tidy, and nicely detailed foldout map to the particular area under discussion. The chapters in each volume correspond to the geographical areas into which the authors divide the city for the tourist. Each chapter gives basics on places to see, available art, and entertainment venues, places to eat and drink, where to shop, and where to stay. You can study a range of guides before your actual trip, but this is definitely a commendable candidate for carrying with you on site." --American Library Association, Booklist

Author Vesna Neskow introduces the places and pleasures of the region, including its famous cuisine, rich in ingredients produced locally, and equally renowned wines. Ms. Neskow lived in Europe for 13 years. She speaks six languages. Her TV work has been produced by CBS and broadcast on NPR, and she has written for the New York Times Book Review.

I'd suggest this as something "pre-trip" to help you focus interest and then go find a more in-depth guide. We got this for the Kindle and I found it a bit difficult to use in that format, but I have other versions (Paris, Rome) and they give a nice little encapsulated overview of different districts/neighborhoods with the top sights highlighted. No details tho. There are nice LITTLE fold-out maps of each area discussed, which I like, but can't read very well.

Well worth the cost for good information. I got it as a hard copy and an Kindle book and used the digital version while traveling. The information was up to date and it allowed me to find some places I might not have with other sources.

I did not find this guide to be useful. I had thought it would be more of a locals' insiders guide but it was simply less informative than many 'generic' guides.

I like the size of the "book". It is compact yet the maps which pull out are large enough to be able to navigate while using them. I plan to do more focused reading on the plane when we make our journey to Italy. So far I have only done a cursory inspection. I also like the hard cover and elastic which can be slipped over the book to keep it closed and unwrinkled.

I have the Little Black Book : Rome, they are great for travel, easier to carry on my trips abroad to Italy.

I had this little book for three days in my hands while walking through Florence! It has everything you need to have a great holiday, I found excellent pieces of advice and the best recommendations for places to visit with very good directions!

Perfect little book, small easy to carry. cell phones don't really work in Florence so having paper maps and info is best.

Perfect

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