

The Unofficial Guide to New York City (Unofficial Guides)

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Eve Zibart, Lea Lane : The Unofficial Guide to New York City (Unofficial Guides) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Unofficial Guide to New York City (Unofficial Guides):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Carrie J. KummerGreat2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Not a reliable source of info for travel to NYCBy Z HayesMy family recently went on vacation to a couple of cities, such as Washington D.C., Philadelphia, NYC and Boston. I really found the information in The Unofficial Guide to Washington, D.C. to be immensely useful in planning our 5 day stay there. The guide was filled with useful information about touring tips, and we planned our itinerary accordingly, saving much time and effort in the process."The Unofficial Guide to New York City" on the other hand was utterly disappointing - there were no touring hints or strategies, and the information also seemed all over the place. The restaurant guide appeared incomplete, not covering certain sectors of the city, and on the whole, this guide was not a reliable tour guide of NYC. I also used another guide, Frommer's, and found that much more useful. Pass on this one.18 of 20 people found the following review helpful. Unofficially, it's inconsistentBy Gotta pay yer dues if ya wanna sing the blues**Who wouldn't like to get the unofficial word on a big complex city? Who wouldn't like to feel that they were going to be able to find the places that make a city memorable, and that they weren't going to stick out as easy pickings while doing so?These guide books promise, essentially, that you will know what you are doing before you've actually had the experience, removing some of the nasty anxiety of going horribly wrong as you set out to find urban magic. Some

of their features are excellent. The hotel section, for instance, is comprehensive and gives several ways of looking for a hotel that might match your needs. Neighborhood overviews are also very fine. HOWEVER! other aspects are both annoying and silly. Addresses are often wrong; hours of operation ditto; information about public transportation is (to be charitable) out-of-date. Nothing quite beats hopping confidently onto a bus with a pocket full of dollar bills, only to discover that busses only accept tokens or quarters. They don't do badly at explaining what attitude you need to take to manage in New York, but neither do they do well. They hint, for example, at the importance of tipping, but do not convey the underlying fact that tipping in NYC is essentially small-time protection money. Not that that's a bad thing. Similarly, restaurant coverage was unimaginative, but maybe there is no way to predict whether a tourist would prefer a very very safe and bland experience, or is more adventurous and would prefer places where the locals eat. Even then, which locals? This book helped us find a hotel that pleased us. Still, the other aspects annoyed us sufficiently that we left it behind in JFK before we took off.

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24 hours into 30, Eve has found time to author several books, including *The Ethnic Food Lovers Companion*; *The Eclectic Gourmet Guide to Washington, D.C.*; *The Unofficial Guide to New Orleans*; *The Unofficial Guide to Walt Disney World for Grown-Ups*; and *Inside Disney: The Incredible Story of Walt Disney World and the Man Behind the Mouse*. NATIVE NEW YORKER RACHEL F. FREEMAN (Dining and Nightlife contributor) believes it is her duty to act as both foodie and night owl. Having lived abroad for 11 years, she returned to New York with a renewed hunger for what the city has to offer, resisting the temptation to join the ranks of the jaded. She has written for guidebooks in Warsaw, Poland, and has a passion for Edinburgh and the Highlands and Islands of Scotland. She has written for *Poland Business Guide*, *Wider Insider*, *Warsaw Insider*, and *Voyage* magazine. LEA LANE HAS TRAVELED TO OVER 110 COUNTRIES AND has been a columnist for Gannett newspapers, a TV travel and lifestyle reporter, and managing editor of the newsletter *Travel Smart*. She writes for magazines and newspapers, including *The New York Times*, and is a major contributor to guidebooks, including those on Belgium, Greece, Italy, and New York. She has written *Steps to Better Writing*, *The Worlds Most Exciting Cruises*, *The Unofficial Guide to South Florida*, and *The Unofficial Guide to Bed and Breakfasts and Country Inns in New England*. Her newest book, *Solo Traveler: Tales and Tips for Great Trips*, was chosen as runner-up for Best Travel Book of the Year by the North American Travel Journalists Association. Leas popular lifestyle Web site is www.sololady.com.