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Ben Gibbard : The Little Black Book of New York: The Essential Guide to the Quintessential City (Travel Guide) (Little Black Books (Peter Pauper Hardcover)) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Little Black Book of New York: The Essential Guide to the Quintessential City (Travel Guide) (Little Black Books (Peter Pauper Hardcover)):

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high-quality slick paper. For such a small book [Product dimensions: 4.48 (w) x 5.58 (h) x 0.90 (d)] this is chock full of information. Since it is black and small the book is discreet and doesn't obviously shout, "Tourist." This would also be very convenient for people who live in New York City but haven't explored every area. It is very sturdy and won't get ripped up in your bag or purse. It could fit in a large pocket. An elastic strip holds it closed so it doesn't open up in your bag. Description is spot on: Divided by area, this sleek city guide to Manhattan covers landmarks, museums, and other highlights, plus places to eat, drink, shop, and stay. Numbered entries in the text are keyed to area maps in each chapter. "Top Picks" direct you to not-to-be-missed attractions. Spot illustrations throughout liven the text. 9 full-color maps, including a subway map. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Best Tour Guide Book EVER! By Amy B. We had a family reunion in New York and I bought a Little Black Book for each family that attended. We all used them for the entire week we were there, and it was great for everyone to be on the same page (pardon the pun) when we started talking about site seeing, subway rides, etc. The content is extremely thorough and very helpful. Being broken down into sections was probably what helped the most. It was easy for us to plan each day based on what area of Manhattan most of our interests lay for that day. HIGHLY recommend for anyone not already familiar with the island. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Guides By AFJI bought the Little Black book of Vegas last year and it was excellent, so for my first time in New York I bought this. The guides are excellent - they pick out the tourist highlights but also give other interesting places and background facts too. The books are split into areas, which is very useful, as all the information for your exact location is on those few pages. I have to say that the New York one was split up a little too much - areas were split into smaller areas. The size is excellent - fits into a purse or a pocket, and not a heavy book. But don't think they aren't big enough for all the information - they are!

Discover the best things to see and do in New York, with extra details on 'Top Picks' attractions, places to eat, drink, shop, and sleep, where to take the kids-- the whole shebang! Divided by area, this easy-to-use guide to Manhattan offers colored-coded, numbered entries keyed to helpful fold-out maps. 224 pages, 9 fold-out maps.

Travel Roundup: Best Travel Series of the Year, 2008. Hooper, Brad (author). FEATURE. First published September 15, 2008 (Booklist). 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. Little Black Travel Books (Peter Pauper Press). --Booklist - American Library Association 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... Since we're going around the world with stops in Milan, Lake Como, Dubai, Shanghai, and Tokyo, and I needed to buy a guidebook for each destination. 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. Unfortunately, they don't have guides for my other destinations as they're a fairly new series. They do, however, have one for Washington D.C., where I live, so I bought that. After reading both guides -- Paris and D.C. -- cover to cover, I got so excited about these guidebooks I called the publisher to see what other books they have in the works. Turns out, Paris, D.C., New York, and Rome are the only guides on shelves to date. But San Francisco and London are due out later this year (July and September respectively). And they hope to publish four a year from now on, with Boston and

Disney World on their 2008 list. These books are a real find, and I'm glad I stumbled on them. I encourage you to check them out. --Lori Appling - The Travel Writer's Life
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