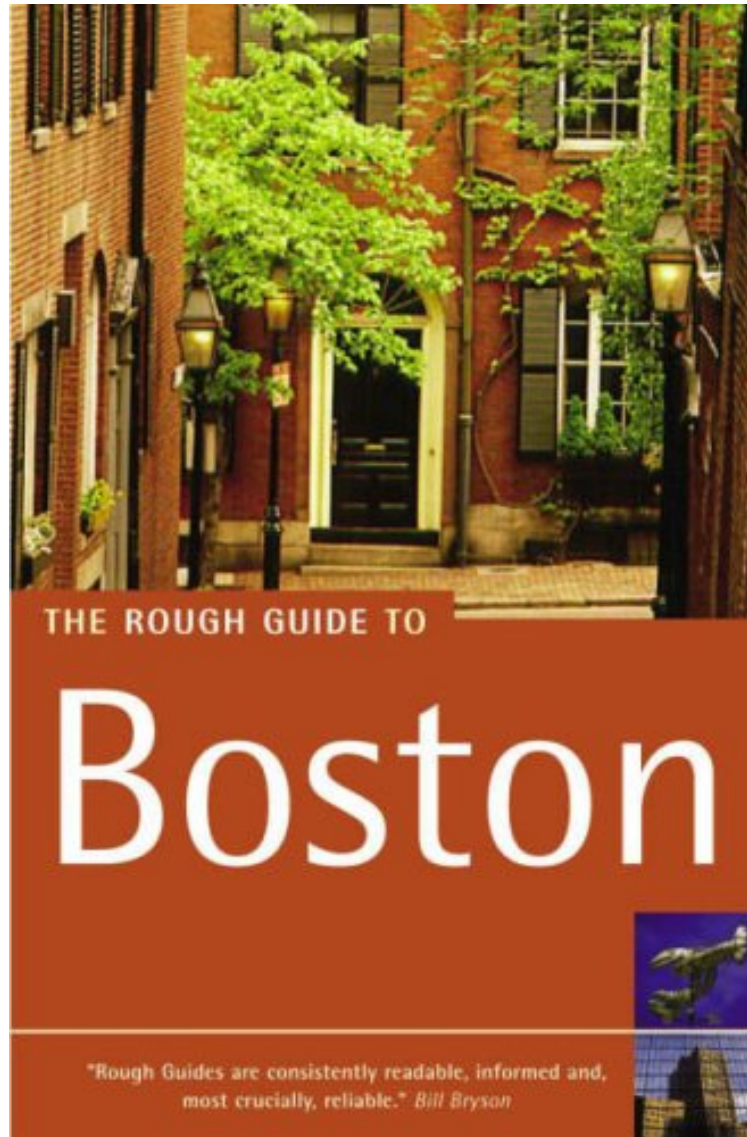


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Anthony Grant, David Fagundes : The Rough Guide To Boston - 4th Edition before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Rough Guide To Boston - 4th Edition:

15 of 16 people found the following review helpful. Shows Lack of Knowledge of Boston By ChrisAs a native of Boston, who routinely entertains friends who visit and spend time in the city, I am constantly looking for the best guide to recommend to our guests when they are out and about exploring. Unlike many guidebooks to Boston, this one lacks actual knowledge of the city. I question the author's time spent in Boston. I wonder if he simply read Fodor's

Boston and wrote his own version full of comments manufactured to make you believe he had spent a considerable amount of time here. It appears he never ventured out of the tourist areas of downtown and he missed a large part of the city, which makes Boston so unique and provincial. On top of this his analysis of downtown, the Common, and Back Bay give you no insight, and would not help a tourist go beyond what they could learn about Boston from a tourist information booth. He speaks of various parts of Boston at times with even contempt. He includes inaccuracies (such as the fact that Dorchester Heights is in Dorchester - actually it is in South Boston) and paints whole neighborhoods in just a paragraph (what he groups together as the south part of the city). This only glosses over or misses the great charm of such areas of the city as Centre St. in Jamaica Plain, Jackson Square, Franklin Park and the Forrest Hills Cemetery, the ethnic foods and stores of Dorchester and Roxbury. He actually goes as far to recommend you avoid much of Dorchester and incorrectly describes south Dorchester as a place your life may be in danger, which is just factually incorrect (and beside this much of the crime exists in the northern parts of the neighborhood and parts of Roxbury where he suggest people visit). Why discuss neighborhoods in such a negative light, with no actual knowledge of them, intentionally deterring people from going there who would not have gone there in the first place? This is one of the worst guidebooks I have read about the city of Boston... And I would not recommend it to any of our friends if they were visiting.

The Rough Guide gets under the skin of this historic city, with lively accounts of every attraction from the smart streets of Beacon Hill to the Revolution-era sights around Boston Common. Throughout there are critical listings to suit all tastes and budgets. The authors' selection of "things not to miss" range from bustling Harvard square to shopping on Newbury Street which houses hip cafes and colourful boutiques. It also covers neighbouring Cambridge, Plymouth, Salem, and Cape Cod's Provincetown. The contexts section provides insightful background on the city's history, architecture, people and literature.

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