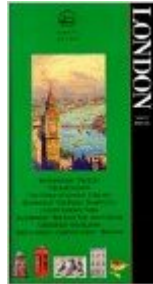




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I purchased this guide book for my dad. He loves to travel and also has a nice library he has been

trying to fill up. He told me how much he enjoys the Knopf guides for their information but also their great pictures so I went ahead and purchased guides for many of the popular cities and countries. He has them all beautifully arranged on his library shelves. The spines of the guides look great!

I got three different guidebooks for my trip to London and this one was the strangest. I really liked the illustrations but the writing style was too formal for my taste and the information wasn't always relevant. I guess I'm more of a Lonely Planet type of gal. I've held onto the book but I didn't pack it in my suitcase when I went on the trip.

Even after given a brand-name-for-travel guidebook to London, I sought out and bought the Knopf Guide. Why? Best layout, easiest to read and discover things in.

I recently purchased this guide before a trip to London and found the information about the city, its history, and the sights to be excellent. I really enjoyed reading about the historical sites as I was visiting them. I would note that the guides suggestions of places to eat and pubs should be only taken as suggestions as they are not the top spots to eat and drink in London.

Very Good

Very detailed and complete guide book for the London area. Also gives rich review of London's incredible history. Covers all the major and minor areas of the city, the architecture of the area, and just about everything you could possibly hope to see in your time there. Very much well worth the investment.

First off: I have never been to London, at least not yet. I am a tremendous fan of these Knopf Guides, first buying them for some classes I took in travel school. My collection numbers 10. However, London is special. I dream of going there every day--this particular guide transported me there more than my own dreams could. The sections on architecture through the ages, "London Through the eyes of writers", and various other sections are finger-printed and thumbbed and dog-eared. That just shows a person how I value the given information within. A MUST BUY!

During my recent visit to London, this book guided me through all the historical and modern architectural sites with accurate detailed information. I wish the author published a millennium issue

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