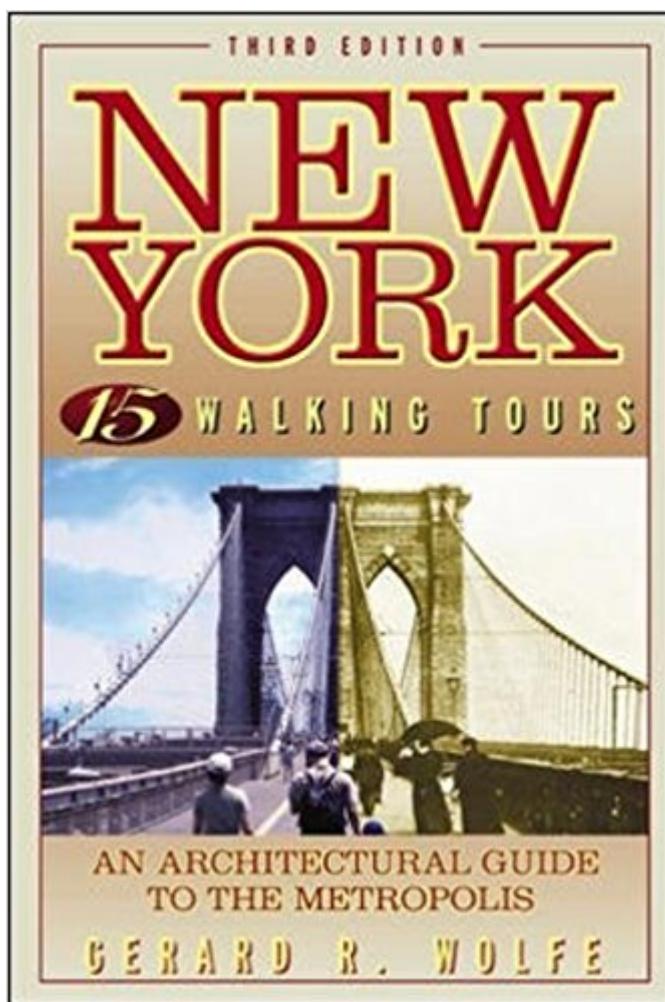


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# New York: 15 Walking Tours, An Architectural Guide To The Metropolis



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The devastating events of 9/11 have brought a renewed interest in the rich architectural history of New York City. This highly acclaimed well-illustrated "carry-along" walking tour provides the updated information that tourists, students, architects, and historians need to fully appreciate the architectural aspects that have made NYC one of the most vital cities in the world. This new third edition features:

- \* 15 walking tours of NYC's most important structures and neighborhoods
- \* Easy-to-use maps for each tour with major landmarks clearly indicated
- \* Nearly 300 vintage photos and engravings
- \* Interesting, little known historical "tidbits" and anecdotal stories on significant buildings
- \* Information on the latest landmark designations
- \* Revised maps and changes in transit information to reflect the effects of 9/11

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## **Customer Reviews**

Covering every area of Manhattan--from Battery Park to Central Park, from Washington Square to Times Square--the fascinating architectural history of New York is illuminated in this comprehensive walking-tour guidebook. Essential reading for both native New Yorkers and tourists alike, *New York: A Guide to the Metropolis* unveils the boundless diversity of Gotham's architectural wonders. The book is chock-full of facts and detailed descriptions, and illustrated with nearly 300 vintage photographs and engravings that bring old New York back to life. Examples of surviving 17th-century Dutch Colonial architecture, historic neighborhoods, and buildings displaying virtually every architectural style known in the United States are highlighted. Twenty walking tours, ranging

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I just got back from Manhattan, having done at least six of these walks in the sweltering heat. The directions and the details in this guide were terrific. You can skip the history and detailed architectural information if you want, but it does add to the walks. The guide pointed me to places and detail I never would have seen on my own. My favorite walk was the upper west side, although it took the longest. The statue of Joan of Arc and the Pomander Walk were outstanding. I stopped into many a lobby, some of which I could walk through and some not. I did get lost a bit, but found it was my fault and not the guides. I do recommend tearing out each walk, stapling the pages and using that to walk with as the book is fairly heavy. **HIGHEST RECOMMENDATION!**

I used .com to search for a book to give as a gift to my sister, a native New Yorker still living in the city who brings family on tours when they visit. I was able to locate a number of works on the history of New York, check them out concerning table of contents and sample pages, and read reviews. This book seemed the best for my purposes, and yes, it was; my sister says it is a very good research tool, enabling her to check a date, check a site. We are both pleased.

I am a New Yorker originally, but it never ceases to amaze you when you discover some hidden treasures. The layout of this book is fantastic and allows you to spend as little or as much time as you have wandering various areas.

Yes

Really fun to read and full of photos that link places I know well to its colorful past.

Looks promising. Waiting to use it. Made a "big hit" when opened as a Xmas present. Will try in a week or so when we are in NY.

Excellent guide for tourists

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