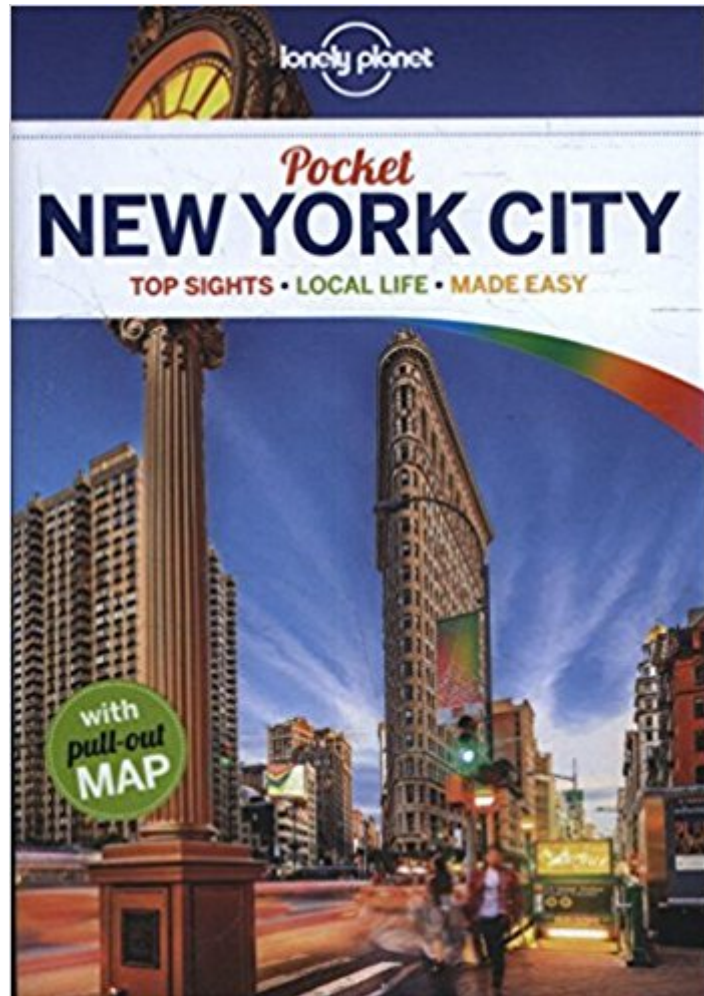




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Customer Reviews

It's been many, many years since I visited NYC and the surrounding area. My wife and I plan to do this next year in 2017 and have begun some research so we can get reasonably educated about what we'd like to do and see while there for a week. We've been to several local libraries and found some good guide which though, are older editions going back a few or more years. While it was nice to browse through the book at the library and take some notes, we really wanted a small book that we could travel with and even toss into a backpack and keep it along with us on our trip. The Lonely Planet Pocket New York City (Travel Guide) 6th edition is a very recent printing; August 2016. At only 4 1/2 x 6 inches in size, it sure is handy to take with you everywhere. The paper stock quality used in this guide is excellent in weight and thickness and has a low luster gloss to it and should hold up well to lots of use. Its 256 pages also come with a removable New York City map in back of it that ties in to the pages informational categories. The font used is small at what seems to be about ~9-11 point. As small as the font is, it is crisply printed and even my old fuzzy eyes had no issues reading any of the pages. Color photos and graphics/maps in this guide are rendered excellent in quality as well. (Having done photography for over 50 years now as a hobby, I'm a bit of a stickler for the need of excellent image quality). This guide won out over the other books we saw at libraries and a few book stores. It is loaded with a wealth of information, data, stats and illustrations that will help considerably to both plan and use during a trip. The book is well organized too. It has components broken down by locales in Manhattan and the surrounding areas including Lower Manhattan, SoHo and China Town, East Village, West

Village, MidTown, Upper East side, Harlem and many more. The breakout for various categories for each loyalty includes Sight-seeing, Food/Drink (with cost symbols as well), entertainment, general exploration, local information on each area along with stats, shopping, The Arts, Architectural information, The most popular things to see by area, A full explanation and map of the subway system and how to navigate it, and more! I have used other travel guides before that while loaded with information, it was a challenge to find what you needed to go to and often a long search and flipping pages to finally find what you were after. I am delighted to say the Lonely Planet Pocket New York City (Travel Guide) is extremely well organized and the "Quick-Start Guide" in its front and the well laid out index in back will get you quickly to where you want to go in the guide. For a newbie traveling to NYC like my wife and I will be, this guide is wonderful and it does highlight some lesser known things to do and see like local eateries not well known, but, well rated for great eating. For me as an amateur photographer, this guide has me drooling. There are so many places to go to enjoy some great photography locations that I am going to have to make a small list to choose from. We have friends who live in and know NYC reasonably well and in browsing through this guide, they were indeed impressed with it and even found a bunch of things in the book for places to go that they knew little about. I think this guide is a gem. Its small profile in no way hints at its excellent presentation and given that it is only \$14 or so in paper, or \$10 for the kindle version, I highly recommend it.

As a relatively recent citizen of the NYC area, I was interested to see how this "Pocket New York City" Guide would portray the city that I'm becoming increasingly accustomed to. The challenge that any Guidebook has when you're dealing with something as large and diverse as New York is of course not what to put in, but what to leave out. To make New York "pocket sized" quite a lot had to be left out. What's left is indeed a good high level guide, but if the purpose of having a Pocket Guide is to have something that you can use while you tour the city, then as a book lover I hate to say it, but perhaps the Apps and sites one can access from a Smartphone is the better use of one's money. It may seem unfair to compare the two forms of media, but in this case, I think its relevant. If it was the 1990s or earlier I'd probably give this 5 stars. But it isn't the 1990s, and Smartphone powered media is simply going to be the better choice for most travelers. Here are some Pros and Cons: Pros:- It actually is Pocket Sized. You can slip this into a pants or suit pocket with ease, or even, God Forbid, a Fanny Pack- Concentration on the Tourist Areas. Let's face it, when most tourists think of New York, they think of Manhattan, they think of the Central Park area on down to Battery Park. If you're in town and you want to see the key sites, this will do the job.- Pull Out Map.

The full size map that comes in the back by itself would cost you \$8 on up in most stores, and more in Manhattan, so including it with the Guide is a bargain. The map's index of sites, view of Northern and Southern Manhattan and a special map showing subway lines across all Boroughs is all great information. The on-page neighborhood maps in the Guide Book complement it nicely.- Great quality. The Guide Book is well designed, visually pleasing, easy to read, full of attractive and descriptive images and very importantly, is solidly printed. The cover and internal pages are made of high quality paper, sure to survive more than one rainy day or coffee spill.- Good Photography. The book is full of photos to help you get the general feel for the neighborhoods and many attractions.

Cons:- Concentration on Tourist Areas. This is a "con" as well as a "pro". For the first time visitor whose only going to stay in Manhattan, it's great, but if you're looking to get into Northern Manhattan (Harlem) or any of the other Boroughs, you must look elsewhere. There's simply nothing here about the many other areas of New York worth a look.- Restaurant choices. It's hard to know how they came up with their lists, but they're a bit lacking. For example, the section on Soho and Chinatown has only four restaurants, only one of which is Chinese. More Chinese restaurants are listed in the section on the Lower East Side than in the section on Chinatown itself. Odd.- Too much to say, too little space to say it in. I guess the publisher knows what they're doing, but I think that all but the most tech-averse travelers are going to be better served by using Apps while traveling in New York. It's nice that this book exists, but the idea of pulling it out while you're looking for a place to get a drink or a restaurant, or while trying to get directions to a nearby attraction rather than pulling out your Smartphone seems almost antiquated.

Bottom line, this is a nice book to leaf through while planning a trip to New York, or while in New York and figuring out broadly what you might want to do next, but there is so much more information online that this really is an optional purchase. If you're thinking of buying this as a present for a Millennial going to visit NYC for the first time, I fear it would go completely unused, and even those of older Generations will find it less useful than the inexhaustible information on their Smartphones. It's a good book, but is a book really best for this particular information? Perhaps that time has passed.

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