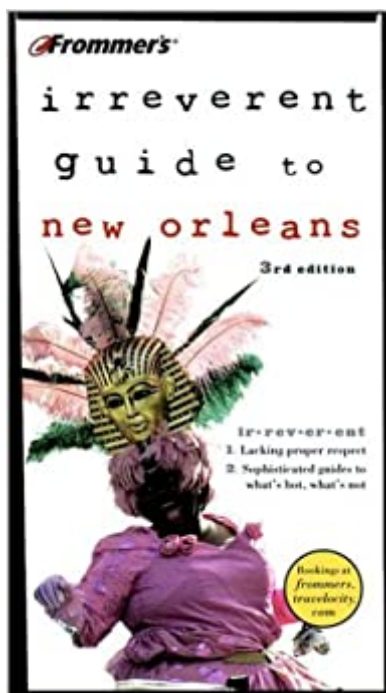


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Frommer's Irreverent Guide To New Orleans (Irreverent Guides)



Synopsis

Looking for a travel guide that goes where other guides fear to tread? One that rides roughshod over ad-copy puffery to smartly deliver the real scoop on a destination's sites and attractions? One that dares to be honest, hip, and fun? Look no more. Frommer's Irreverent Travel Guides are wickedly irreverent, unabashedly honest, and downright hilarious, and provide an insider's perspective on which attractions are overrated tourist traps and which are the secret gems that locals love. You'll get the lowdown on restaurants, lodging, and shopping, and even find out what the locals think of you. Like being taken around by a savvy local," said the New York Times. "Hipper and savvier than other guides," concurred Diversion magazine. Never shy about confronting the issues, the Irreverents are guides to real travel in the real world. Let the good times roll with Frommer's Irreverent Guide to New Orleans, the travel guide that unabashedly gives the insider perspective on one of America's most popular destinations. You'll discover where the locals go for real gumbo, how to eat mudbugs, why you should avoid at all costs during Mardi Gras, and how to survive anyway if you just can't help yourself. Learn why burial tombs were built aboveground, and why so many people buried in the local cemeteries died in one year. We'll direct you to favorite psychics, voodoo parlors, and zydeco dance halls and away from the touristed nightclubs locals avoid like the plague (did someone say Planet Hollywood?). The Irreverent Guide to New Orleans will show you the real New Orleans of hothouse music and romance, and clue you in on where to have the most fun in the ultimate party town."

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Customer Reviews

As the name implies, Frommer's Irreverent Guides border on the brazen, offering up tidbits such as home addresses for Fats Domino and Anne Rice, the best "dives worth a drive," finding "sexual hardware" in a store with a sense of humor, and where to meet the giant webbed-footed rodents known as nutria. This guide includes the usual traveler's details, as well. In addition to finding out the coolest places in the Big Easy to stay, you'll have answers to interesting questions like, What is zydeco? Who is a true French Creole? And, where do you find voodoo? Grab this book and do as the author urges: visit New Orleans now--it's getting less authentic and more "big-citified" every day.

--Kathryn True --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Outdated.

This isn't one of those exhaustive travel books that tells you everything there is to know about a place. Instead, the authors selectively present everything you actually need to know. The dining section was particularly helpful. It wasn't an exhaustive list of restaurants, but it did give you a choice of a few places in each category. The authors were also good about pointing out where the locals go and warning you about the places that are for tourists only. Even better, they distinguish between the tourist places that are all hype and those that are still worth seeing. The maps were helpful, and the book is small enough to fit into a purse or pocket. You will eat well and have a great time in New Orleans with nothing but this book to guide you.

While this is a perfectly adequate guidebook (it will give you the address for Brennan's, the current room rate for the Maison Dupuy and the phone number to call for a Swamp Tour), it does itself a

disservice by claiming to be irreverent. There is nothing even faintly irreverent about this book. It's basically cribbed from Frommer's non-irreverent guides, thereby shorter and less informative.

After buying this book I began appending it with my own notes gleaned from the internet, my own experience, and other books. After awhile I ran out of margins - in other words there is a lot of information that should be in this book but it's missing. This is especially true in the Dining section. Although no guidebook should cover all restaurants in a city, all should cover the notable ones.

This is one of the better guides. I like the way they are set up, chapters covering one subject, (ex: accommodations) then an alphabetized list and map of all the sites. I use this book a lot when I need to look up an address or phone number. It could have more, but works perfectly well as it is.

A friend and I went to New Orleans for 3 days with this book as our compass. It was wonderful. Insightful and honest. Descriptive to the nth degree. It really gives you the low down on food, shopping, lodging, and the different areas of the city and its many attractions. A very enjoyable read.

This guidebook provides some great background history and color to New Orleans. Great restaurant recommendations with quality information. The maps, however, were a bit lacking.

This book gives you an insider's view on a fun place. So many books give a fellow traveler's opinion on the city. The gems this book reveals are worth a look.

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