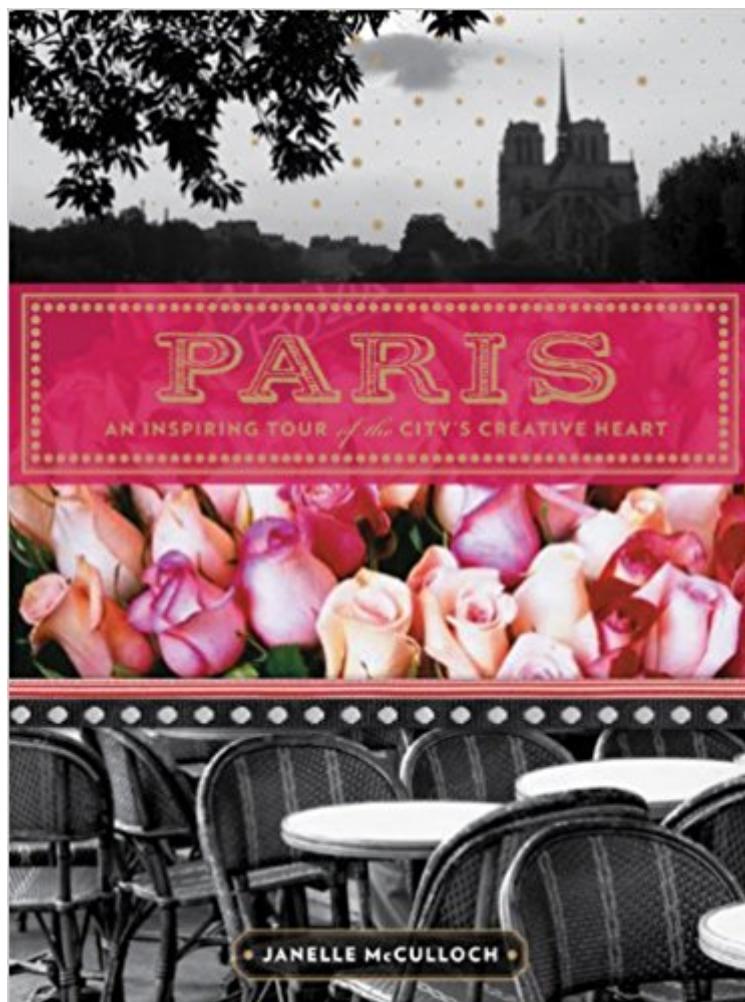


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Paris: An Inspiring Tour Of The City's Creative Heart



Synopsis

Take a stroll through the real Paris with this beautifully photographd and gorgeously packaged book. Organized by arrondissement, Paris takes readers through the city's most charming streets, revealing best-kept secrets and little gems at every turn: ateliers overflowing with notions, cafÃƒÂ©s with their neat rows of macarons, markets abundant with fresh flowers, shaded parks, and creative hotspots. Packed with vibrant color photographs that capture the spirit of Paris and packaged as a hefty flexi-bound paperback with a ribbon page marker, the book is a beautiful object in its own right. The accessible writing invites readers to dip in and out and provides history and context for each spot on the journey. Visually rich and totally inspiring, Paris is a treasure for lovers of art, style, design, food, and, of course, Paris!

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Customer Reviews

Janelle McCulloch is a journalist specializing in design, architecture, travel, and style. She has written for publications around the world, including Vogue Living, Elle, and Home Beautiful. She divides her time between Melbourne and Europe.

If you're going to Paris, this is the book to get. I wish I had this before my trip to Paris a few years ago. It gives a great insight on some the more creative shops and sights. I only wish she would have included a small map on each page showing the basic locations. I have a couple of maps of Paris, and could not locate some of the streets. The book is a nice quality and beautifully designed.

This book is so well designed and curated, it is a joy to leaf through. After years of owning it, I often go back to it when I need to get inspired or miss Paris and it is still a wonderful trip! Each chapter opens with a door representative of the arrondissement (and you know how great the doors can be in Paris!) It goes on to explain the history and spirit of each arrondissement with great places to visit, eat or shop at, by an author who obviously knows and loves the city very well. It is full of good addresses and discoveries. Then the sides are decorated with old fashioned ribbons designs stacked mercerie-style (spread the side of the book to see what I mean) it features some really iconic and authentic places in that wonderful city that is Paris. It is like a gift that keeps giving. I never get tired of it. One of the best recent book about Paris.

Even with Paris, a city examined in innumerable guidebooks, memoirs, and histories, Janelle McCullough has produced here a book that is fresh in focus and beautiful in execution. "Paris: An Inspiring Tour of the City's Creative Heart" is divided into two main parts, with the first providing 103 pages that --one by one-- limn the histories and personalities of the 18 arrondissements. The next 105 pages identify key establishments that fall into three categories: design, style, and flavor. "Paris: An Inspiring Tour" was designed first and foremost for the reader who intends to walk the streets of the city and seek out the very best of what it offers in terms of architecture, boutiques, haute couture, food, and cultural institutions. But it is as well a tempting amuse bouche for armchair tourists who seek a beautifully-presented basic understanding of Paris, a good first course before moving ahead with main course, more rigorously-prepared histories.

I teach in Paris every May, so I was excited to see a book that offered 'treasures' that I might have missed. One thing that is very different that the book has to offer is lots of interesting tidbits for those that are into fabric and textiles. The museum section has a few nice items that I haven't seen, but more than either of those, the book is a visual feast. Lovely to look at, well designed, and nicely laid out, it is like a picture book for adults. (And I teach photography, so that says a lot.)

I have various books on Paris and have been fortunate enough to visit Paris on seminal occasions from my first trip overseas with my beloved father when I was 10 to celebrating a birthday with my husband on our last visit 6 years ago. What makes Ms. McCulloch's book sublime is in how it activates the senses with her beautiful pictures, bringing back beautiful memories of places one has lingered and a longing for those places yet to be visited. Her purposeful meandering through out various arrondissements makes her book a necessary accessory for any one's next visit. Thank you

for allowing me to relish Paris once more through your eyes and with your words!

I have to admit I was quite disappointed, for the same reasons many others were. It was hard for me to visualize some of the places the author was talking about without maps or diagrams instead of "head over to....". I also wasn't very impressed with most of the photos. For me, this book really wasn't that inspiring. I'll keep looking.

I haven't read through the entire book, however, I know I will love it! The book is set up by the 18 arrondissements, so one gets a subtle immersion into Paris life and culture, area by area. This is NOT a book of the 'must see' tourist sites. It is a book to treasure!

The book is a delight! The photos are very beautiful and capture the essence and magic that is Paris. Apart from the photos the description and history behind the places mentioned in the book are really wonderful and provide great insight. If you want to visit Paris, or if you would like to daydream yourself there, this book will be your best friend!

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