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# The Little Black Book Of Washington, D.C.: The Essential Guide To America's Capital (Little Black Book Series)



## **Synopsis**

Make your way around the beautiful Capital City - with its monuments and government buildings, its cherry blossoms and parks - with this indispensable pocket guide. Its user-friendly foldout maps and insider tips help you to explore the nest that Washington has to offer. Here's all you need to know about what to see and do, and where to eat, drink, shop, and stay in this city of living history. 204 pages; 4-1/4 wide x 5-3/4 high; 9 foldout maps; concealed wire-o binding; book lies flat for ease of use; elastic band place holder.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Travel Roundup: Best Travel Series of the Year, 2008. Hooper, Brad (author). FEATURE. First published September 15, 2008 (Booklist). We select the Little Black Travel Books as our travel guide series of the year. The main reasons for designating these guides as best of the year are their portability and user friendliness. (The spiral binding allows the reader to keep the book open to a certain page.) Individual volumes are small enough to fit into a pocket, but in terms of helpfulness, they are twice their physical dimensions. The other reason these guides are so worthy of praise is the fact that each volume has a neat, tidy, and nicely detailed foldout map to the particular area under discussion. The chapters in each volume correspond to the geographical areas into which the authors divide the city for the tourist. Each chapter gives basics on places to see, available art, and entertainment venues, places to eat and drink, where to shop, and where to stay. You can study a range of guides before your actual trip, but this is definitely a commendable candidate for carrying with you on site. Little Black Travel Books (Peter Pauper Press). --Booklist (American Library

Association)When I buy a guidebook, I usually look for the Frommer's \$ a Day budget guides -- Washington D.C. from \$80 a Day, Paris from \$95 a Day, etc. Why? Well, mostly because I'm a creature of habit. I started buying the Frommer's and Let's Go guides years ago because they focus on budget travel. Let's Go is great for backpackers and those on a really tight budget. Frommer's is a bit more mature but still budget-minded (think hotels rather than hostels), and I like their "Suggested Itineraries" section and their maps (Frommer's maps are among the best). But now that there are so many other guidebooks to choose from, I buy Frommer's mostly because I can be in and out of the store in minutes rather than hours and I know I'll come home with a reliable guide. Then, just this past month, everything changed... I discovered something new... You see, when I went to the bookstore to pick up guidebooks for my upcoming honeymoon, I got an idea... Since we're going around the world with stops in Milan, Lake Como, Dubai, Shanghai, and Tokyo, and I needed to buy a guidebook for each destination. Why not, I thought, buy five different guidebooks (from five different publishers) and compare them to find my favorite. So that's what I did. I bought one brand for each stop and then, on my way out, I saw a little Paris guide I'd never seen (or heard of) before. So I picked that up too. (I go to Paris at least once a year so I can never have enough Paris guidebooks.) Here's what I found... and it surprised me: My favorite book of all -- for both pre-trip planning and on-the-ground support -- is The Little Black Book of Paris. The other guides I bought are all divided into sections this way: Where to Stay, Where to Eat, What to Do. But The Little Black Book of Paris is divided by area. And each area has its own fold-out map (which, to be honest, blows the Frommer's maps out of the water). While the guide doesn't have an entire history or culture section like most of the others do -- Lonely Planet, TimeOut, Fodor's, etc -- it's well written and there's an overview of each area at the beginning of each section. I liked the guide so much I went back to the bookstore to buy more. Unfortunately, they don't have guides for my other destinations as they're a fairly new series. They do, however, have one for Washington D.C., where I live, so I bought that. After reading both guides -- Paris and D.C. -- cover to cover, I got so excited about these guidebooks I called the publisher to see what other books they have in the works. --Lori Appling - The Travel Writer's LifeWhen I buy a guidebook, I usually look for the Frommer's \$ a Day budget guides -- Washington D.C. from \$80 a Day, Paris from \$95 a Day, etc. Why? Well, mostly because I'm a creature of habit. I started buying the Frommer's and Let's Go guides years ago because they focus on budget travel. Let's Go is great for backpackers and those on a really tight budget. Frommer's is a bit more mature but still budget-minded (think hotels rather than hostels), and I like their "Suggested Itineraries" section and their maps (Frommer's maps are among the best). But now that there are so many other guidebooks to choose from, I buy Frommer's mostly

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Turns out, Paris, D.C., New York, and Rome are the only guides on shelves to date. But San Francisco and London are due out later this year (July and September respectively). And they hope to publish four a year from now on, with Boston and Disney World on their 2008 list. These books are a real find, and I'm glad I stumbled on them. I encourage you to check them out. --Lori Appling - The Travel Writer's Life

I love the 'Little Black Book' Series. A few years ago I purchased the New York guide and it was full of hidden secrets to navigating the big apple. ( as well as comprehensive subway maps and guides:) This little black book was no exception. I met my mother for a business trip and while she was busy working I went out exploring. The subway maps and information were phenomenal. I used it to help me navigate from Regan National Airport to Omnisshoreham Hotel. I visited many places based on recommendations from the book and nearly all of our dining expierences were from the book. The only thing that was slightly disappointing is that the book is from 2007 and thus a few of the places had closed, and certainly more added. Elsewise is a great "paper copy" to exploring the

city potentially to be used alongside some new age technology :)

I bought this guide to Washington, DC for selfish reasons. Whenever family and friends come to town they expect me to use my precious vacation days to entertain them and take them sightseeing - even though they have been to DC a number of times and know where everything is. Now I can just give them this wonderful guide and send them on their way. All of the museums, galleries, the zoo and other sightseeing points of interests are covered along with maps (including the Metro.) This guide fits easily in a fanny pack or backpack, is spiral bound between hardcovers and tells you just enough info to make a decision on where to eat/drink/shop/sightsee. It also looks like Peter Pauper Press is updating the guides every two years as this is a second edition. These guides are good for sightseeing, and can be used by writers who want to set their stories in a major city (Think Margaret Truman's mystery novels in DC, etc.) Try one of these guides and I promise you will be hooked.

I live in the DC area and found this book essential for the DC area. I use this book for giving out of town guests a tour of the city and even planned a scavenger hunt for locals. It is very sturdy and small enough to fit in a purse. The fold out maps are wonderful.

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