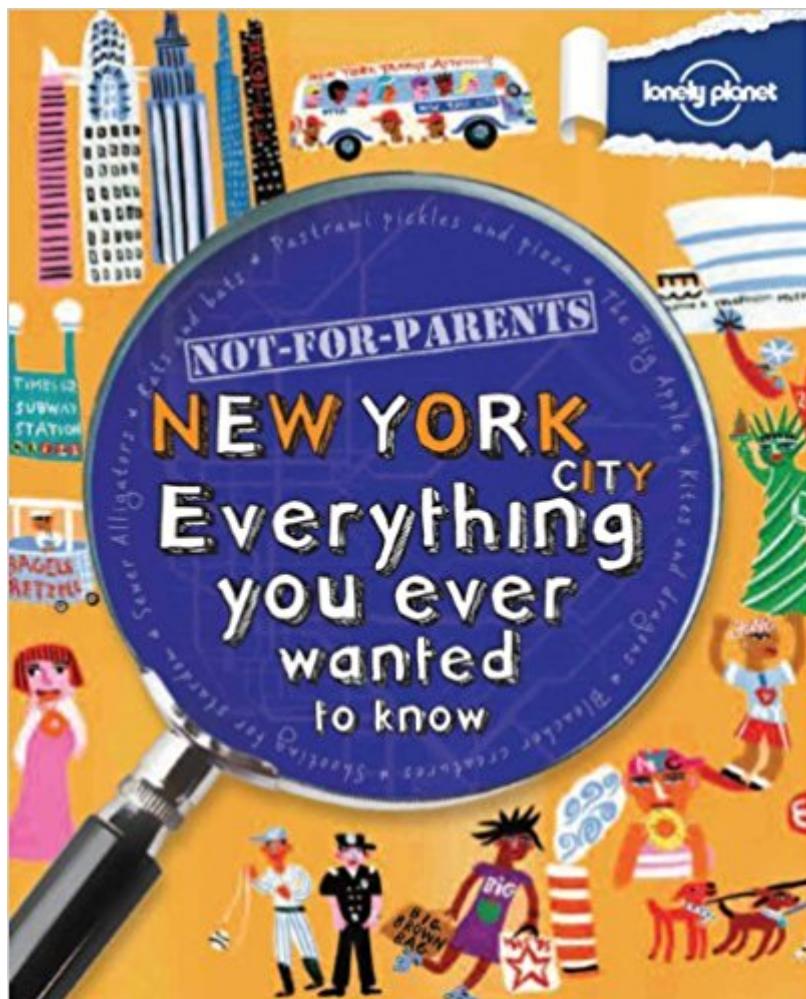


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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

Targeted at children, this new series from the Lonely Planet franchise introduces some of the world's great cities. The focus is on "stuff that's cool to know" and the books are a terrific introduction to each city. My boys are aged 7 and 11 and they both have really enjoyed these books."New York: Everything you ever wanted to know" covers a wide range of topics: the history of the city, key architectural highlights, interesting districts, the 9/11 terrorist attacks, food, fashion, art galleries, the subway system, FAO Schwarz, the UN, movies and music. The book is in full colour with many photographs and illustrations and includes a comprehensive index. While there's plenty of educational text, it's written and presented in an upbeat and quirky way. Some of the many cool facts that my kids enjoyed reading about are the different names that New York has had over the years, the wildlife currently living in NYC, how many windows and lifts in the Empire State Building, the annual hot dog eating contest at Coney Island and the stories about alligators in the city sewers. Whether you're preparing for a trip or just interested in learning more about the world, this is a fantastic addition to a child's library.

This is a book of its time, as one would expect from the Lonely Planet people. It is colorful, geared toward (some) kids, and to some extent sacrifices content for presentation. Each subject gets a two-page spread filled with bright colors, lots of pictures (both photographs and animations), and pun-titled short blurbs. Topics include: the nickname "The Big Apple", ethnic foods, Central Park, Sesame Street, sports, Chinatown, Broadway, Coney Island, the Guggenheim, MoMA, the Brooklyn Bridge, subways, skyscrapers, inventions, Wall Street, 9/11, taxis, music, Warhol, Grand Central Station, etc. There are a total of 44 subjects as well as an index. I applaud the effort, and I learned a couple of fun facts myself -- an elephant-shaped hotel?! -- but it's difficult to know to whom this will appeal. There isn't a lot of information given, just snippets and factoids, and no maps; there's not much in the way of organization -- topics are in random order (so the index will be useful); if you're truly visiting the city, there's not enough useful information, and if you're interested in the history, there's not nearly enough either, 4-6 blurbs in each spread, typically 1-3 sentences long. My twelve-year old nephew flipped through it and scanned a few things, but wasn't particularly interested or impressed. And maybe I'm getting old and crotchety too, but I'm frankly tired of the "not-for-parents" selling point, which is reiterated in the introduction, stating it's "definitely not for parents" and will show you a New York that "your parents probably don't even know about". Really? Tiresome attitude considering it's most likely the parents (or at least adults) who will buy the book and pay for the trip to New York. And the subtitle, "Everything you ever wanted to know"? Yeah, I

don't think so. On the other hand, I did learn a few things and may check out other books in the series: Rome, London and Paris so far. Mixed bag: worthwhile to spark interest in a trip, though with no maps and short on information it is not enough content to act as a guidebook or a sourcebook.

The book was laid out in a very random way. Pictures didn't always line up with the content of text on the same page. There was very little info about buildings and sites. I had hoped for a little detail so I could explain to my son what we are going to see on our trip. Simple facts like how tall a building is, what year it was built, and a brief history (similar to what the adult Lonely Planet books do) was what I expected. Instead this was more like visual snapshots of NYC sites with no to little supporting text.

We are native New Yorkers, born and raised. Our kids are growing up loving the typical tourists' sites like Rockefeller Center, Statue of Liberty, and Empire State Building. But aside from those well-known destinations, New York City's five boros are filled with unique and interesting places and stories that will appeal to young and old year round, and this book presents many such stories. Full color photos, graphics and easy to understand language make for a perfect youngster's reference and guide book. Index pages in the back help you find each and every area in a jiffy. For instance, why did the term "The Big Apple" come to symbolize New York? You'll find out starting on page six. Check out the history of street vendor hot dogs and pretzels. Did you know way back when Coney Island came to be, families could actually sleep in an ELEPHANT hotel? No kidding! There is also more than one "Chinatown" in New York City ~ check out the one in Queens! Bet you didn't know that the very first person to ever cross the Brooklyn Bridge crossed it while suspended on a cable wire! And if you find just the right West Side block in Manhattan, you will see the houses which inspired Sesame Street decades ago! There are loads of fun and wild facts about each of the city's five very special and different boros. Let your kids go through this book and make fun lists of places they'd like to check out, and the next time you are visiting from out of town, or just visiting from across the river, make a day of it and discover a whole new New York!

Got this for my daughter (she is 8) My husband is planning to take her to NYC for a weekend this year so I figured it would be nice for her to read up before they go. She loves it - so many things in there that she didn't know. Great book for kids that read chapter book

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