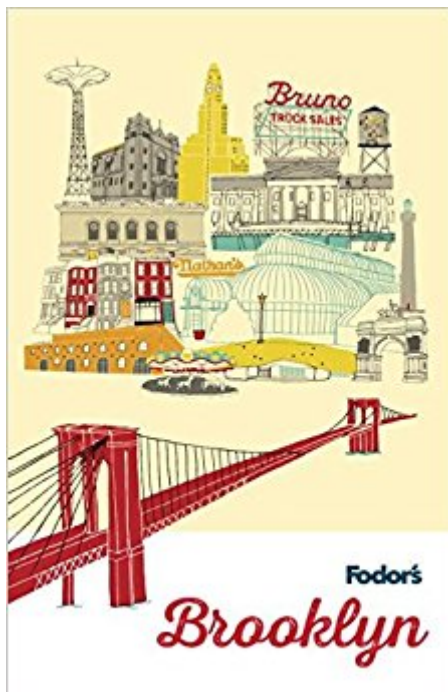


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# Fodor's Brooklyn (Travel Guide)



## Synopsis

Brooklyn is the most talked about, trendsetting destination in the world, and Fodor's Brooklyn is the only guidebook you need to fully explore New York City's most exciting borough. Written by Brooklynites and illustrated by Brooklyn-based artist Claudia Pearson, this expertly curated guide has a chic design and plenty of savvy advice. Each of the 29 neighborhoods inside is accompanied by a beautiful, easy-to-read map, making it even more fun to explore Williamsburg's art and culinary scene, the amazing views from Brooklyn Heights, or the architecture and greenery of Park Slope. "Best Bet" recommendations list the top places to find great food, shop for Brooklyn-made products, attend cultural events, and more. Notable neighborhood residents have contributed their personal anecdotes about Brooklyn, too, including Borough President Eric L. Adams, founder and chairman of Barnes & Noble, Inc. Leonard Riggio, CEO of the Brooklyn Nets Brett Yormark, founder of Brooklyn Brewery Steve Hindy, actor and filmmaker Adrian Grenier, New York Times Food Editor Sam Sifton, WNYC host Kurt Anderson, and more. Combining artistry with authenticity, Fodor's Brooklyn captures the borough's unique personality--making it the go-to guide for locals and visitors alike. A Winner of the 2016 Thomas Lowell Silver Award for Guidebooks. Follow #InsideBklyn to stay in the know and share your own Brooklyn adventures. This travel guide includes:

- Dozens of full-color maps
- Hundreds of hotel and restaurant recommendations
- Major sights such as the Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn Flea and Brooklyn Bridge Park
- Coverage of Williamsburg; Greenpoint; Bushwick and East Williamsburg; Bedford-Stuyvesant and Crown Heights; Fort Greene and Clinton Hill; Prospect Heights; Park Slope and Prospect Park; Gowanus; Dumbo; Brooklyn Heights and Downtown Brooklyn; Boerum Hill and Cobble Hill; Carroll Gardens; Red Hook and the Columbia Waterfront District; Windsor Terrace, Greenwood Heights, and South Slope; Ditmas Park and Midwood; Sunset Park; Bay Ridge; Brighton Beach and Coney Island

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well written

If this guide had more photographs, I’d probably give this five stars. This guide is written by native Brooklynites and illustrated by one. It has a personal taste, and is very thorough in its many landmarks, be they parks, hotels, restaurants, bars. Brooklyn has 30 neighborhoods, and 19 are featured here. I was last in Brooklyn in the mid 1990s. I walked across the Brooklyn bridge, I walked along the riverwalk facing Manhattan, I even did the 50-mile bike route that starts in Manhattan and, with connecting routes, circumnavigates around Brooklyn before crossing back into Manhattan. While there are some bike routes mentioned, there isn’t much focus on outdoorsy things besides the

Coney Island boardwalk, river views, a few small parks and rooftop gardens. Brooklyn is a labyrinth of neighborhoods and all have their unique landmarks which the authors want to stress, so take a walk through the streets and grab some grub and brew afterwards. This guide is aimed for people like me who do just that. Locals (mostly business people) are briefly interviewed about their hood or their business to add that local flair. Photos are needed to show the architecture, the colors, the ethnic diversity that is Brooklyn. Brooklyn truly is beautiful but one doesn't get a sense of that from this book. But, all aside, this guide is a nice start and there are some unique facts mentioned throughout this book (ever heard of the Brooklyn wild monk parrots?), but despite all the knowledge in this guide, without enticing photographs of the landmarks, this is nothing more than a barhopper's brew guide.

This is a really sweet, warm guide to Brooklyn with marvelous graphics. It makes you feel at home just paging through it. It covers the geographic sections of Brooklyn well. There is no traditional fold out map here but cartoon like street guides to each section. The visual images make the borough seem home-like. I have family there and this book definitely gives you the flavor of Brooklyn. Do not think this is a comprehensive guide to Brooklyn but rather suggested highlights. The one place people want me to take them when I go to Brooklyn is Brooklyn Denim in Williamsburg. It has been around for 5 years so an odd omission. It is a destination for a lot of out of towners and I was surprised to see it not included. This is a cheerful guide with valid, accurate information. A decent start for anyone traveling there.

I like travel guides, but I am afraid with the introduction of Yelp and the likes, they are becoming truly obsolete. 90% of this book are dedicated to restaurant, hotel and shopping recommendations. With the high turnover of such establishments, these recommendations can be useless in months. You'll be better off looking places up on Yelp. I did like the sights and event recommendations, as well as tidbits of historical facts (stress on tidbits). The publishers of this guide also invested in some illustrations. Charming, but unnecessary. Adds to the price (almost \$20.00 list price for this tiny tome), but not the content.

Although I live a short train ride from New York City, I've never ventured beyond Manhattan, except for the ball games. Oh, and one time a friend took me on an Italian food tour of Brooklyn. What a day that was! So, for me, in the great unknown beyond Manhattan, there be dragons. The guide divides the borough into 18 neighborhoods, preceded by an overall introduction to Brooklyn that hits

the high spots. I've heard that Brooklyn is the place to be for writers. Every year for BookExpo, groups of writers rent houses in Brooklyn for the week. So, it makes sense that this Fodor's guide emphasizes the literary, art and performing art destinations of the borough. Parks and green spaces are also highlighted, which I always appreciate, since nightlife and dining out aren't important to me. I also appreciate the subway information, since I'd get lost for sure without specific directions about lines and stops. The only thing I don't like about the guide is actually what makes it so charming -- the drawings. For a book that is meant to be read, not used for travel, artwork is fine. But for travel, I want to know what to expect. The introduction to each neighborhood raves about the beauty of each place -- the greenery! the scenery! -- but I imagine the reality is not so rosy. I don't like when travel guides are so over the top that the actual place is a letdown. City streets are city streets. The "Local Q&As" are interesting, but again, don't add much to the value of a travel book. But each borough deserves its own guide, because most people are like me and rarely venture beyond the known borough. For that reason alone, this is a worthy guide.

This is a super attractive guide-book. It's just not as functional as it could have been. While this is still probably one of the best guidebooks to get for Brooklyn, I sincerely hope they make some improvements to the next release. It has a rigid binding that does not allow the pages to open flat. And all the maps are these really lovely hand-drawn maps, but there is not a single real map of Brooklyn included in this book. One only needs to glance at the map of Bed-Stuy and Crown Heights to see the limitations of that approach. How those two areas get combined in this book is an entirely separate problem. Those are the main things that kind of disappoint me about this guidebook. With any guidebook you are always going to have debates about what goes in and what gets left out. So I think this case is no different. I managed to find most of my favorite places were included here. But look at the short shrift given to Coney Island and Brighton Beach, once again combined even though they are completely different neighborhoods, and you will realize they chose to try to keep it lean. Sadly, a lot of really good places are going to have to be left out of a book like that. CONCLUSION There are not many guidebooks on Brooklyn and this one is probably a good option because of that. But I am hoping for a better edition next year.

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