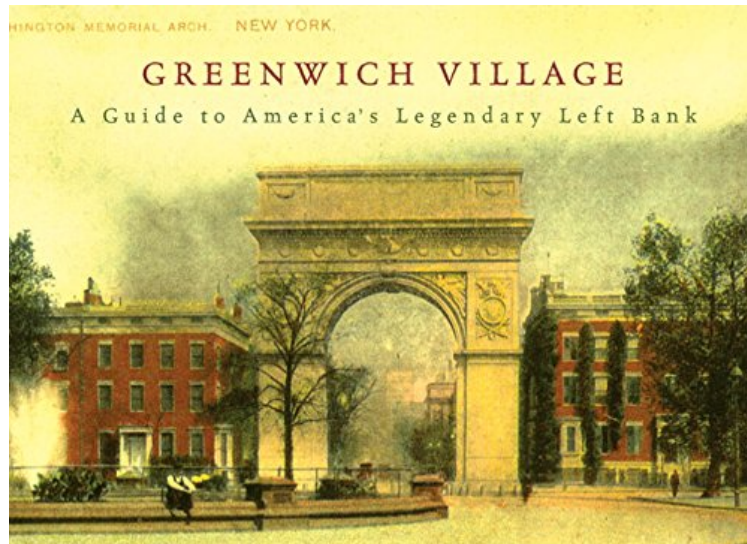


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before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Greenwich Village: A Guide to America's Legendary Left Bank (New York Bound Books):

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Exquisite and ExcellentBy HeyJudy"Exquisite" is not a word one often gets to use about a book, but GREENWICH VILLAGE: A GUIDE TO AMERICA'S LEGENDARY LEFT BANK truly is an exquisite little gem of a book.Obviously, books are bought only by people with an interest in their subjects, whatever that subject may be. Thus, I purchased this book due to my affection for New York City and, specifically, for the neighborhood which is featured. Before I read this GUIDE, I had thought that I had a fairly thorough knowledge of Greenwich Village--and, actually, according to this volume, I do know quite a bit. Yet my own knowledge is but a small fraction of the information that author Judith Stonehill presents.Without question, Greenwich Village is the most fascinating corner of a fascinating city. Its history goes back to the earliest colonial times, and its impact extends right into the present. Stonehill covers all of the Village's incarnations, from the time that Washington Square was "the" address for the Knickerbockers, those worthy Dutch burghers, through the creative energy of the late 19th Century, right up to today.Like the city for which it started as a suburb, and of which it became an integral part, Greenwich Village has led many lives. In four separate tours, Stonehill covers all of them.According to my search on .com, this is the only book of walking tours to focus exclusively on Greenwich Village. The small size of the book makes it perfect to tuck into a pocket or a purse when one sets out on a walk--though, to be fair, this small size requires the use of such a tiny typeface that the book can be difficult to read without magnifying glasses.Nonetheless, this work is excellent as to its concept, its scope and its execution--and the artwork and photographs chosen for illustration are, indeed, exquisite.8 of 9 people found the following review helpful. A great guide to a great neighborhood.By Rocco DormarunnoOriginally, Greenwich Village was settled by the rich and merchant class of lower Manhattan as an escape from the recurring ravages of yellow fever and cholera. For this reason Greenwich

Village was, essentially, never really mapped out; never really settled in accordance to any public plan. Perhaps this haphazard beginning is what gave the area its combined refined yet anarchic flavor that exists until this day. And this was also the reason for the area becoming attractive to free-thinkers and artists, which is the focus of the valuable book, "Greenwich Village: A Guide to America's Legendary Left Bank" by Judith Stonehill. Complete with maps, illustrations and a walking tour of the four sections which make up Greenwich Village, the guide reveals the extraordinary number of famous artists, writers, performers, etc who made the place their homes. Artist Edward Hopper, poet Walt Whitman, playwright Eugene O'Neill, and novelist Willa Cather, are just a few of the famous names who lived and created work here. But more important, as the subtitle to this guide suggests, they created something uniquely American. "Greenwich Village: A Guide to America's Legendary Left Bank" is a great book for people who will visit the village, and is great for New Yorkers, themselves, to learn about this neighborhood that they thought they knew so well. Rocco Dormarunno, author of *The Five Points* found the following review helpful. A delightful work. By Ted The Editorial Review informs us that Judith Stonehill was co-owner of New York Bound Bookshop. To think of New York Bound Books as a bookstore is to think of Disneyworld as a giftshop: It was so much much more than a bookstore. It had everything about New York, from post cards, to maps, to photographs to books. So Judith didn't just co-own a 'bookstore', it was a candy store for addicted NYers. Her book: What hasn't been said about Greenwich Village? Probably very little, but it doesn't matter: There have been hundreds of books on Greenwich Village with hundreds more to come, each with its own unique perspective. What she does so wonderfully is to point out those things you may well have not noticed. See, while it is impossible to know everything about The Village, this book makes you want to know more. And that is the most worthy goal of all.

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About the Author Judith Stonehill is the longtime president of the Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation.