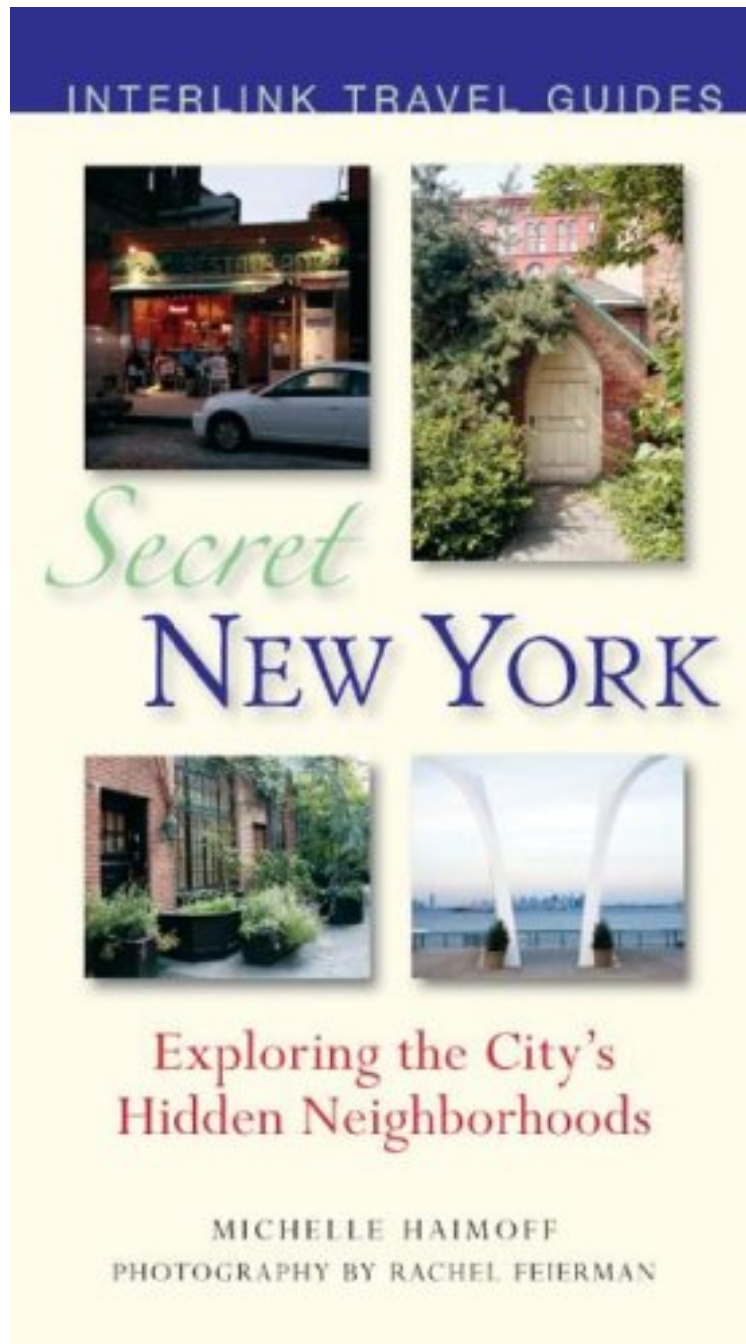


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to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised *Secret New York: Exploring the City's Hidden Neighborhoods*:

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By Catherine Stearns
I gave this book to my son who visits New York City frequently as a Christmas gift and he appreciated it
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By Nina Maxine
Within the "secret" NYC book, there is a chapter of "secret" places. These include the Brooklyn Bridge and Ellis Island. Also, the book is very focused on Manhattan, and I was hoping to hear about City Island, etc. Obviously, other people love the book, and it probably isn't a bad book, just disappointing if you're looking for "the City's hidden neighborhoods" rather than Grand Central Terminal.
5 of 7 people found the following review helpful. A real hidden gem!
By M. Sanders
When I received this book as a gift a week ago I was reluctant to even open it, as I've become quite disappointed in the superficial nature of most guide books. This, however, turned out to be anything but that. A captivating collection of well-plotted walks through the city's best neighborhoods, "Secret New York" is also loaded with historical depth rarely found in this genre. Best of all, the prose is very well crafted and reminds one that even a guide book can and should be written by a talented writer.
This book is jam-packed with interesting information about New York. Who would have known that Dutch maidens used to wash clothing on what would become Maiden Lane? I didn't. Or that the Bryant Park hotel is meant to resemble a fiery radiator? News to me. How about the fact that a string quartet performs in the Ralph Lauren flagship store around Christmas time? I'll have to check that out.
Now living in London, I often think back to my days in New York with a sense of nostalgia. This charming book full of great pictures had brought the beloved neighborhoods back to life for me, with rich detail pouring off of every glossy page. My only reservation is that the book does not go into enough detail on the outer boroughs, perhaps due to limited space. Hopefully a second edition with more coverage thereof will soon follow.

New York is truly the sum of its neighborhoods, all of which offer a different perspective on the history and attitude of the city, each of which is best explored on foot. *Secret New York* delves below the surface of this vibrant city into the areas that shape New York, with walking tours that consider both the prominent buildings of the skyline and the hidden gems beneath the grid. *Secret New York* offers a fabulous introduction to New York and its outer boroughs, as well as a deeper look at the areas that fall below the radar of traditional guidebooks. Full-color photographs capture the treasures tucked behind every corner, while clear, easy-to-follow route maps highlight places of special interest. For travelers and residents who want to gain familiarity with the city and know more of its peculiar hidden life, this book offers a rare perspective of a remarkable place.