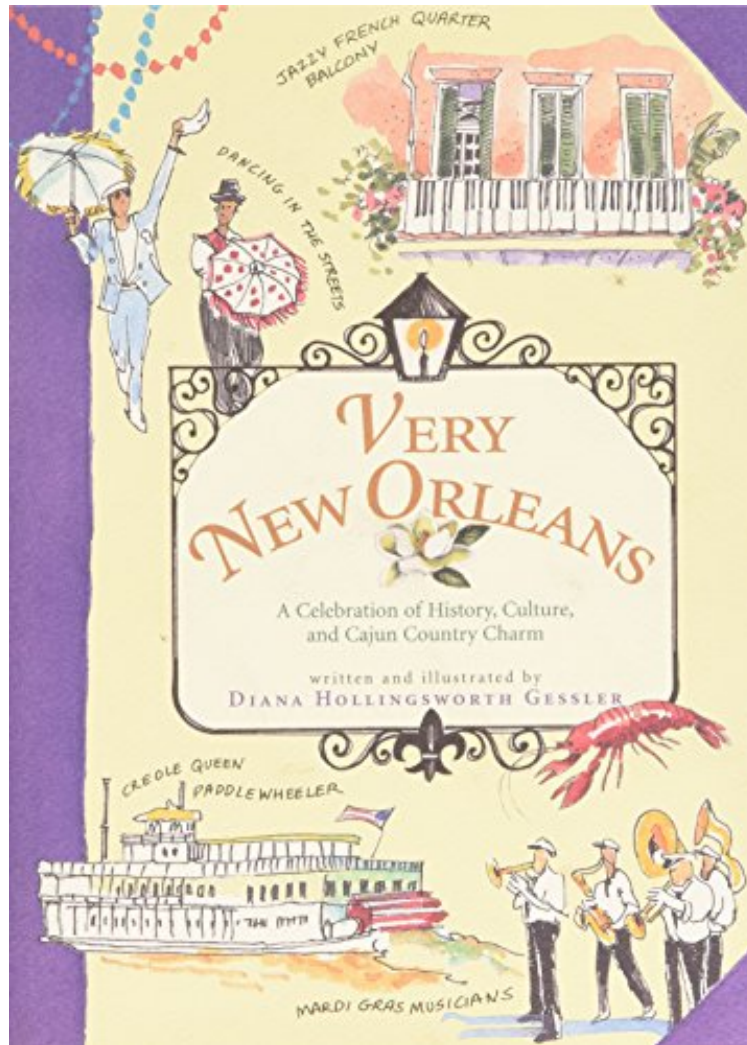


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to New Orleans many times). Nice watercolors on every page. I love that addresses for every place mentioned are at the back of the book, along with web address and an index. Liked it so much, I bought two more as gifts for friends. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. What not to miss in NO. By bahamamomma. A great little book, worthwhile if you're going to New Orleans - this was our second time there and the book brought to light things we'd not seen or done before. However, I don't always agree with what I read and after having been there before, some of things that the author raved about - I really have to disagree with. Our first visit was like a kid in the candy store - wide eyed, excited but our 2nd trip to NO wasn't anything like that - it was more oh, ok - well, I see. - not impressed with the folks, customer service - not the friendly, outgoing people we'd seen on our first trip. Despite all the bad, I'd say go ahead and buy this book if not for the information of where and what you might want to see, but also for the history of N.O.

The exquisite antebellum mansions of the Garden District. Giant oaks stretching across boulevards and back in time to before the Civil War. The decadence of Bourbon Street. The vibrant sounds of jazz, blues, and Cajun music coming from every doorway or right from the street. Lacy iron balconies that wrap around the historic buildings of the French Quarter. A leisurely meal under a canopy of wisteria. In vibrant watercolors and detailed sketches, artist Diana Gessler captures the unique charm that makes New Orleans alluring: Mardi Gras, the Cabildo, Jackson Square, the Court of the Two Sisters, St. Louis Cemetery, the Jazz Festival, the River Road Plantations, the Cajun country, sumptuous Creole cuisine, and Audubon's Aquarium of the Americas. In fascinating detail on everything from the making of Mardi Gras, Napoleon's death mask, the city's inspired architectural and garden designs, and favorite author hangouts to famous New Orleanians and Aunt Sally's Creole pralines. Very New Orleans celebrates the city, the Cajun country, the people, and our history.

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