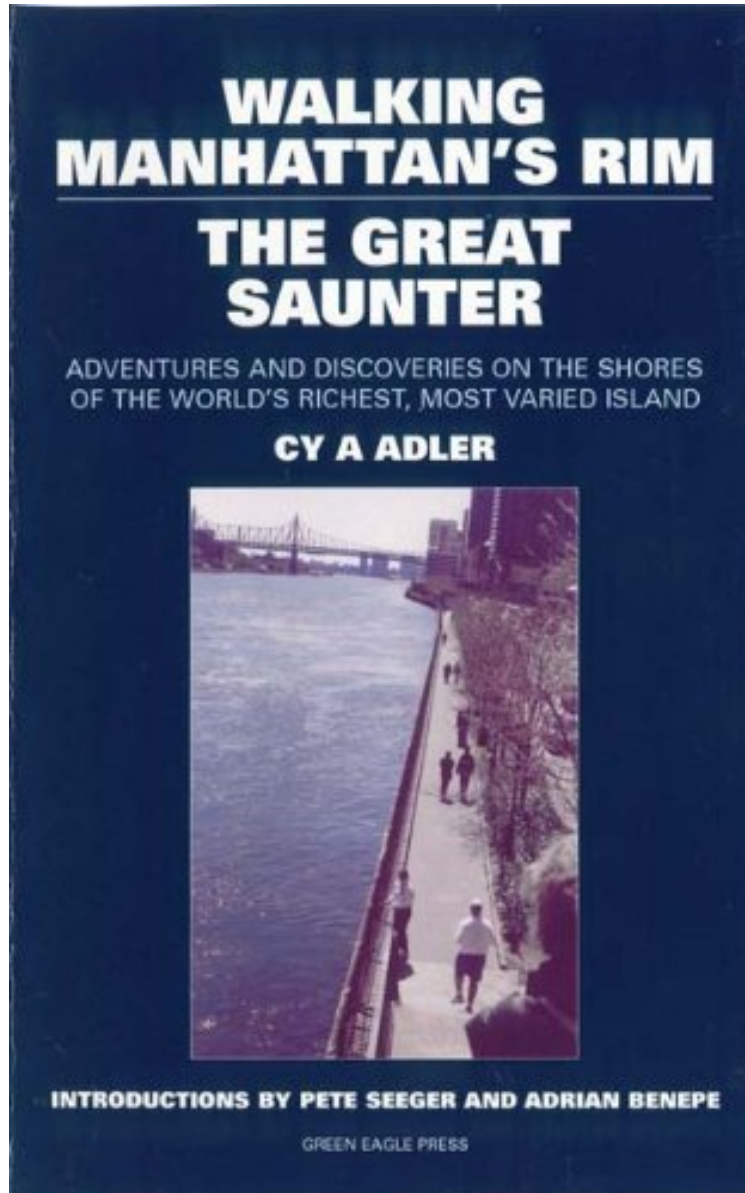


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An excellent guide book, a bit dated, a bit not Kindle friendly By Robert C Ross Let me get the two negatives out of the way first. First, this book was published in 2003 and there have

been a number of changes in the Manhattan shoreline over the past nine years that cannot be reflected on these pages. Second, the table of contents is not interactive; once you are on a saunter, the text works fine, but, gosh, it would be so much better to be able to click on a segment and go there directly. [I should confess at the outset that I've now hiked around Manhattan four times, the first in 1968, the latest last summer, and I plan to go again this fall. It's a wonderful experience and even now possible for me to complete in ten to twelve hours in one day.] So, here's my effort to make the Kindle version a little more user friendly; the numbers are the Location numbers on the Kindle. Type in the location number and the Kindle should take you to the correct section. And for goodness sake, don't miss Pete Seeger's great song in the early going.

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\*\*\*To give you an idea of how this excellent guide is organized, here's a short summary of Leg 9, for my money the most difficult of an Around the Island Hike of one day. I should add that I use the Kindle on my iPhone, which is perfectly satisfactory for this sort of hiking. There are two maps of the area, both of which could be blown up and show excellent details. There is a short legend describing the distances and the route. Each leg is introduced with a quote: "Cars are like dogs in real cities -- both cars and dogs exist mainly for the pleasure of their owners; both can and often do cause noise, pollution, harm to others and reduce the pleasure of living in cities." Frida Agnos Adler describes the challenges on this leg, primarily because the path is "squeezed away [from the shore] by the highway." He describes the walk along the causeway, the Polo Ground Houses built where the Giants used to play, and then two possible routes on Harlem streets, both dotted with bits of NYC history -- James Lenox was a book lover and scholar who helped build the NYC Library. There is a nice history of the Macomb Dam Bridge, the oldest metal truss bridge in the City, with a history of Macomb and the mill pond that used to be half of the Harlem River. A black and white photo shows the bridge and of course the ubiquitous cars on the Harlem River Drive. There is a tongue in cheek description of the "Harlem River Beach", now a "Park". On my first hike many years ago this was a true junk yard, complete with folks living in tents and frankly just a little scary. Adler describes the black and the gray "mountains" -- asphalt and salt -- and abandoned cement silos. Another black and white photo shows Shorewalkers in 1998. As you can see, Adler has clearly walked this way -- and his commentary adds immeasurably to the joys of the journey, whether on foot or in your armchair. For more information, Google shorewalkers . There are treasures there galore.

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This guide explores the watery rim of the world's most fascinating and varied island. Learn how remnants of a glorious history and the results of the Container Revolution shaped the shore of Manhattan. Read about the great parks and sights that line this ever-changing and exciting coast. Pictures and maps help you along the way. With this intriguing book, saunter around New York Island's rim--the best way to really get to know this amazing shore. It will walk you through over a dozen parks. Explore exotic cultures while sauntering with salt water by your side. Across the Hudson, Harlem and East Rivers, you will see the Statue of Liberty, New Jersey, the Palisades and all four outer boroughs of New York City. See fishermen, cherry trees in bloom, ships sailing by; see birds and assorted wildlife. Meet people from all parts of the world. Experience it all in THE GREAT SAUNTER!