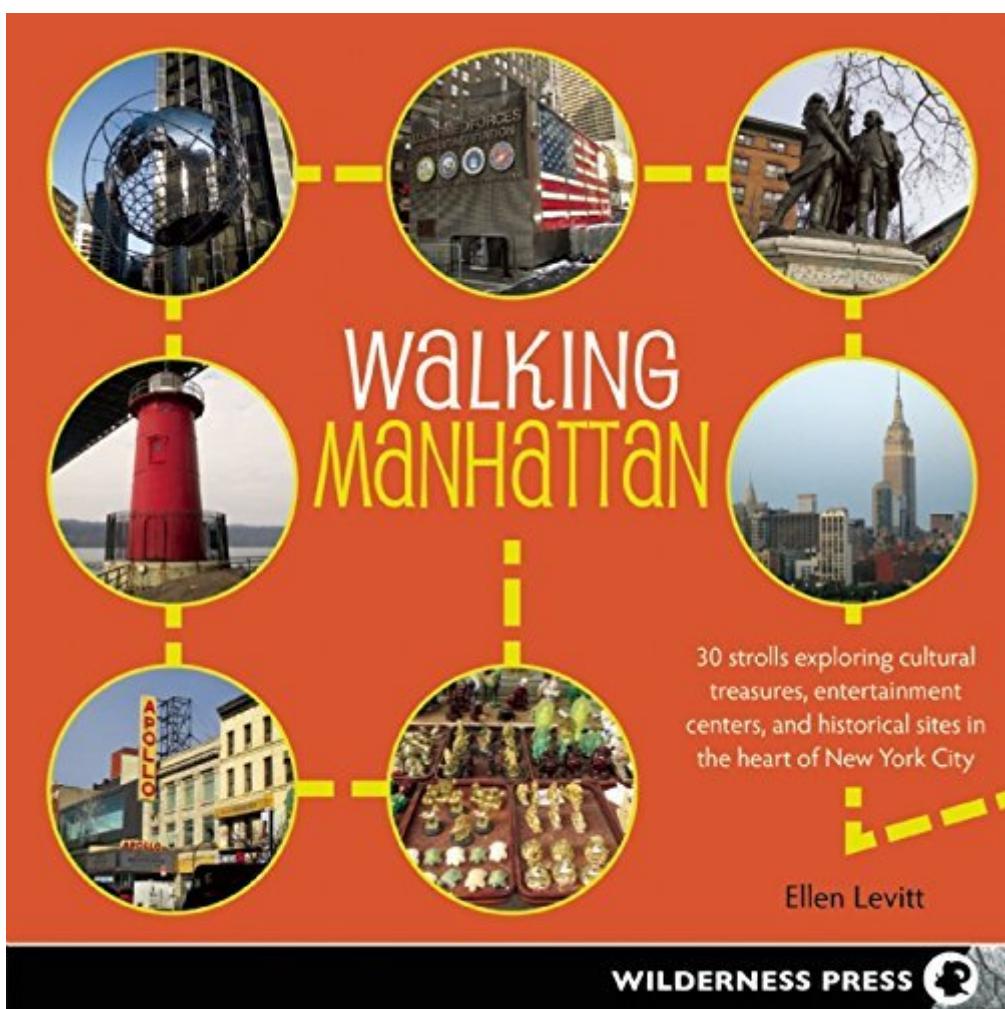


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# **Walking Manhattan: 30 Strolls Exploring Cultural Treasures, Entertainment Centers, And Historical Sites In The Heart Of New York City**





## **Synopsis**

Walking Manhattan by Ellen Levitt is written with many people in mind: the tourists who have never before visited Manhattan as well as those returning to the Big Apple; the residents who want to ramble through parts of Gotham with which they are less familiar; the "I've seen it all" New Yorker who is willing to consult a new source and find "new" sights and sounds that interest them. Readers can pick and choose how and where they investigate Manhattan by consulting this new guide. This guidebook will help readers to appreciate more fully the author's selection of unique things to see and experience throughout Manhattan. It points out the many beautiful and intriguing sights; the history to be learned; the joyful as well as sad aspects of Manhattan life throughout the years. Landmarks and parks, schools and eateries, art and sport, big and bold sites as well as modest and small; Walking Manhattan can introduce you to them all.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I like this "Walking" series very much, particularly the original Brooklyn book. It's fun to explore new neighborhoods and having a route and mileage provided is a huge plus. As such, I'd

recommend this book as an easy way to map out an adventure in Manhattan. That said, there are a few things that prevent me from giving this book 5 stars. It felt like the book was put together in a bit of a rush, leaving out an additional layer of information. There are some walks that have many blocks of no commentary and also many occasions when the author says "note this" but doesn't take the extra step of saying what we are looking at. Because I know NYC well, I'd quibble about what was excluded (no mention of Fairway Market on Broadway, Strawberry Fields on the Central Park West Walk or the Friars Club?) but that probably isn't fair. I also felt that the author included too many personal stories that didn't add anything to the experience - it probably won't matter to the reader where she once saw Brian Setzer or took her daughter back in the day. A few stories might have made it warm, but there was just too much, and it felt like filler. Still, I do think that this is one of the best walking books available for Manhattan and I would definitely recommend it to visitors.

I am a sucker for walking guides to New York City and to Manhattan in particular. Different people find different ways of seeing this complex area, and highlight many of the same, but often entirely different points of interest. This one is outstanding, with careful attention to details and clearly the author and her helpers have actually walked the various routes. Of course, Manhattan often changes so the routes have to be changed from time to time. Four suggestions for your iPhone or other smart phone: 1. Get the Kindle version for portability; the suggestions work very well in the small format. 2. Use the Google map app to guide you when street construction or some other problem changes the suggested route. 3. Load the wonderful *The Encyclopedia of New York City: Second Edition* and refer to it as you go for more and very authoritative information. 4. Load the Wikipedia app as well; from time to time check the "Nearby" box to see additional points of interest or learn more about sights Levitt mentions. Start with Levitt, and her fine guide is certainly all you really need. But if you as I am are obsessed with Manhattan, the other three suggestions will enhance your experience. Robert C. Ross January 2016

I bought this book before my recent trip to NYC. As a former long-time New Yorker who goes there frequently, I thought I knew my way around the City. But this book showed me nooks and crannies that I didn't know existed - and I've barely scratched the surface of the book. Highly recommended.

Just back from NYC. Had a wonderful day walking through lower east side. this was great. would have missed so much without the book.

not well written and very boring...would not recommend

I live in NYC and use this book as a guide for street photography walks. It is well researched and succinctly highlights the notable places. One can set the pace of the walk and customize it, if necessary. It's a terrific walking guide of NYC!

Years ago I came across a book in the library titled "Walking New York". I borrowed it, did all the walks, and enjoyed all of them. From there, I became a virtual collector of NYC walking tour books. (I am a teacher so I have the time over the summer to do walks!) Frommer's has a good one. I also enjoy David Yeadon's "New York's Nooks and Crannies". The problem with the latter one is it was written in 1986 so many of the sights Mr. Yeadon describes are no longer there. You won't find that problem in "Walking Manhattan" since it was recently published. Ms. Levitt's book, like Mr. Yeadon's, will take you to some of the lesser known spots in the city such as Middigan Place, etc. I THOUGHT I knew all streets in Manhattan but Ms. Levitt's book has taken me to some I had never seen before such as the 19th century looking Staple Street. The "Walking Manhattan" walks are also the perfect length, in my opinion. I have done about half of the walks as of today and they all seem to end at exactly the point where I feel I am tired and want the walk to end. I truly am looking forward to finishing the rest of the walks in this book. It deserves 5 stars just for the ones I have done thus far.

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