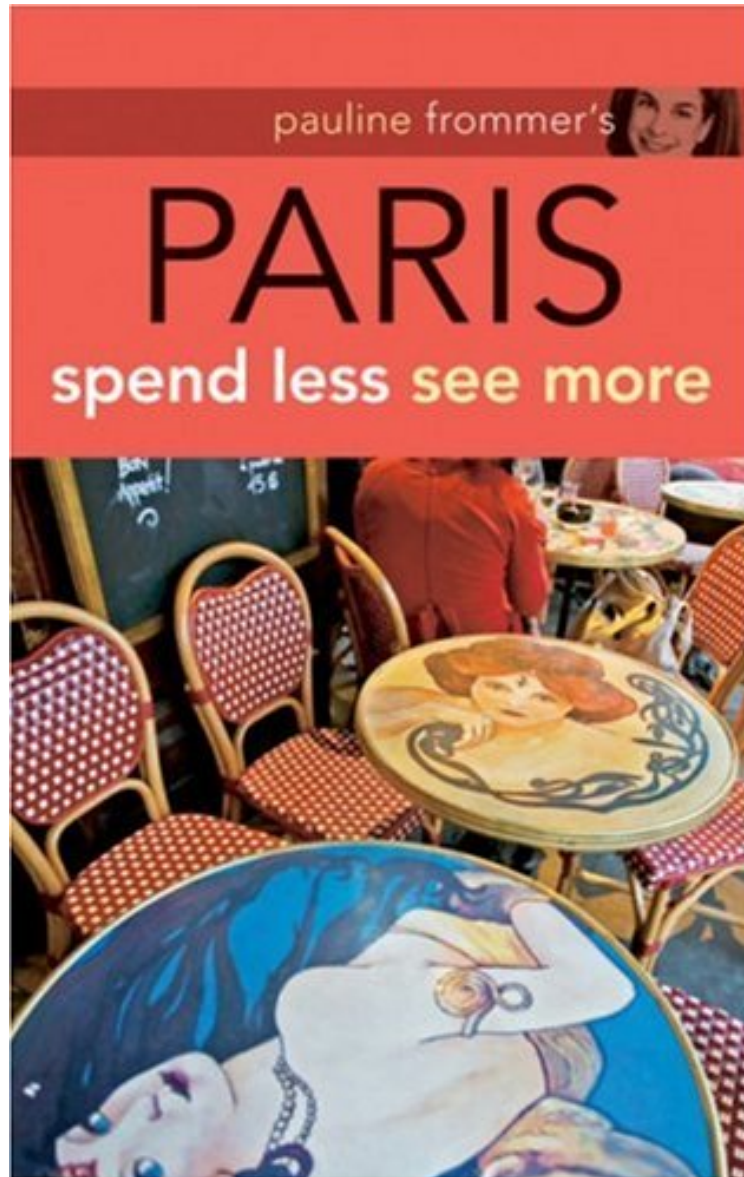


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Margie Rynn : Pauline Frommer's Paris (Pauline Frommer Guides) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Pauline Frommer's Paris (Pauline Frommer Guides):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This book saved us on an anniversary trip to France!By FlowerwineWe planned our two week anniversary trip and thought we had left nothing to chance. We had used another prominent author's guide book to determine accommodations and while visiting Paris, in which part of the city

we wanted to stay. When we arrived, we found we only had one tiny shelving unit for clothing, no closets, no dressers, and no place to even set a suitcase to work out of except on the bed. Worse still, the "view" was of a cinderblock wall that we could reach out and touch from our window. And this was to be our hotel for one week! I thought, this is NOT going to work and we have to fix this. So my husband and I went to a nearby coffeeshop and regrouped. He with his guidebook and me with Pauline Frommer's guidebook, we worked our way through the area, reading descriptions, checking the map for distance from our selected area, making calls and finally we found a place that was as perfect as we could have hoped for. You see, it was Easter week and April in Paris and for the most part there was no room in the inn. I knew Pauline's descriptions would be detailed and evaluate what I thought was important - she's a woman! It is not an overstatement to say this book saved our week in Paris and then we used it again and again along with the other guide while traveling through Provence and onto Nice and The Riviera. I now always look for a Pauline Frommer guidebook for any new destination and am thrilled when I can find one!

11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. New and fun info!

By H. Francis I bought this book for my June 2009 trip to Paris and am really glad I did! I've been to the City of Light several times (it's my favorite city) but Pauline's book added unusual info that made the trip much more fun. I usually use the Rick Steves' book for my basic info (sorry, Pauline!) but found some really fun nuggets of info in this Frommer book. I'd suggest using both - Rick's for facts and his viewpoint about travel, Pauline's for unusual things to see/do and her sense of fun. I'm hoping to head back to Paris in Spring 2010 and will definitely use Pauline's book again!

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The book will take you to both the touristy areas and the places off the beaten path

By Piper Reading Pauline Frommer's guidebook is like talking to an old friend who lives in Paris. I found the book to be a great mix of advice on the touristy places you have to see and the off the beaten path places that give you an authentic experience. We did two of walking tours included in the book, Montmartre and Marais and loved both. We saw beautiful streets and little shops before going into the more crowded, popular areas. Unfortunately a lot of the restaurant/shop recommendations were closed for August, but it seems that's the norm for the authentic places. Only the touristy palces stay open! I also have a Rick Steves book, which is good to have for additional information, but brought the Pauline book with us because I felt it was more down to earth versus the Rick Steves which felt very mainstream (and also bigger and heavier).

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