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**Streetwise Maps : Streetwise Los Angeles (Streetwise)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Streetwise Los Angeles (Streetwise):

1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Streetwise LABy Margaret AndersonI am an avid fan of Streetwise maps. They are handy to carry and waterproof. Before visiting cities, I use a permanent marker to locate my hotel, places of interest, subway/bus stops, one-way streets, etc. I recommend them highly.14 of 14 people found the following review helpful. Essential for Metro Los AngelesBy BrentThis map is great! It includes the metro area of Los Angeles, Santa Monica beach - Downtown (West-East), and from the Santa Monica Mountains/Franklin Ave to the 10 Freeway (North - South). This is a very popular and dense area including the following communities: "Westside", Santa Monica, Venice, Westwood, UCLA, Rancho Park, Cheviot Hills, Brentwood, Bel Air, Beverly Hills, West Hollywood, Hollywood, Sunset Strip, Wilshire, Hancock Park, Park LaBrea, Miracle Mile, Cathay Circle, Midtown, Koreatown, and Downtown LA. Plus, there is a smaller freeway map that includes the entire county of L.A., from Thousand Oaks/Malibu on the Northwest to Orange County on the Southeast. If you are visiting L.A., or if you live in L.A., it should help you get around, and figure out where you are. It includes major hotels, metro/subway stops, hospitals, parks, museums, golf courses, studios, colleges, etc. It is a wonderful size (just right), and is very durable (plastic coated). I am buying additional copies for family members! The only thing you need to keep in mind is that there is not "detailed information" for the entire vastness that is L.A., but rather the communities mentioned above. Great for students (UCLA), tourists to Hollywood/L.A., and locals. Detailed information around USC is not on the map because it is located south of the 10 freeway. I have many maps of L.A., and this is the one I always use, and the one my friends want to have!8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Excellent and Compact - all the Essential DetailsBy davidmbfonzThis map of LA includes detailed maps of all the essential areas you're likely to want to visit. It even has the location of major hotels and attractions on it. The overview map of LA is also good for information at a quick glance. All of this is made even more useful and handy by being packaged in such a relatively small and DURABLE laminated map (and it folds up nice and small too!). This map will be with me at all times on my upcoming trip to LA.UPDATE: Just got back from a week in L.A. and this map was a true lifesaver... perfect, spot-on, with all the right landmarks and coverage of just about all the most common areas you may visit. Within two days, the map helped me feel like I was an old-hand at the L.A. streets. Study it ahead of time, too!

Book by Brown, Michael

"Don't leave home without STREETWISE." -- New York Times"STREETWISE is an absolute travel essential." -- Travel LeisureAbout the AuthorSTREETWISE Maps, Inc. was founded in 1984 by Michael E. Brown. Before starting the company, he worked in international publishing and acquired a fascination for maps. In 1983 Brown envisioned a new format for a map; one which integrated convenience and modern graphics. He wanted to create a map that would not only visually entice someone to visit a particular city, but reward them as well with exceptional clarity, accuracy, and durability. By making the map as aesthetically pleasing as it was functional, Brown combined his sense of design with his love of travel. The result was an innovative consumer product. In the early years, Brown was not only cartographer and publisher, but shipping manager as well, delivering the maps around the streets of New York on a Harley Davidson motorcycle. STREETWISE Maps, Inc. eventually expanded into publishing maps of cities throughout the world.