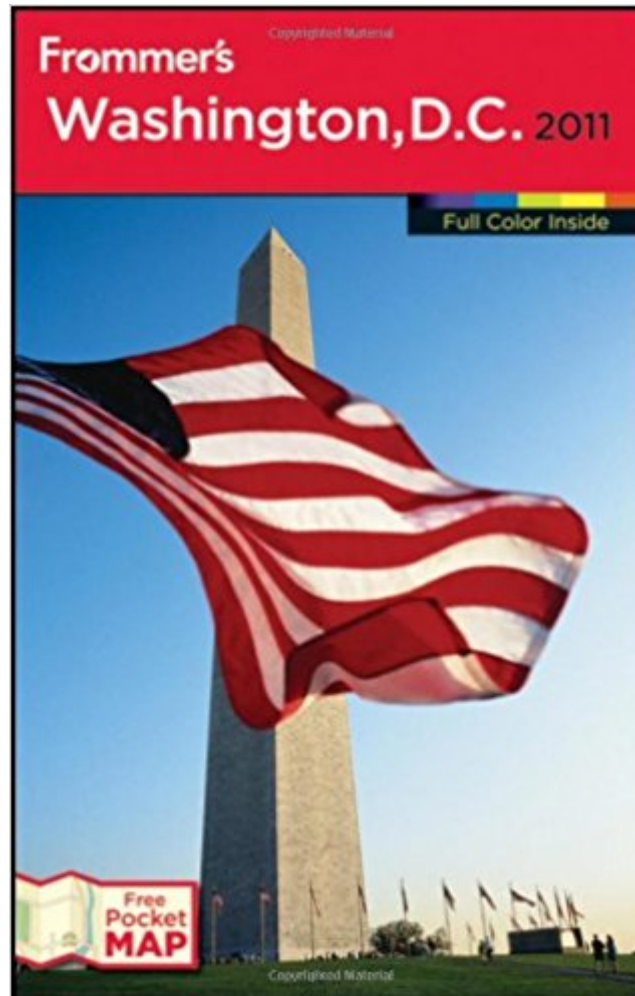




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THIS BOOK IS BAD. IT IS NOT HELPFUL AT ALL. WE TOOK IT TO DC WITH US AND IT WAS TERRIBLY USELESS. THERE WERE NO PICS, NO MAPS, NOT EVEN A SUBWAY MAP. RECOMMENDATIONS WERE OUT OF DATE AND SAD. EASTERN MARKET WAS WORSE THAN A BACKYARD GARAGE SALE. YELP WAS MORE USEFUL AND FREE. THIS WAS MY FIRST AND LAST FROMMERS GUIDE. THEY SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF THEMSELVES FOR PUTTING OUT A BOOK DISGUISED AS A GUIDE. IT MOST CERTAINLY IS not not not NOT a guide. you will be happy if this helps and you do not buy. Please find something else. the few of us who wasted our money is enough.

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I just got back from D.C. after using this guide. I constantly looked through this book for ideas/suggestions on where to go and what to do. Comments on the museums (open/close times, etc) was extremely helpful. However, I wish the book had more info on wheelchair accessibility for each museum. I would suggest to Frommers that a little wheelchair accessible icon be located somewhere at the beginning or end of each museum/restaurant that is mentioned.

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This book was very helpful in planning our vacation, and the enclosed map that came with it was an absolute necessity. It showed all of the museums, monuments and points of interest we wanted to visit. It also noted the name of the nearest Metro stop and the color of train to take. Extremely useful and highly recommend. Seller was great, fast and easy. Book was in condition that was promised.

Another solid Frommer's travel book (my wife and I only buy Frommer's). Highly useful information and helpful insights for trekking around DC. The author thoroughly detailed most of the DC attractions included (though not President Lincoln's Cottage - a special find in the middle of DC), and we hit quite a few of them. I would have appreciated a bit more on DC side trips, but that might just be my preference.

Frommer books always introduce me to places and history I knew nothing about. And they're very practical for finding a place to stay or eat. I almost always agree their assessment of a site.

Very thorough and detailed regarding DC proper. Most, if not all, major and secondary attractions well covered. Not enough info regarding specific neighborhoods. Also, this volume was a little too large to be carrying around all day while sightseeing. A smaller, more compact edition would certainly be worth considering, while sacrificing some space now given to shopping or dining.

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