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would be worth my time, and all praised Rick Steves' London 2010:

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By Carolyn SchneiderSome parts of me do not want to like Rick Steves, but the fact is HE IS REALLY HELPFUL. Some of the basics are solid for folks who have not traveled, and for those who have traveled, the specifics of changing a train, tube stops, etc. are VERY helpful. The down side is that the value of his books manifests itself in legions of humanity, Steves' guides in hand, go to all the places he suggests. The places he says, "EAT" or "STAY" get swamped. The up side is that his recs. are good. Example : Rodin Museum in Paris, which is not a MAJOR site, but due to his rec. brings many people there. And it is worth the visit. All that said, one must keep in mind his MAIN travel advice: try to be a local. Try new things. Try to get off the beaten path--and I think he would agree that path now includes (ironically) HIS path! That is, some of the stuff--esp. restaurants and hotels--are now VERY popular. However, his book can serve as enough of a confidence builder on the basics of London that even on a first trip, you might feel comfortable enough to go off that beaten path--and (for example) instead of going to Buckingham Palace for the Changing of the Guard (crowded, crowded, crowded and a tad overrated), you might wander down a side street and find a great local restaurant or funky SOMETHING to visit, tour, experience that will live in your memory forever.
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By Lydia F. We love Rick Steves!! We used his books for our trip to London, Paris, and Rome! They gave great advice and information about our trip. We had ideas for day trips, how to save money, what to avoid, and so much more! Would highly recommend them to anyone traveling in Europe!!

You can count on Rick Steves to tell you what you really need to know when traveling in London. With the self-guided tours in this book, you'll explore historic Big Ben, bustling Trafalgar Square, and the Tower of London—home of the crown jewels. Learn how to save time and money on the Tube, and how to avoid the mobs at the Changing of the Guard. Investigate London's world-class museums, where you can trace Western civilization from the Magna Carta and Shakespeare to Van Gogh and Picasso. Venture into Soho's theater district for a glitzy musical or a delicious Indian dinner. End a great day at a neighborhood pub, sharing a pint and a chat with a friendly local. Rick's candid, humorous advice will guide you to good-value hotels and restaurants in delightful London neighborhoods. You'll learn how to get around by bus and on the Tube, and which sights are worth your time and money. More than just reviews and directions, a Rick Steves guidebook is a tour guide in your pocket.