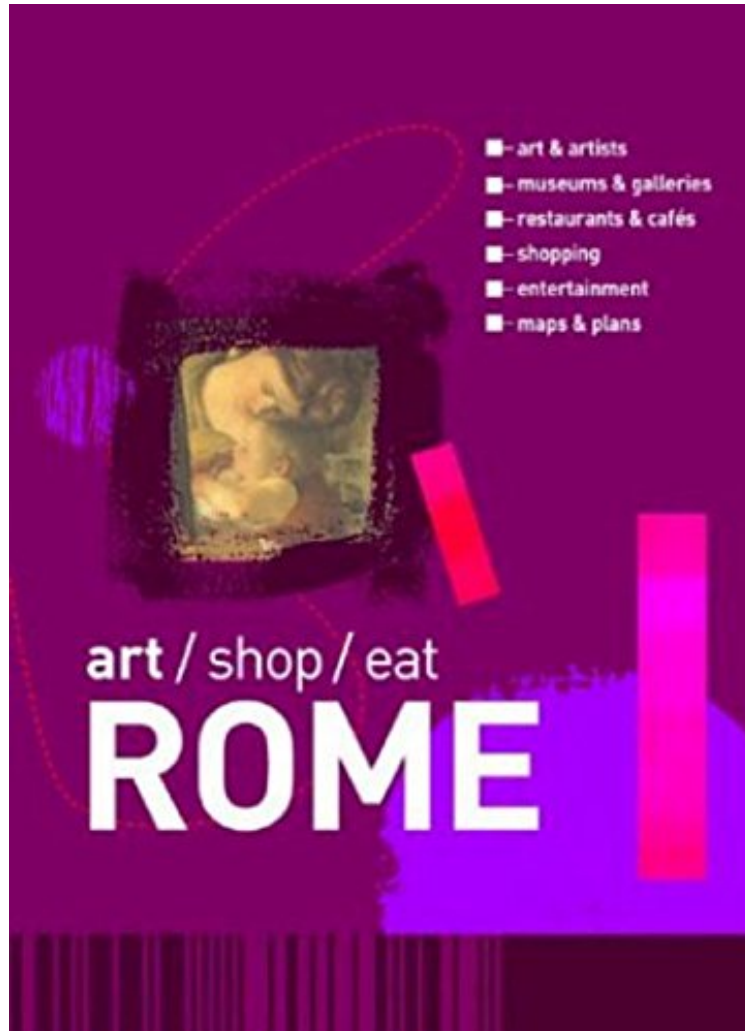


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Alexandra Massini : Rome (Art, Shop, Eat Rome) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Rome (Art, Shop, Eat Rome):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The only guide book I used in Rome.By Victoria M. PondWe brought several guide books with us on our recent trip to Rome, including this one, and my husband and I pretty much fought over which one of us got to look at "Art Shop Eat." Neither of us wanted to bother with the other guide books or maps. I think the problem Mr. McHenry encountered with the 2005 edition -- failure to identify locations of attractions on maps -- has been brilliantly solved: the book now contains small, highly detailed maps of each of five neighborhoods that attract tourists. These maps were HUGELY helpful to us: Rome contains many, many teeny little vicoli, which are basically narrow pedestrian alleys that are too small to show up on any but the most detailed maps.

The Art Shop Eat neighborhood-specific maps were the only maps we had that were detailed enough to give us the information we often needed to navigate these little alleys; all our other maps identified only larger streets that accommodate vehicular traffic. Art Shop Eat was also the only guidebook that was really worth its weight. Art Shop Eat is teeny, and very lightweight, and you never get tired of lugging it around all day the way you get tired of lugging, say, an Eyewitness Guide all day long. I think of traveling in a gorgeous city like Rome as being analogous to backpacking: you are going to be walking over new territory all day long. You need really great shoes and socks, a really, really great map, and you really need to keep your load as light as possible. You won't be aware of how much better the Art Shop Eat maps are than the others in the bookstore, nor will you be aware of how important its lightness is, but believe me, I've compared this guidebook with the others out there and it was really worth its weight in my bag. (I would, however, recommend that you also bring at least one larger laminated map of the entire city; you also need to see the neighborhoods in relation to each other, as well as where you are in each neighborhood. This map will also be worth its [negligible] weight.) I also found the neighborhood-specific arrangement of Art Shop Eat to be the easiest to use of all our guidebooks. I can't overstate how glad we were to have Art Shop Eat with us in Rome. (I also think that Mr. McHenry's other problem -- an overemphasis on art -- has been corrected; the edition I used in December, 2008 had plenty of information about attractions other than museums.)

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