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**Richard Saul Wurman : Access New York City 13e (Access Guides)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Access New York City 13e (Access Guides):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Highly Recommended!By Venus PandoraI bought an old copy from a Goodwill and I used it to get around when I visited in July of 2012. When my friends came to visit, I made sure that they knew of it. I then bought the most updated one so that I could have a better sense of prices of places. I love the maps and the information about the old buildings. It's very fascinating. When I went to Ellen's Stardust Diner, there was no mention of singing wait staff in the review. I was glad for the surprise but I would think that it would be one of the main points for people to visit. Also, there is a lack of thrift and consignment stores in this book.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. somewhat usefulBy SLO MoverThis version is out of date so not totally useful. Still somewhat helpfu for general information.25 of 27 people found the following review helpful. Very disappointed in the newest editionBy A CustomerFirst of all,let me say that I have always been a big fan of the Access series of books, and usually buy one for every city I am visiting. I live in Manhattan and my NYC Access book is used ALL the time, esp when visiting new neighborhoods or when I have visitors. I could always count on Access to provide great recommendations for places to eat and visit. I just purchased the newest edition and am extremely disappointed. I live on the upper West Side and the information provided for my neighborhood in the 2002 edition is SO OUTDATED and not useful. They list stores that closed more than four years ago, very few of the fun restaurants where the locals eat are mentioned and many of the "unknown famous landmarks" are no longer listed. My neighbors and I cannot figure out how they chose the restaurants that are listed. Since I know that the information for my neighborhood is full of errors and omissions, how can I trust it for exploring new neighborhoods? The new format is horrible. Previously, whenever friends moved into the city, my housewarming gift basket ALWAYS included the latest edition of NYC Access, but no longer. There are better guides available.

With Access New York City, your visit will be an easy, enjoyable experienceSoHo, Greenwich Village, and the Statue of Liberty are at your fingertips.Access New York City has been divided and organized into neighborhoods, so you know where you are and where you're headed.Unique color-coded and numbered entries allow you to discover the best:HotelsRestaurantsAttractionsShopping sightsParks and Outdoor SpacesLarge, easy-to-read maps with entry numbers keyed to text ensure that you will instantly find what you must not miss.Access is your indispensable walk-around guide to New York City. Our writers, who live in and love the city, will lead you by the hand down the remarkable streets, sharing the unforgettable sights and pointing out the undiscovered gems and all the majestic landmarks that only New York City has to offer.

About the AuthorWith the publication of his first book in 1962 at the age of 26, Richard Saul Wurman began the singular passion of his life: that of making information understandable. A holder of both M. Arch. B. Arch. degrees from the University of Pennsylvania, he has been awarded several grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, a Guggenheim Fellowship, two Graham Fellowships two Chandler Fellowships. In 1991, Richard Saul Wurman received the Kevin Lynch Award from MIT for his creation of the ACCESS travel guides. In 1994, he was named a Fellow of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland awarded a Doctorate of Fine Arts by the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, PA. In 1995, he received an Honorary Doctor of Letters from Art Center College of Design was Chairman of Graphic Design Product/Industrial Design of the1995 Presidential Design Awards. Richard Saul Wurman continues to be a regular consultant to major corporations in matters relating to the design understanding of information. He is married to novelist Gloria Nagy, has 4 children lives in Newport, Rhode Island.Excerpt. Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved.Sophisticated and brutal. Exhilarating and oppressive. Earthy and aloof. A thorough description of New York City might exhaust the largest vocabulary. New York is indeed a city of dynamic contrasts, from the sleek granite high-rises of Wall Street and Midtown to the crumbling tenements of Brooklyn and the Bronx, from the bohemian spirit of Greenwich Village to the old-money atmosphere of Upper Fifth Avenue, and from the avant-garde art galleries of SoHo to the Apollo Theater and historic churches of Harlem.Weighted down by wall-to-wall buildings and 7.4 million people, New York in its density may seem relentless and chaotic to first-time visitors. But it's essentially a city of small neighborhoods best explored one at a time. Don't exhaust yourself by trying to race from one end of the city to the other in the hopes of seeing "everything." Instead, make a list of must-sees in each neighborhood and enjoy all they have to offer before moving on to the next.One of New York's chief attractions is the overwhelming number of places to visit. Every night on the town doesn't have to include dinner at a four-star restaurant and a Broadway show to be memorable, and you don't have to spend your days splurging in the expensive shops on Fifth or Madison Avenues. Some of New York's greatest pleasures are simple, and often inexpensive: sitting on the front steps of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and watching a mime while eating a hot dog; whiling away an hour in a cafe, sipping a cappuccino as the world goes by the window; walking through Central Park on a clear day and gazing up at the brilliant blue sky above the tall buildings; and, when you've said and done as much as you can, waving good-bye to the Statue of Liberty from the window of a departing plane, humming "New York, New York."