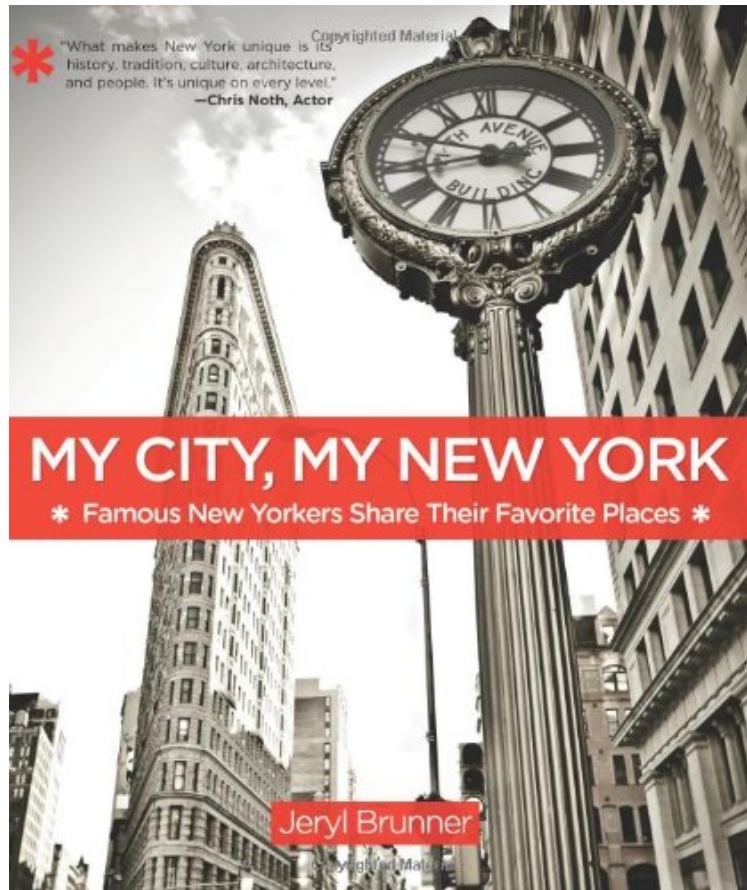


My City, My New York: Famous New Yorkers Share Their Favorite Places

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7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. A fun read, good for anyone in love with New York City By Dom Miliano OK, I'm not an impartial reader. I love NYC, especially Brooklyn and Manhattan. This little book gives you insight into the world's greatest city authored by some of the City's more famous people. I like the break down into Hidden Spaces / Central Park / New York Eats / Nocturnal New York, etc. Clever and useful depending on your mood or general inclination (me, I'm not much of a night owl but love to eat). To check the book's "cred", I looked for places that I know well and would have picked for a specific chapter. For example, I have been a member of The ICP since it opened and sure enough, there it was and the description was spot on. The Frick Collection is in there too (great first date spot). Of course Grand Central is covered and described properly. (Yes, it's a Terminal...) The admonition to "look up" is sage advice. However, I didn't see anyone telling you that you need to look in the north west corner for

the small dark soot smudge on the ceiling - that's the only place not cleaned in the last refurbishment and a reminder of its history bathed in smoke. (Go look, I'll wait.) Plus, in the holiday season, they have a great laser light and sound show for travelers and gawkers alike (I'm always in the second category). For the food choices, they had all of the easy ones - Per Se, Pastis, Lupa, Rao's and some of my semi-secret favorites like "Good Enough To Eat" and "Tartine". Plus, I read about a few I will try - Big Nick's Pizza Joint, Eatery and Tiny's and the Bar Upstairs - all sound good and will be on my short list. I was a little surprised that there was an entire Central Park section. After all, it's that huge green swathe in our concrete jungle and magnet for anyone starved for fresh air and a bit of blue sky. To think that there is anything new to be learned is the definition of ambitious. After reading through the section, I decided that I was mostly correct but was surprised that there wasn't much of a mention of the many interesting statues sprinkled throughout the park. The puma ready to pounce is a joy. The statue of the sled dog Balto - medical hero - earned nary a mention. And Cleopatra's Needle - 3,000 year old obelisk behind the Metropolitan - is also MIA. Tisk, tisk! How it got to the Park is a great story for kids of all ages (look it up!). Overall, this is a charming book and worth a place on your NYC book shelf. I got a few interesting ideas for things to do and places to visit and at my age and number of times I have visited, that's saying something. And, anyone who is near NYC this holiday season, here is "My City" tip. Go to 5th Avenue at 53rd street. Walk east and look to your left. There is a small vest-pocket park (Paley Park) a few doors off the grand avenue and is a wonderful spot to sit, enjoy a few minutes of silence and even have a decent hot dog (really) or a steamy hot chocolate. In the warmer months, the back wall becomes a cascading waterfall - further drowning out the noise of the street (also a good date spot...) I recommend this book for anyone in love with NYC - it works as a travel guide and for those who live far away from the madding crowd, it's wonderful arm chair travel. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Just when you think you know NYC... By CLK CarolLee Kidd Not being born and bred in NY but having lived there for a good chunk of my adult life, I came to love the city and bragged at how I knew it like the back of my hand. After reading this book, I found new things to see and new ways to see them. Whether you live there or just visit - or maybe you never have but want to, this book allows you to see things and know things that may have been overlooked. I highly recommend this book because there isn't a soul alive that doesn't love NYC. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Entertaining and useful By Carole Morin The book is very interesting for somebody who knows NYC or someone who wants to know it more. I loved the inside knowledge and tips of these famous New-Yorkers. I regret that I did not take notes along the way but I'm sure I'll read the parts about food places and others which I particularly like. The part on Central Park gets a little too long and repetitive but hey they love their park and with reason.

What do famous people love to do during their free time in the Big Apple? Most New Yorkers, even famous ones, have cherished rituals and favorite places that connect them to their city in unique ways. They have their beloved restaurants, museums, parks, galleries, landmarks, haunts, and hideaways. It may be watching tango dancers on Saturday nights in Central Park. Or riding a bike over the Brooklyn Bridge for a slice of Grimaldi's pepperoni pizza and a view of the Manhattan skyline from across the East River. Perhaps it entails choosing from the many varieties of bread at Rock Hill Bake House in the Union Square Greenmarket or simply walking across 46th Street and ending up at Joe Allen, the great Broadway hangout. So imagine a book in which Matthew Broderick shares his favorite bike ride. Nora Ephron describes where she buys discounted roses in every imaginable color. Edward Norton reveals his favorite restaurant. Daniel Boulud describes his favorite pizza joint and where he buys cheese. My City, My New York lets you experience the city as some of your favorite New Yorkers do and get a peek into parts of the town that they hold dear. In a refreshing step beyond the usual travel guides and tourist listings, My City, My New York quotes VIPs and gives readers something truly unique: a chance to experience the city the way some of its most notable residents do. The activities and establishments included are diverse, often eclectic, and, most importantly, nonexclusive--you don't need to be a celebrity to enjoy them. While offering new and creative possibilities for exploration, My City, My New York is also a love letter to the Big Apple and will touch even the most jaded New Yorkers. Celebrities include: - Matthew Broderick - Woody Allen - Tina Fey - Bette Midler - Joan Rivers - Donald Trump - Chris Noth - Mayor Michael Bloomberg - Alex Rodriguez - And many more...

Publishers Weekly: "...this book is an excellent resource for tourists, while even lifelong New Yorkers will find some new places to explore."