



# Paris: An Inspiring Tour of the City's Creative Heart

*Janelle McCulloch*

Download now

Read Online 

# Paris: An Inspiring Tour of the City's Creative Heart

Janelle McCulloch

## Paris: An Inspiring Tour of the City's Creative Heart Janelle McCulloch

Take a stroll through the real Paris with this beautifully photographed and gorgeously packaged book. Organized by *arrondissement*, Paris takes readers through the city's most charming streets, revealing best-kept secrets and little gems at every turn: ateliers overflowing with notions, cafés with their neat rows of macarons, markets abundant with fresh flowers, shaded parks, and creative hotspots. Packed with vibrant color photographs that capture the spirit of Paris and packaged as a hefty flexi-bound paperback with a ribbon page marker, the book is a beautiful object in its own right. The accessible writing invites readers to dip in and out and provides history and context for each spot on the journey. Visually rich and totally inspiring, *Paris* is a treasure for lovers of art, style, design, food, and, of course, Paris!

## Paris: An Inspiring Tour of the City's Creative Heart Details

Date : Published October 3rd 2012 by Chronicle Books (first published November 8th 2011)

ISBN : 9781452113852

Author : Janelle McCulloch

Format : Paperback 244 pages

Genre : Travel, Nonfiction, Cultural, France



[Download Paris: An Inspiring Tour of the City's Creative He ...pdf](#)



[Read Online Paris: An Inspiring Tour of the City's Creative ...pdf](#)

**Download and Read Free Online Paris: An Inspiring Tour of the City's Creative Heart Janelle McCulloch**

---

## **From Reader Review Paris: An Inspiring Tour of the City's Creative Heart for online ebook**

### **Terri Richert says**

This is one of the most beautiful books that I have ever read and one that I will continue to reference as I plan my trip to Europe this April. Rarely does a book capture everything that you long for when you travel. The author takes you on a delightful sojourn throughout Paris's Arrondissements capturing the spirit and the charm of each one. Along the way you discover markets and cafe's, little hidden gardens and grand architecture. Often times a book can charm but leaves you disenchanted when it comes to trying to put together an agenda. Instead of having to stop the journey to write out or to backtrack so as to remember what places to visit, shop or eat, Janelle has dedicated all of these special places a little further along in her book. This section is also beautiful to look at with wonderful little tags and gorgeous photos. When I began this book I was only planning to spend 3 days in Paris and now I am planning on 5 and feel that is still not enough. I may change my whole European trip to just explore France. I noticed that this author has written another book on France so I'm off to the bookstore!

---

### **Jill Moore says**

If you know me at all, you know that I have dreamed of going to Paris since I was a little girl. I devour everything I can get my hands on to read and prepare for the eventual trip (now hoping for 2017).

This is the prettiest book I have ever read. It is chockful of amazing things that one needs to see, eat and do. It took me on a visually stunning (the photographs are incredible), winding tour through Paris, both the secret, hidden gems and the better known Paris of movies, books and the like, one lovely arrondissement at a time. It is not unlike another Paris tour-type book I read previously, but it is even better.

If you want to know where to get the best macaron, which museums are housed in mansions, where there are secret passageways and gardens and courtyards, or where to get a vintage Chanel suit for less than \$1000, you can ask me. Better yet, read the book and learn (or fantasize) for yourself.

Truly delicious and decadent. A five star Francophile read.

---

### **Dana Clinton says**

The finest feature of this book is the gorgeous illustrations of Parisian scenes, shop interiors, little known places, and so forth. This was a gift from a friend to thank me for taking care of her cat. I perused it bit by bit. The first part was an arrondissement-by-arrondissement "stroll" laying out the author's favorite spots. I knew most of it but enjoyed the strolls. The second half of the book was places to visit, and although there were a few museums in there, most of it consists of shops, and way beyond my means for sure. A vast majority of these were decorating shops, fabric shops, curiosity establishments... but I was intrigued to read about them and actually attracted to some of the bookstores and paper product shops. Much too hefty to cart with me over to Paris, but I jotted down a few things to track down next time I go!

---

### **Lauren says**

Absolutely stunning

---

### **Ashley says**

This is a book I've seen in a few different higher-end design stores. It seems like the kind of thing that Anthropologie would stock (shoot, maybe they do); I happened to get it at one of those houseware shops that stocks things according to color. We are lucky enough to be heading to Paris at the end of the month, so I felt justified in buying this book.

Written by a journalist and photographer, this book feels more coffee table book than guide book. The photographs are just gorgeous; honestly, I think it'd be worth buying if you just want something gorgeous to set on your coffee table to pick up now and then. The colors are so vibrant. The accompanying text is fine, but it's not necessarily exactly what I am looking for in what essentially is a very pretty guidebook.

Ms. McCulloch spends half of the book providing overviews and 'a walk through' most of the arrondissements. Each overview is about two pages, followed by two pages highlighting shops, cafes, museums and streets the author thinks the reader should explore. All of the places are then listed in the second half of the book, with addresses and fuller descriptions of them. Which leads me to treat this as a reference book. However, it's so large that there's just no way I want to bring it with me on our trip. I could go through and write down each place to visit, but it seems to defeat the purpose, as the shops will be lacking in the context the author worked so hard to provide.

---

### **writer... says**

Touring Paris via Janelle McCulloch's pictorial guide is an absolute pleasure. Discovering the city by insights of each arrondissement is a valuable guide. Written in a journal style [Including ribbon marker] and a flexible binding. Beautiful photographs aid the traveller or tourist in explorations of courtyards, boutiques, markets, patisserie, cafes, art, design, style and ambience of this City of Light. Prendre plaisir !

---

### **Carol Johnson says**

The edition that I checked out from my public library is entitled: Paris: An Inspiring Tour of the City's Creative Heart, published by Chronicle Books in 2012.

This is an inspirational read that will have you checking airfares to Paris as soon as you dive into the book. It emphasizes stores that sell home decor and the lovely buildings that provide particularly nice shopping experiences. The photographs are beautiful--captions are provided at the back of the book. The book is arranged by arrondissements and also by categories such as bookstores, tea salons, galleries and museums. This is a book to read before you travel, as it is a little too big to carry in your luggage.

---

### **Jaima says**

Outstanding photography and writing as delightful as Paris itself. Tastes differ, but I enjoyed nearly all the recommended stops I chose to visit, and would have missed some wonderful experiences without this book (like the Musée de la Chasse). Perhaps it would lower the tone of the book, bringing it in too close proximity to smeary-inked Fodor's, but I would have appreciated maps of the arrondissements, even if they were more pretty than functional. It would have been nice to gauge the closeness and general proximity of each district's highlights.

---

### **julia says**

Although this was probably intended more for reference, I read this book cover to cover, drinking in the ideas and descriptions. The format of the book is brilliant, covering the neighborhoods and then individual venues. I love how it focused on design related interests. It inspired me to bring a little Paris into my life, seeking out similar venues, events and atmospheres. I loved the creative bent and the author's taste and take on Paris. I will definitely be taking this book with me when I visit. It feels as if multiple visits would be required to take in even a decent portion of all this goodness.

I found it best to read this when I was close to a computer so I could Google Image many of the areas and venues she mentioned.

---

### **Brandi says**

Needs a map!

---

### **Esther Dalseno says**

A gorgeous tome of mouthwatering full-page, full color photographs that any traveling soul will devour time and time again.

The guide, while so poignantly written one can almost cancel their plane tickets, is aimed at the 30-something career woman with a purse full of limitless credit cards. The tour takes you through private gardens of luxurious hotels, to Lagerfeld's tiny museums, to sumptuous homeware boutiques and one-of-a-kind couture shops with lavish price tags.

The entire book and the reader's experience reek of class, good taste, and a certain contained elitism.

Absolutely breathtaking in the right hands.

---

### **Deb (Readerbuzz) Nance says**

I can ask one simple question and your answer will tell me if you will like this book.

Here goes: Do you like Paris?

If you answer yes, you will like it.

If you answer no, you will not.

As for me, I've been reading on it for over a month. I didn't want to finish it. Sigh.

Paris. Perfect. Paris.

---

### **Kim says**

I am still in the planning stages for my trip to Paris but I have really enjoyed pouring over this book as a reference. The photography and layouts are beautiful and I have taken notes of places I want to visit that are generally not found in your top tourist attractions in Paris - like the Flower and Bird Market in the 1st arrondissement. Or to stop and note the metro entrance called Kiosk of the Night-Walkers which the author refers to as street art in itself. After reading about some of the 19th century covered passages in the 2nd and 9th arrondissements I found a self guided walking tour of the secret passages of Paris on line. I plan to visit the garden of the Hotel de Sully - something I would have likely walked by without noting the secret door leading to the garden from the Places des Vosges had I not read about it in this book. The descriptions of different fabric, ribbons, and trims, vintage and affordable french style, tea salons, galleries and museums, boulangeries, patisseries, and chocolateries at the end of the book are also a great reference. I do really wish the book had maps in each arrondissement though - if there were maps I would have given it 5 stars.

---

### **Laura Dallam says**

loved it!

---

### **Stacia says**

Pretty, not as helpful as I had hoped.

I finished this on the flight to Paris and found it a bit confusing in its purpose. It's a beautiful book - gorgeous photos, well laid-out, lovely typefaces - but it wasn't as useful as I had hoped.

Each chapter includes a general description of the arrondissement/neighborhood before then highlighting specific eateries, hotels, and attractions within it. It reads a bit more as a personal travelogue and I didn't find it overly helpful compared to our Rick Steves' guides, though it was more readable and this one will look

nice on the coffee table. Still, I never once referred back to this one after finishing the opening chapters, despite the index of businesses in the back and the supposed focus on "creative" locations.

---