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Synopsis

Frommer's Philadelphia, 16th edition is written by local experts who share their insider tips on the best of Philadelphia and beyond. You'll get Philly's best museums, recreational activities for families, where to spot "Ben Franklin" off duty, the best historic walks and tours, the best spots for theater and comedy, the hippest bars, the Gayborhood, and more. Covers exciting developments in Philadelphia's dining scene, including new restaurants from the city's top chefs--plus "The Ultimate Cheesesteak Taste Test." Lists all the best places to eat, drink, and even bathe in chocolate in the town of Hershey. This guide also covers side trips to Bucks County, Valley Forge, and the Brandywine Valley--plus complete coverage of Lancaster County, home of the Amish.

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Take a side trip to Lancaster County, where you can arrange to enjoy a meal in an Amish home. See chapter 12. Detailed maps throughout Exact prices, directions, opening hours, and other practical information Candid reviews of hotels and restaurants, plus sights, shopping, and nightlife Itineraries, walking tours, and trip-planning ideas Insider tips from local expert authors

Lauren McCutcheon was born in, grew up outside of, and currently lives in Philadelphia. She loves it here. She is an editor at Philadelphia magazine, author of *A Virgin's Guide to Everything* (Warner Books, 2005) and *The Right Way* (David & Charles, 2006), former restaurant critic for Philadelphia Weekly, and former editor for the Philadelphia site of www.citysearch.com. Some of

her favorite things to do in the city include breakfast at Parc on Rittenhouse Square (or, if in a rush, a cappuccino at La Colombe), visit the Perelman's design exhibits at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, shop at Vagabond in Old City, do yoga at Practice in Queen Village, and consume oysters and Cava at the Oyster House. In that order. Carrie Havranek writes about travel, food, and culture from her home in Easton, PA, and uses the marble rolling pin from her Pennsylvania Dutch great aunt nearly every day.

We picked our hotel from this book, and we couldn't have been more pleased with the location and the ambiance. We also chose restaurants from the listings, and all were as good as promised. The little maps in each section worked well for us. We used them to get to the museums and shopping streets near our hotel. And it's very handy to have the addresses, hours and phone numbers of restaurants and museums in one little book. We went to Philadelphia mainly for The Barnes. The listing in this book could have more info on making reservations, but probably the listing is scanty because the Barnes collection was just moving to Philadelphia when this book went to print. I'd recommend making your Barnes reservations even before booking your flight to avoid disappointment, and do it by phone not online in case of difficulties. This book does not have silky pages or fancy colored photo. I prefer that. I just want the facts. So in general I'm very happy with this little book. It's the only guidebook we needed to have a great holiday in Philadelphia.

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Good read for upcoming vacation

I have purchased several Frommer's books in the past and always found them quite useful. However, this book does not have the pull out map that is usually included in Frommer's books. Philadelphia was an extremely difficult city to drive in and not having the map made it nearly impossible to get around the city. The index is also extremely poor. Most important Philadelphia

sights are covered in the book but good luck finding them in a hurry. I was also surprised that "Valley Forge" isn't listed in the "Side Trips" chapter even though it's just outside the city. Save some money and just pick up some free maps and brochures at the Independence Hall visitor's center. If you are planning a trip to Philadelphia I highly recommend a stop at City Tavern. The restaurant has outstanding food and beer all made the way they were during Revolutionary War times. The staff wear period costumes and chef Walter Staib is the friendliest host you could ever meet. Walter is host of the PBS series "Taste of History."

it was very useful.

Great detailed maps and I love the website addresses; something AAA doesn't do!

This book is a lot of help. I have learned a lot about Philadelphia and can't wait to go there.

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