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"In the land of \$49 burgers and \$1,000-a-night hotel rooms, author Ethan Wolff shows that the adventurous budget traveler can still do the Big Apple in style. Written for residents as well as visitors, this guide has plenty of good clear maps and a chapter of free and cheap itineraries." --San Francisco Chronicle In New York City, the rich are very rich. How can people have a good time in this high-cost city without going broke? This new edition of Frommer's NYC Free & Dirt Cheap delivers the answers, offering the latest information on everything from free museum admissions to the cheapest places to stay, eat, and shop.

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Ethan Wolff (New York, NY) lives in the heart of the New York's Bargain District, on the Lower East Side. His other books include Frommer's Irreverent Guide to Manhattan (978-0-471-77062-6) and Frommer's Memorable Walks in New York (978-0-471-77339-9).

We visit our son in Queens several times a year. With this books we did lots of new things and saved money. The write ups are accurate and easy to follow. The out of the way things were so interesting. I can't say enough good things about this book. Next time we go to NYC, we will use this book to explore another borough.

In planning for my first trip to NYC, I was faced with a veritable wall of guide books to pick from at my local library. Because I like to look for the offbeat when travelling, and because, well, I'm poor (hence, the library), this one caught my eye right away. It had me at hello (or, more accurately, the introduction entitled "The Best Things In Life Are Free"). Wolff's prose has the perfect blend of knowledge and wit to really make the places he's writing about come alive, with solid historical insights where applicable (the sections on Coney Island were quick but fun reads, quite informative for a newbie like me) and plenty of reference materials to help you plan out your days (maps, addresses, phone numbers, hours of operation, etc.). Especially handy are the subway map and free events calendars printed on the inside front/back covers--efficient and helpful on the go. I knew the real test would come when my host in Brooklyn took a look at it--she's studying museum education and having lived there her whole life, knows many of the nooks & crannies around town. When I started showing her the listings about places like the Forbes Galleries, the original Winnie the Pooh housed at the NY Public Library, and panorama of NYC at the Queens Museum of Art (all free or very cheap), her eyes lit up. And I knew we had a winner on our hands. If it could impress a city slicker like her, no wonder it had impressed a hayseed like me. If you're looking for a book that can take you off the beaten tourist track, or even if you live in NYC and are looking for some fresh ideas for cheap entertainment, I really can't recommend this highly enough. Good tips, great resource, and a fun read.

Wonderful book. I only wish I had enough time to actually DO everything listed in this book. There is a handy chart at the front showing items by day of the week. This book makes more sense if you

actually live in or near New York than if you are just visiting for a few days as many of the entertainment freebies and/or discounts are only once a month or once a week and casual visitors might not be able to attend due to timing.

This book was so useful when we were planning our trip to New York. Lots of information and ideas for things to do. We had a great trip because of this book!!!!

Awesome book for traveling to NYC!

Gave as a gift to my sister and her daughter for their trip to New York. They found the book extremely helpful and easy to use. Now I'm trying to borrow it from them for my own trip, but I may just get my own. It is definitely worth it.

Lots of good hints for doing NYC on the cheap. Little bit on restaurant suggestion. Plenty out there that is missed.

I purchased this book for a gift for someone who recently moved to the City and it's great. We have already used it to find great "cheap" restaurants.

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