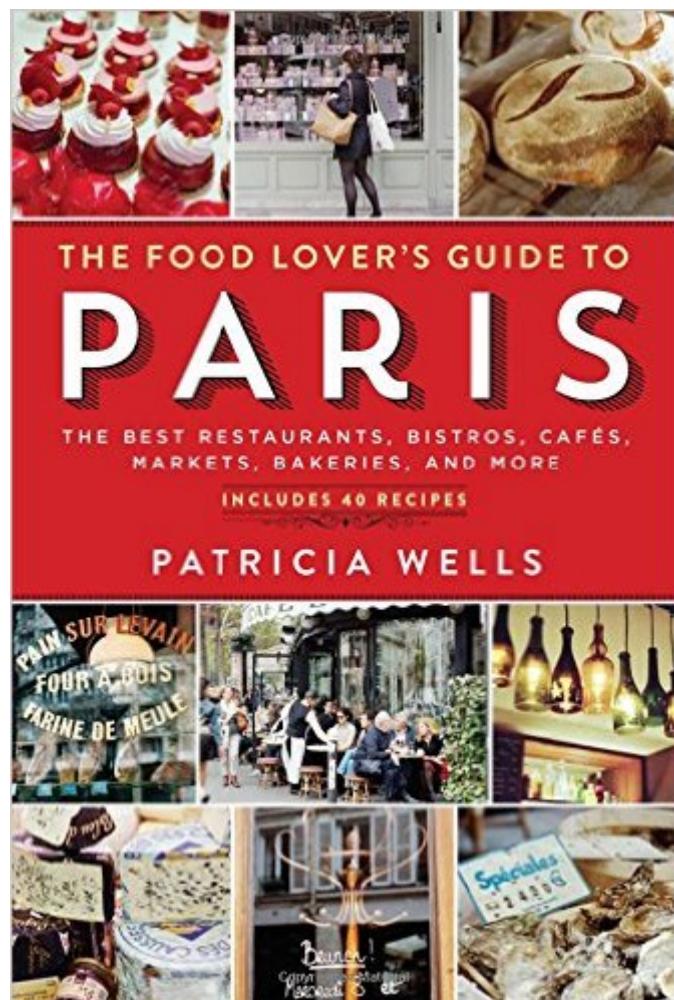


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The Food Lover's Guide To Paris: The Best Restaurants, Bistros, CafÃ©s, Markets, Bakeries, And More



Synopsis

The book that cracks the code, from the incomparable Patricia Wells. An acclaimed authority on French cuisine, Ms. Wells has spent more than 30 years in Paris, many as former restaurant critic for The International Herald Tribune. Now her revered Food Loverâ™s Guide to Paris is back in a completely revised, brand-new edition. In 457 entriesâ•345 new to this edition, plus 112 revisited and reviewed classicsâ•The Food Loverâ™s Guide to Paris offers an elegantly written go-to guide to the very best restaurants, cafÃ©s, wine bars, and bistro in Paris, as well as where to find the flakiest croissants, earthiest charcuteries, sublimest cheese, most ethereal macarons, and impeccable outdoor markets. The genius of the book is Ms. Wellsâ™s meritocratic spirit. Whether youâ™re looking for a before-you-die Michelin three-star experience (Guy Savoy, perhaps, or Restaurant Alain Ducasse au Plaza AthÃ©nÃ©e) or wanting to sample the new bistro (Bistro Paul Bert, Le Comptoir du Relais) or craving something simple and perfect (Lâ™As du Fallafel, or Breizh CafÃ© for crÃªpes), Patricia Wells tells you exactly where to go and why you should go there. You no longer have to rely on the iffy âœ reviewsâ• of Yelp or Trip Advisor. Included are 40 recipes from some of her favorite chefs and purveyors and, of course, all the practical information: addresses, websites, email, hours, closest mÃ©tro stop, specialties, and more.

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Let's face it. Finding the best of the fabled cuisine in Paris can be difficult for us Americans. We're thrown off by the language, the numerous terms for eateries, and the French themselves, who love to pretend they don't speak English. That's why Patricia Wells's updated guide, now in its fourth

edition, is a hit. With detailed information on 450 restaurants, Wells takes readers by the hand and demystifies the culture so well known for its luscious food and demanding gourmands. Sidebars abound: she dissects breads, foie gras, and oysters--and even gives the cultural background on why the French may drink wine in the morning (to kill worms, of course), as well as discussing the pros and cons of eating the rinds of cheeses. Also listed are the best bakeries, cafÃ©s, and specialty shops, as well as 50 recipes to try at home. If there is a criticism to be made of this sturdy and informative book, it's of the writing of this International Herald Tribune critic, which is sometimes riddled with stock descriptions and clichÃ©s. Yet readers are likely to forgive her this occasional foible, as Wells's interesting details and enthusiasm are enough to send devout Italophiles, even, to Paris--where they can sink their teeth into those crusty baguettes. --Melissa Rossi --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The Food Lover's Classic Brought Completely Up to Date. An inveterate explorer of all things culinary, Patricia Wells brings us the very best of Paris: not only unforgettable evenings in her foolproof selection of restaurants, bistros, and cafÃ©s, but the places to find the flakiest croissants, earthiest charcuteries, sublimest cheeses, most knowledgeable wine merchants, gleaming pots and pans, and the holy grail of breads, pain Poilane. Whether the urge is a simple one, like satisfying a midafternoon sweet tooth on the rue de Buci (try Jean-Pierre Carton for its puckery tarte citron or deep, rich tarte au chocolat), or grander - deciding between hallowed Taillevent or the poetic, audacious Pierre Gagnaire - Ms. Well's guidance is infallible. She tells us what is new and wonderful (more than 50 restaurants and 100 specialty food shops have been added to this edition) and what is gloriously familiar and still to be treasured. She even manages to coax recipes from her favorite chefs - 50 are included in the book.

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