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The Booklover's Guide To New Orleans



Synopsis

The literary tradition of New Orleans spans centuries and touches every genre; its living heritage winds through storied neighborhoods and is celebrated at numerous festivals across the city. For booklovers, a visit to the Big Easy isn't complete without whiling away the hours in an antiquarian bookstore in the French Quarter or stepping out on a literary walking tour. Perhaps only among the oak-lined avenues, Creole town houses, and famed hotels of New Orleans can the lust of "A Streetcar Named Desire", the zaniness of "A Confederacy of Dunces", the chill of "Interview with the Vampire", and the heartbreak of Walker Percy's "Moviegoer" begin to resonate. Susan Larson's revised and updated edition of *The Booklover's Guide to New Orleans* not only explores the legacy of Tennessee Williams and William Faulkner, but also visits the haunts of celebrated writers of today, including Anne Rice and James Lee Burke. This definitive guide provides a key to the books, authors, festivals, stores, and famed addresses that make the Crescent City a literary destination.

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Customer Reviews

New Orleans is an increasingly popular travel destination: since 1998, ten new travel guides to the city have been published (e.g., Randolph Delehanty's *Ultimate Guide to New Orleans*, Chronicle, LJ 3/15/98). These two titles provide two unusual perspectives on this city and a wealth of information not normally found in travel guides. *New Orleans Then and Now* tells the history of New Orleans through 175 photographs, taken between 1847 and 1998 and arranged as sets of comparative "then" and "now" displays. Like these photographs, which are of excellent quality, the narrative accompanying them supplies careful detail, important for understanding the changes that have

taken place over time. An excellent, clever feature is a small map in the lower right-hand side of odd-numbered pages that indicates where each site is located in the city. Although not for the first-time tourist, this title will be handy for those interested in urban geography, development, history, architecture, and New Orleans. The Booklover's Guide to New Orleans is a literary guide containing a history, an annotated list of "Literary New Orleanians," a reading list, a literary calendar, a list of local bookstores and resources, and excerpts of writings about the city by various authors. Larson, the book editor of the New Orleans Times-Picayune since 1988, has compiled an exhaustive literary guide. Her love for both books and for New Orleans comes through in her writing. Recommended for large public and academic libraries. John J. McCormick, New Hampshire State Lib., Concord
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"an elegant travelogue with cameos of writers who lived or spent consequential time in the city, including Walt Whitman, Mark Twain, William Faulkner, Tennessee Williams, Walker Percy, James Lee Burke, and Anne Rice, among sundry others." --The Daily Beast
"New Orleans has changed dramatically since Susan Larson finished the first edition of The Booklover's Guide to New Orleans and her smart, information-packed volume has changed along with the city it celebrates. First published in 1999, the guide got a total makeover for the updated edition that just was released by Louisiana State University Press." --Nola.com
"Overwhelmed by the rich music and culinary histories of New Orleans, it's sometimes easy to neglect the city's equally great literary history. Susan Larson's lively, anecdote-filled Booklover's Guide to New Orleans misses no-one including William Faulkner, Truman Capote and Walker Percy, but goes far beyond the obvious entries. As she notes, "Some books we need, some books enrich us, and some books tell us how to cook gumbo. I wanted to give a lot of entry points to literary culture." --The Huffington Post

I was searching for books that were written in and/or set in the South when I happened upon this wonderful resource. Ms Larson's book covers every imaginable topic relating to New Orleans and it's literary gold mine. Books from every genre, books for adults as well as children, even local bookstores are covered here. I have already read a several of the books I found in this book and thoroughly enjoyed them. This book will be a reference I turn to when I find myself asking, "What do I read now?"

Whether you live in New Orleans or plan to visit, this book (written by a true booklover) takes you into the heart of an enchanting city that was the muse of Tennessee Williams, Walker Percy, William

Faulkner, Anne Rice, John Kennedy Toole . . . Go beyond the tourist path of Bourbon Street to Calhoun Street, Carondelet Street, Pirate's Alley . . . those places where New Orleans was put into words.

I'm always wondering what to read and thought I'd find it here. Well of course I did. But my did I find so much more! The rich history of New Orleans that Ms Larson gives us is amazing. A dry book about authors I haven't heard of ---Never! For me, she brought to life not only the authors, but much of New Orleans of those times. It made me want to really read more and definitely visit New Orleans again. I would certainly take my book and a new way to see this magical city.

More info than you will ever need about NOLA. VERY well researched, a pleasure to read.

Great

My favorite city and a great way to learn even more about its literary roots. Highly recommended!

I wouldn't have enjoyed nearly as much my travel to New Orleans without this book. I found many awesome places, and learned a lot about history thanks to this book. A must for book lovers and writers traeling to NO.

I gave the book as a gift to someone moving to New Orleans. She was delighted. I found the book an excellent reference for someone who likes to read and browse.

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