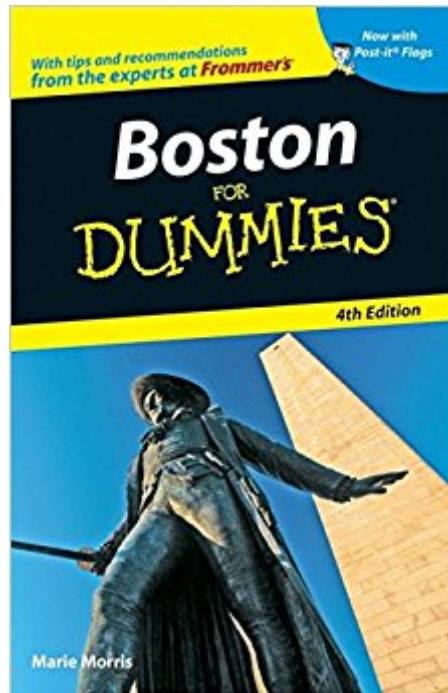




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Boston offers a unique blend of traditional and trendy—old and new, with ultramodern skyscrapers towering beside colonial historical sites. Whether you want to explore incredible museums or shop tempting boutiques, take in a game or take a cruise, this book points the way with info on: Attractions for history lovers, sports lovers, and food lovers Seven great itineraries and four fun day trips Public Garden, the first botanical garden in the U.S., legendary Fenway Park, Longfellow National Historic Site, and more All kinds of restaurants, ranging from local seafood and pizza favorites and ethnic eateries to elegant, high-end dining and unique neighborhood cafes Shopping in stores that range from cheap to chic, boho to bourgeois, including Newbury Street, the “rodeo Drive of New England” • Walking the 3-mile Freedom Trail, Harvard Square, Commonwealth Avenue, or around Walden Pond Taking in fantastic live performances or relaxing in fun pubs and bars Like every For Dummies travel guide, Boston For Dummies, 4th Edition, includes: Down-to-earth trip-planning advice What you shouldn’t miss • and what you can skip The best hotels and restaurants for every budget Handy Post-it Flags to mark your favorite pages With this friendly guide, you’ll enjoy a Boston vacation that suits you, whether that’s exploring the old or celebrating the new.

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Very pleased with the book. It was just what I was expecting.

I have never bought anything used from so I did not know what to expect. I was very pleased it arrived in great condition and when promised. This book is out of print so I was very pleased with the price.

This book helped me a lot on a vacation to Boston. I referred to it constantly and found my way around the city with no problems.

I bought this because I've read some books in the Dummies series. After finally figuring out where we wanted to stay in Boston (location/hotel), I realized that this is all this book is good for. Yes, it does include a lot of tourist information, but the layout of the book just makes it hard to read. Or uninteresting. I used it just for the location of stay and that's it. I'm going to buy Frommer's book on Boston and use it during my trip since Frommer's' book layout is much better and includes the same types of maps. I've used Frommer's many times for different trips. I think if you just need a starter book to get your trip going, then this is a good book to look at, but I wouldn't bring it along while you're on the trip. Maybe go visit your public library instead of buying it or try to find it used. And, if you're comfortable with the internet, you could just find out the information you need before going on your trip by using some of the travel sites available to get info and opinions.

I was surprised to see other reviewers having such a strong dislike for this travel book, though I can see their points. I've been to Boston once before, and I'm not sure this book would make as much sense to someone who hasn't already been to beantown. I found the hotel information to be the most helpful. And the book is sprinkled with many practical, locals tips. The restaurant section was ok, but the recommendations didn't seem very diverse and (as one other reviewer pointed out) things aren't laid out by neighborhood unless you look at the one page index at the end of the chapter. This book coupled with active internet searches works well. Many of my searches began from links found in the book. Alternatives to this book that I can recommend are both the Frommer's 'Boston' or their 'Irreverent Guide'. Both are solid with good tips for the first time traveler.

EVERYTHING IS GREAT. Highly Recommend! OK . very useful. in my family it is necessary,

Like most Dummies books Boston for Dummies has neither in-depth content nor genuine humor. What it does boast of is a low price. There is a lot of information in the book -- information you can also find online for free or in other guide books. My personal favorite is the award-winning "The Rough Guide to Boston," which features better writing and better editing than this one. If you are visiting Boston or plan to go to school there, get the Rough Guide to Boston to take advantage of everything the city has to offer.

This book is written where it helps novice and experienced travelers alike. Having never been to Boston before, I examined at least a dozen tour guide books before selecting this one. It offered more information in an easy to understand format than any of the others. Along with lots of maps, it also has phone numbers and website addresses of the numerous attractions that Beantown has to offer. While in Boston, I frequently referred back to this book, saving lots of time and frustration. Well worth the price.

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