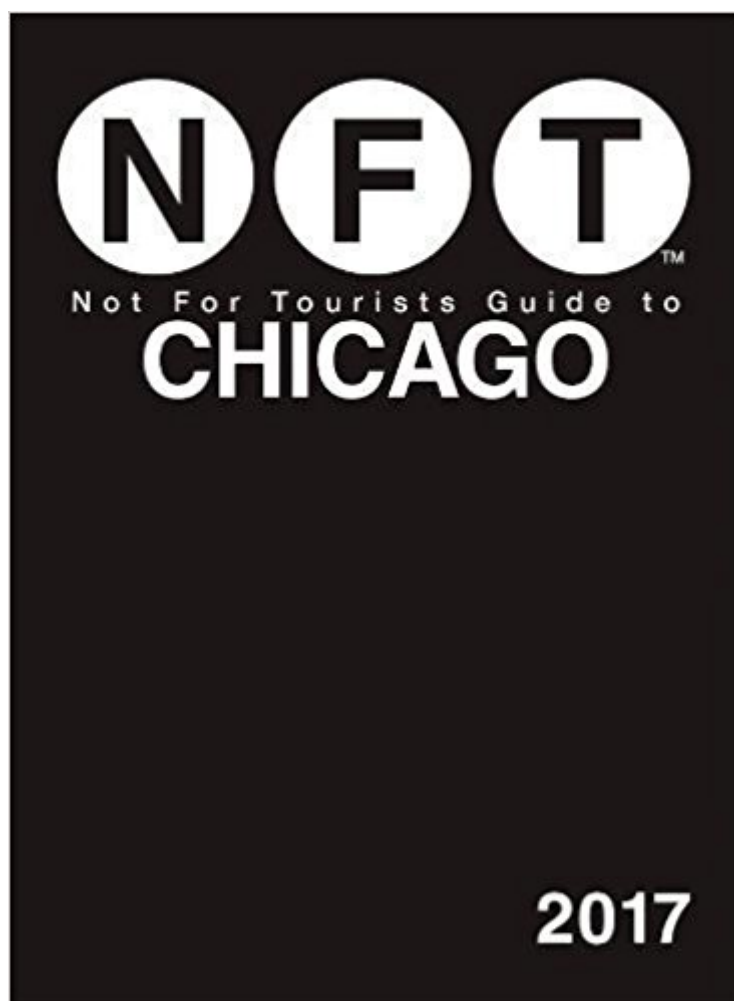


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The Not For Tourists Guide to Chicago is a map-based, neighborhood-by-neighborhood dream guide that divides Chi-town into 60 mapped neighborhoods from Gold Coast and Lincoln Park to Wrigleyville and Lakeview. Designed to lighten the load of already street-savvy locals, commuters, business travelers, and yes, tourists too, every map is dotted with user-friendly NFT icons that plot the nearest essential services and entertainment locations, while providing important information on things like kid-friendly activities, public transportation, restaurants, bars, and Chicago's art scene. Need to find the best deep-dish pizza hideouts around? NFT has you covered. How about a list of the top sports attractions in the famously sports-crazy city? We've got that, too. The nearest beach, jazz club, coffee shop, or bookstore; whatever you need; NFT puts it at your fingertips. This book also features: • A foldout highway map • Sections on the North Side, Near North Side, Near West Side, the Greater Loop, the South Side, and Greater Chicago • More than 150 neighborhood and city maps It's the only key to the Windy City that Rahm Emanuel can't give you.

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Lots of great insight on out-of-the-way places in and around this great city. It doesn't waste any time on obvious stuff that Chicagoans already know. It's labeled as 2017, but there's a few things that are already out of date. I guess, that's the nature of travel guides.

Perfect for gift

As a devotee of "real" print books, it pains me to have to criticize a guide in that format. But the folks who publish this series aren't doing their readers any favor by dumbing down the books as the years go by. Between 2009 and 2015 the NYC guide lost 80 pages. And from 2012 to 2017, the Chicago guide -- under review here -- lost 100 pages. If those pages were dispensable, why weren't they omitted in the earlier editions? On a recent trip to Chicago, I discovered that the 2017 guide recommended a restaurant, a toy store, and a bookstore that were all permanently closed. Granted, paper can't keep up with changing commercial establishments, but if we're going to have to check our cell phones for that sort of information, the value of a book is correspondingly diminished. And with people increasingly relying on the Internet for travel recommendations, the end of printed guides is probably in sight. The NYT people have presumably recognized this, since they maintain an informative website -- where much of the information in the book is available for free.

Love this guide. I would highly recommend this if you want to plan your Chicago visit.

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