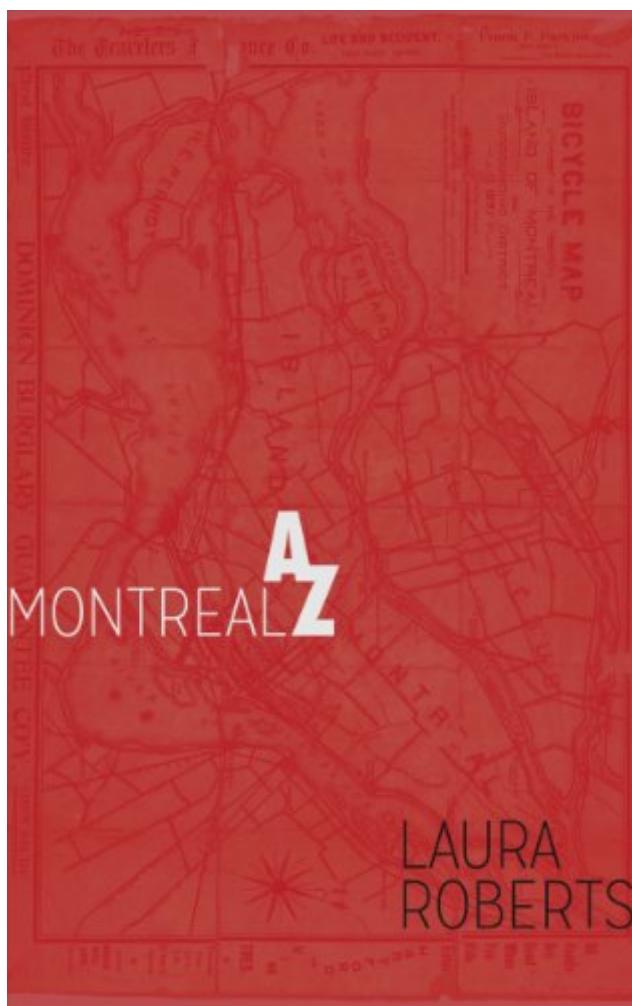


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Because I was able to get this guide in exchange for my honest review, I gave it a read. I hope to visit Montreal within the next few years. I get that the guide is meant to be from a perspective outside of the normal tourist information, but I didn't feel it added much for trip planning. The book is composed primarily of the author's blog entries and snippets from the author's other books along with some short stories about Montreal locations. I didn't find anything particularly standout about the writing. In a time when everyone can readily access the most up to date information bloggers are posting about their city, I'm not sure this book adds much to what is already easily available online. I did learn that Montreal is very bike friendly (so, yes! the bike will come along), where to get good coffee and a chocolate-filled croissant, and I will definitely track down the Leonard Cohen related references if I visit (since far too many people have had to sit through my impassioned performances of "Suzanne" for me to pass that up). I can give it a three star rating for including this information I might not otherwise have found, but I too often felt like the author was advertising her other books. That's okay in a blog entry but not so much in a book with a \$3.99 pricetag.

I couldn't make up my mind if this is a 3-star or 4-star book. I like the narrator and the stories, and I was swept away to imagine Montreal and the people living in it. However, I find it lacking in depth, maybe because these were originally blog posts designed for a quick read. It's also odd to find short stories woven into this book, although some were entertaining (thus, not all). Sometimes it feels like the author is trying too much to sell me her other book. All in all, it's definitely not like any old guidebooks. Is it better? I'm not sure. I guess you can use this one to accompany your more traditional and comprehensive guidebooks.

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