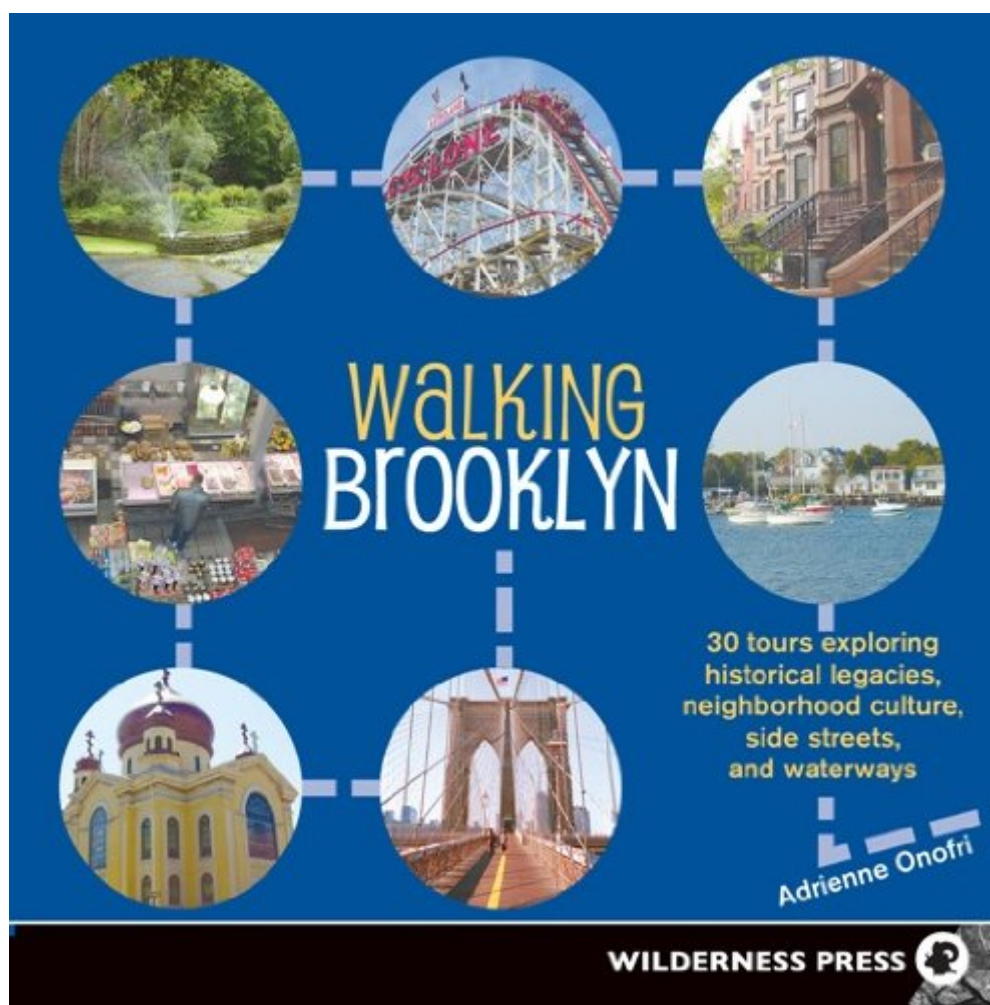


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# Walking Brooklyn: 30 Tours Exploring Historical Legacies, Neighborhood Culture, Side Streets And Waterways



## Synopsis

Adrienne Onofri has created an exceptional guide to and through Brooklyn's most interesting and notable neighborhoods, providing a mix of information about culture, history, architecture, places to eat, venues to visit, and more. From a walk through the Russian-influenced Brighton Beach, to the expansive Prospect Park, and out to Red Hook, *Walking Brooklyn* reveals the many layers and sites of Manhattan's lesser-known neighbor. This two-color book features 30 routes, a clear neighborhood map for each walk, black-and-white photographs, and critical public transportation information for every trip. Route summaries make each walk easy to follow, and a "Points of Interest" section outlines each walk's highlights.

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## Customer Reviews

Bought this as a gift for a committed Brooklynite. He and his wife loved it.

Love this book. walked in the neighborhoods just like the book told me to. was not disappointed.

GREAT SELLER, GREAT MERCHANDISE, SMOOTH TRANSACTION, THANKS SOOO MUCH,Clancy

The family and I spend a lot of time in Brooklyn. This book has led us on several great adventures. I highly recommend it! Very educational and fun too.

Very nice walks, but wish it was done in a way that you could cut out each tour independently of the others, so you didn't have to carry the book with you...who would want to do that?

I bought several books about Brooklyn... they're all different and I love them.I was born there! GREAT PLACE... back in the day.

This excellent book gives details of 30 great walks in Brooklyn, the New York borough that is just made for walking. Many tourists stay only in Manhattan, and ignore the fact that also each of the "Outer Boroughs" has a lot to see; Brooklyn has more of interest than the others. There is a wealth of interesting architecture in Brooklyn; walking here is a good pastime if this book is used in conjunction with the architectural guidebook AIA GUIDE TO NEW YORK CITY. Especially the western sections of Brooklyn are quite gorgeous - Downtown Brooklyn, Williamsburg, Greenpoint, Fort Greene, Park Slope, Brooklyn Heights, Cobble Hill, Carroll Gardens, Boerum Hill, Bedford-Stuyvesant & Crown Heights are all good for walking. Much of Brooklyn's historic architecture consists of exquisite brownstones - row houses, usually from the 1880's and 90's, generally decorative and outrageously picturesque. This book also gives details on walking in the lesser-known neighborhoods of Brooklyn, such as East New York. The chapter on Prospect Park is indispensable, detailing many quite unknown statues and monuments, some commemorating Revolutionary War events - quite an anti-dote to the nearby triumphalist Grand Army Plaza! The author does not try to hide her commendable love for her own stomping grounds; this very much enhances the user's enjoyment. When will there be similar books about Queens, the Bronx and Staten Island?

I love this book, and have gone on several of its tours. I love how Onofri takes me off the beaten paths and mentions really fascinating facts along the way. The walks are thorough and not too rigorous (maybe more so if, like me, you're carrying a few pounds of lenses, water bottles and so

on). I've gotten into the habit of tearing her pages out for my walks, and have figured I needed to buy a second copy since my first copy is now practically "unbound." But now that it's on Kindle, I no longer need to rip out the pages! A navigation note for Kindle users: the table of contents' links take you to the text for each walk. However, on the page before the text, there's a map of the walk. The map at the "end" of your selected walk's text is for the next walk. So, when clicking on a link to a walk, go to the prior page to see the map. (Maybe some day there will be a version that keeps an active link to the map on every page of the walk?) A bit of caution: one walk we did was a complete dud. It had us starting off with a walk through Fort Hamilton, and then on to Bensonhurst. You can't walk through Fort Hamilton any longer (maybe it's a post nine-11 thing) and that Bensonhurst just could not make up for that. Aside from that one, all the other walks I've been on have been wonderful. 2015 UPDATE: The first edition of this book, which I reviewed here, is now seven years old. I have heard rumors that she is working on a revision/update, but until that happens this is still a very good book. You should be open to accepting the fact that some neighborhoods in Brooklyn have changed a lot and some specific references may be obsolete. Also, if you do the Williamsburg walk, be aware they have changed where pedestrians exit the bridge. It used to be that you exit the bridge two blocks further east than you do now. If you follow the written directions you'll get lost. Consult the map at the beginning of the walk.

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