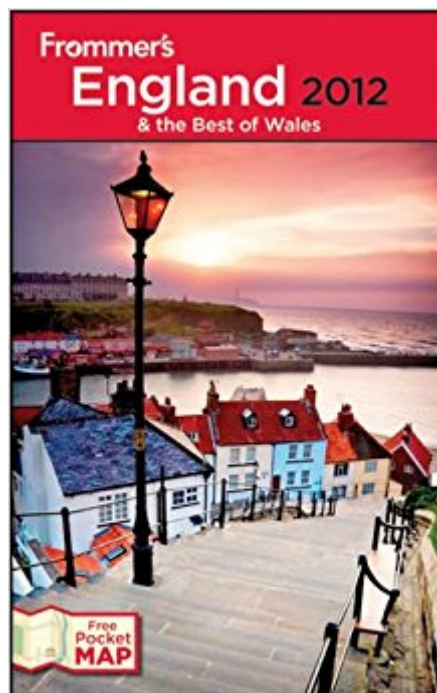




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# Frommer's England And The Best Of Wales 2012 (Frommer's Complete Guides)



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This book is one of the best that I have read and will use it for an upcoming visit to the United Kingdom.

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comprehensive. Thirdly, it devotes a lot of the book to recommending hotels. I cannot understand why it does this, as they are extremely selective in what they choose and other sites can do it so much better. The descriptions of the hotels seem to be straight from the hotel's own web sites, rather than from any personal experience of the writers. For me, leave these sections out, allow the tourist to use tripadvisor and devote the large amount of saved text to more useful and not easily obtainable information. Fourthly, it is very selective when it comes to Wales and merely highlights some key things to see in Wales. Once again they could have devoted less space to hotels and more to Wales itself. I am afraid I do not like this guide book for the aforementioned reasons. It is a large volume which you would expect to be comprehensive, but when you read the content, you realise much of it is devoted to information that is easily obtainable elsewhere, whilst being selective on other more important things. It does not offer insider type of tips. It is not colourful, nor easy to navigate. The books that do tick all the boxes for me are the Marco Polo guides. Each book I have has a fold away map of the areas covered. The back pages also open out as a reference map. They are full of full colour pictures and have insider tips. The accommodation ideas move away from the conventional and usually suggest great alternatives that are not easily found on the internet. The sections are colour coded so can be easily found. The best bit of the Marco books are that they cost one third of the price of this guide. My advice, don't waste your money on Frommers Guides, try and find a Marco Polo guide book that covers the areas you want to visit.

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