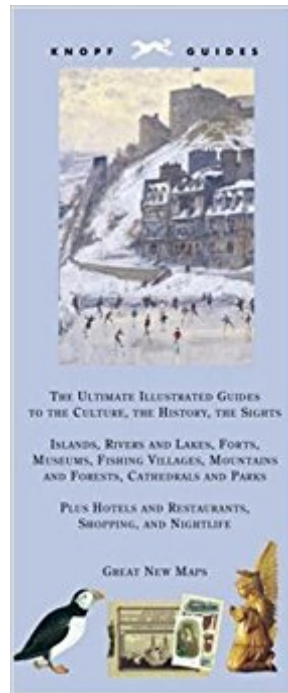




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This is a "niche" book, not best used as a comprehensive travel guide, but instead, as a tactile and visual appetite-whetter in preparation for a visit to the province of Quebec. It's dense both in weight and illustrated content. The glossy pages are packed with interesting colorful photographs, drawings, and art work focused on modern Canadian and aboriginal culture, history, architecture, nature, and the like. The text isn't extensive but I found it factual and useful. Think of it as a classy children's book for grown-ups. I used it to orient myself prior to travel, and continue to refer to it as follow-up after my trip. As always, I would have been happiest had it had at least some translations of French place names and common terminology relevant to the traveler, e.g., gîte, auberge, and

even a very basic pronunciation guide, especially given that Quebecer French is as removed from Parisian French as Texas drawl from the Queen's English. I nonetheless recommend it with enthusiasm.

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