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before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Streetwise Washington DC Map - Laminated City Center Street Map of Washington, DC:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Very glad I bought oneBy JimI bought one of these maps for my first visit to DC, and it proved to be well worth its price. (The Capitol Hill Hyatt where we stayed had free maps that were okay, but not as detailed and as easy to follow as the Streetwise map.) We walked about 5 miles one day with the map as our guide and not once were we the least bit confused about where we were or how to get to where we wanted to go next. When out alone walking with the map in my back pocket, usually for walks of a mile or more, then too it was the perfect guide, including at night (I carry a tiny Fenix LED Flashlight).I grew up in NYC and got spoiled by the relatively easy to follow layout; you got your numbered avenues and streets. I lived in SF where the layout took a bit of getting used to. Washington DC has the most complex layout of any US city I've been in. Thank goodness for the Streetwise map.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great DC map of streets and metroBy C. Herreral've used Steetwise maps for several places and always have had great experiences. Pros: folds to brochure size, laminated so it can go in/out of a backpack or purse throughout the trip without tearing, has a section of just the Capital Mall section of the city which is where most of the notable places are, and has the metro and streets on the same map. Cons: none. TIPS: metro: Get unlimited pass for the number of days you will use metro in DC to save \$. You need to use the pass to get IN and OUT (the gates will block your pass if you say follow someone through a stroller gate). Learn what the "end of line" station is for the direction you are going so you get on the metro train going in the right direction. The lines are by color (different from NYC which has a letter or number for each line). The attendants at the metro stations are VERY friendly and helpful and actually left their booth on a regular basis to help people. TIP: use the compass on your smart phone to ensure you are walking/driving in the right direction. There is a symbol which shows which direction is north on the map.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent durable, readable, carry-able map.By Timothy D. KennellyNice compact, durable map. For the most part I use phone apps for reference and to get around, but sometimes a good old fashion, hard copy map is the best tool. This one is laminated so it's durable and unlike the old fashion folding ones from the gas stations and stores of my childhood this one has only a couple of folds and folds back the right way easily. LOL It's small enough to put in a back pocket and certainly a purse or backpack, but large enough to view even with 60 plus year old eyes. If you want a physical map of the Washington DC area I strongly can recommend this one.

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map to be designed with modern graphics and is the originator of the laminated, accordion-fold map format. We've set the standard that every map company has imitated but never duplicated. Our mission is to make you feel comfortable, to make you feel safe in a place where you've never been before and to enable you to experience a familiar place more fully. The company was founded in 1984 by Michael Brown, who had been in international publishing for many years, setting up subsidiaries for textbook publishers. In the 1970s, Brown traveled extensively throughout Africa, India, the Middle East and Southeast Asia. Brown would take a large paper map, cut out the city center, fold it up and slip it into his pocket, thus preventing him from looking like a tourist in areas where discretion is the better part of travel. This was his tool for surviving. After many years on the road, Brown settled back in New York and decided to start his own business, based on the adaptations he had made to maps in his travels. His goal was to give someone the ability to navigate easily in unfamiliar terrain. He started with a new map format: the accordion fold. Such a simple idea, but at the time it was revolutionary. No more struggling to fold an awkward, oversized paper map. This new format would enable the user to blend in like a native, instead of stick out like a tourist. Brown then added lamination to ensure that the map would be a lasting tool. More important than the format was the design of the map itself. It had to be a map that not only succeeded above and beyond any map he had used, but was esthetically appealing as well. The look of it had to be as striking as the functionality. Color was introduced in a way that was never seen before in a map - vivid purple for water, soothing gray for the background of street grids, gold to highlight elements of the map. Clarity, conciseness and convenience in a very stylish package. Building the business was a 24 hour job. Brown sold the maps during the day, zipping around Manhattan making deliveries on his Harley Davidson. At night he packed the orders and did the design work. More titles were added, each title requiring months of research and design. Today, STREETWISE produces over 130 titles for major destinations, regions and countries throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Australia, Europe, the United Kingdom and Asia. We have grown from the back of a motorcycle to selling millions of maps around the world. Yet each title is still painstakingly researched and updated. STREETWISE is one of the only, if not THE only map company that conducts research by walking or driving an area to ensure accuracy. After all, what good is the map if what you hold in your hands doesn't match what you see on the street sign? This lengthy fact checking results in superior accuracy; in effect, we've done the work, now you have the adventure. In the end, it's not about the map, it's about getting out and finding your own authentic experience wherever you go. It's about being in a city or a region and discovering things that you never thought you would find. You can do this if you have confidence and you have confidence if you have a great map. STREETWISE is the great map that you need.