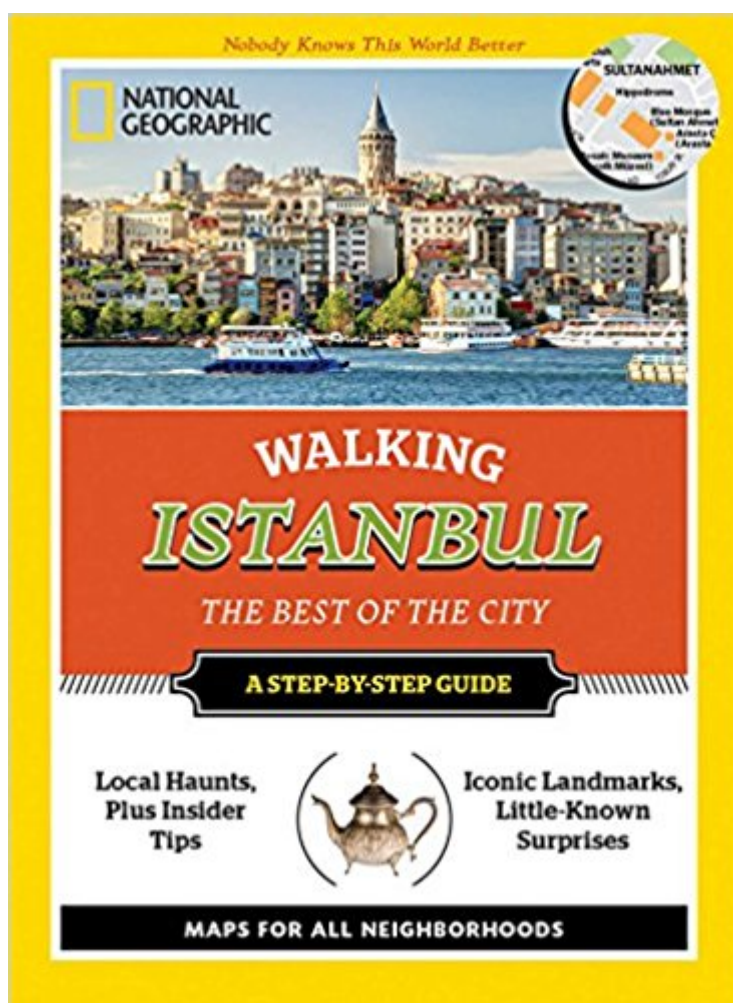


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The utility of this guide can be summed up in two words: useless "maps." While it's tempting to say there are "no maps", that isn't completely accurate. Just like the cover says, there are "maps for all

neighborhoods", assuming tiny grey impressions of streets, of which very nearly none are labeled, printed behind the text of the articles meet your personal definition of "map." If you hold "something that would help me navigate an area" as a significant factor in defining a "map", then this guide has exactly one: the metro system. However, since the metro system map doesn't label any of the neighborhoods, nor is there a large-area map to show how the neighborhoods fit together, nor any correlation of the metro system to the geography above it, it's difficult to see how any of the sites described in this guide could ever be located using this book. I was tempted to give this one star, but to be fair, paired with a decent map, it could very well be a great guide. So, paired with something else, this could be great, but on its own, it's nearly completely useless.

Very good

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