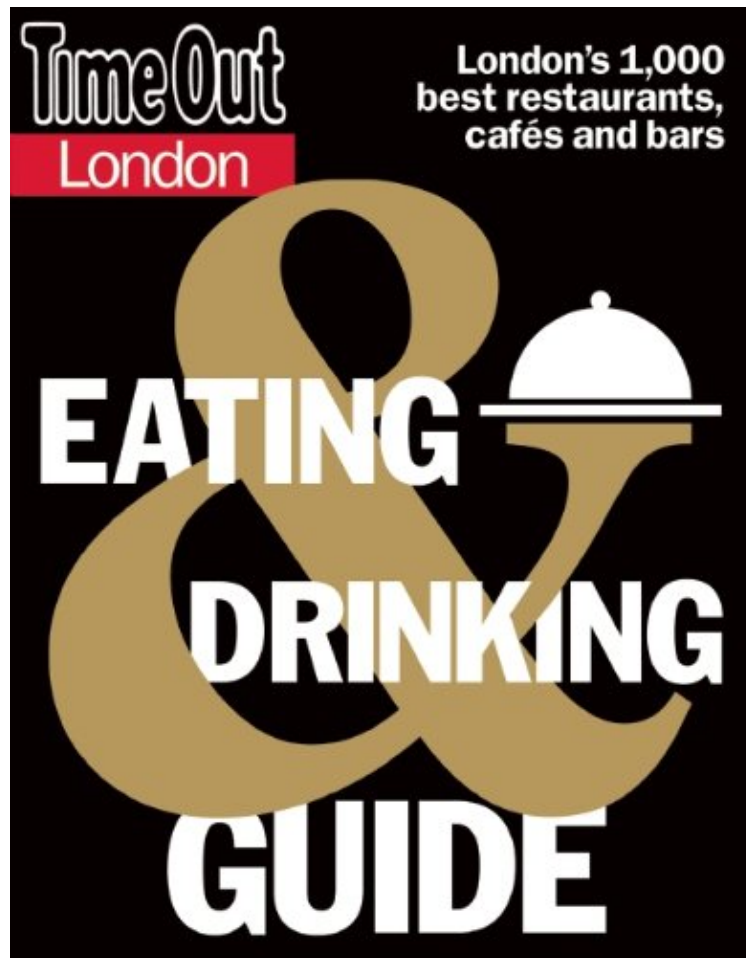


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8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. This is best restaurant guide for LondonBy Martin SmithMy opinion: This is best restaurant guide for London. My reasons: (1) It has the most extensive list of restaurants of any guide that I have encountered. (2) Besides an evaluation of the food and ambience, each review offers a wealth of information about each establishment, e.g., price ranges for main courses and for full meal, contact info, nearest tube station, hours of operation, credit cards accepted, children welcomed or not, reservations suggested, take away or not, vegetarian dishes available, etc. (3) The guide is published annually. Consequently, the roster of restaurants is current, and the write-ups are adjusted to reflect changes in food quality and renovated facilities. The guide also provides lists for where to go for breakfast, enjoying the view, for dining on the river, where to take the kids, for where to take a date, for late night dining, and so on. There is also a list of the 50 "hot" restaurants. Now for the negatives: (1) It

weighs a ton. With over a 1000 restaurants reviewed, it looks like a telephone directory. That means that you can't carry it with you unless you have a back pack or a brief case. (2) It can be cumbersome to use. It definitely takes practice to get the full potential of the guide. The guide is first organized by cuisine, e.g., Italian, Steak Chicken, Gastropubs, Vegetarian, Fish, Brasseries, and so on. There are 35 types of cuisine. Within each type, the restaurants are divided by neighborhood. So, under the heading of "Chinese," you'll find restaurants located in Belgravia, Chinatown, the "City," Fitzrovia, etc. I go to London for the theatre. This is the procedure I use to find my restaurant: (a) Given that I know the theatre and its location, I find the map that shows that location, and I see on the map restaurants in the area. I make a list of the ones I might be interested in. (b) I then go to the directory of restaurants to find the pages that will give the write-ups for the restaurants. (c) I turn to those pages and decide which restaurant best suits my interest. (3) Returning to the negatives, the print on the maps is hard for me to see. Maybe I'm just getting old, but I think the print size has been reduced to hold down production costs. One final comment: I have used this guide for at least eight years, and I have not once found a restaurant that differed significantly from the guide's evaluation.

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