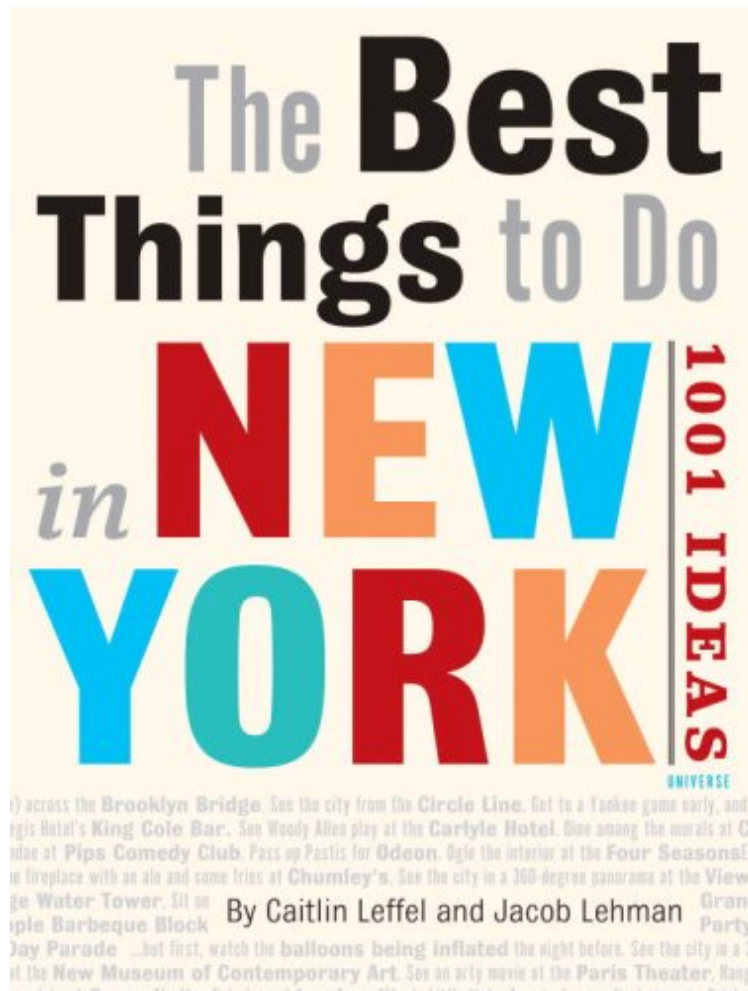


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Caitlin Leffel, Jacob Lehman : The Best Things to Do in New York City: 1001 Ideas before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Best Things to Do in New York City: 1001 Ideas:

55 of 56 people found the following review helpful. Russian-recommendedBy AkitDo you marvel at how sometimes, a complete foreigner knows more about your city than you ever cared to know? I have lived on the outskirts of Manhattan for my entire life: Brooklyn, Queens, and mostly Long Island. However, I made many frequent forays into Manhattan on the weekends, and I considered myself not the complete tyro regarding the nooks, crannies, and interesting activities that 'The City' had to offer. This book was recommended to me by a Russian immigrant, who had come to New York 10 years prior. I often marveled at all the interesting places she went, and how she knew so many good places to eat. It turns out that this is the secret! Although some of the 1001 ideas are very touristy, the vast majority are applicable to even native New Yorkers. So far I've had free hot dogs with my pints of red beer, had the

strongest shots I've ever had (watermelon-flavored too!), spent more on one meal than I usually spend in one month, and I plan on doing so much more. This book doesn't only give you interesting things to do and see, it also stokes your curiosity to discover things on your own. I'm not a great reviewer, but I want to get across the point that I did thoroughly enjoy this book, and I plan on checking off the vast majority of things listed!

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Unparalleled Guide for New Yorkers and Visitors By Elle Having lived in Manhattan for a few months now, I foolishly thought that I had seen all that deserves seeing. Bored, I picked up this book and found so many new places to explore that I hadn't heard of before. Every time I open this book, I seem to fall on a page I haven't read before - The Best Things to Do in New York doesn't focus on the main touristy attractions, like going to the Statue of Liberty or Empire State Building - it's much more specific, and brings out tidbits of New York Culture, which I find refreshing and delightful. For instance, since buying this book, I've made sure to visit City Bakery in February to experience its different flavor of hot chocolate every day of the month, to compare pizza slices from the 'Eating and Drinking' section's "Slices of New York" list, visited a number of movie sites (there's a list), "engaged in a legendary NY food war" (I compared pastrami sandwiches from Katz and Carnegie Deli), saw the narrowest house in the city, found the Bela Bartok plaque in midtown, and finally learned what the number counter in Union Square is (it's called Metronome and tells the time to the second). Still, I've barely touched upon the other ideas in the book - though there are no pictures, each idea is dressed with a story or explanation, often funny, but always helpful, with appropriate website and contact information, and subway directions. The authors also really cover the gamut of New Yorkers - every chapter is helpfully sub-categorized -- in particular, the food chapter names some of the city's most authentic international restaurants by cuisine, (of all price ranges), by New York tradition (donuts, pizza, hot dogs, sandwiches, etc.), and by price range. A great resource - only wish I'd bought it when I first moved here!

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. It seems more like 500, but that is a lot! By 1000Books This is a pretty good book, even for long time New Yorkers. The one issue I have with it is that it is very heavy on the restaurants. If that is what you like, then definitely enjoy. If you're interested in filling in the space in between, there are lots of good ideas, but not nearly as many as the title would imply. Still, it's not a bad purchase, and if you're getting it as a gift or for something to stir the pot of ideas, it would be one to consider. There are potentially a few others that are better if you are into more active adventures, or if you are willing to travel around the greater NYC area.

What are 1001 things you should treat yourself and your guests to in New York City? Be serenaded by Cole Porter's piano at the Waldorf, or hear Woody Allen play clarinet at the Carlyle. Drink champagne on the roof of the Metropolitan Museum, or discover the abandoned subway station at City Hall. Eat at America's very first pizzeria, or enjoy the most expensive cocktail in the country at the World Bar. Ride the Staten Island Ferry, or ride a bike through Central Park. Go surfing out at Rockaway Beach, or relax in a Russian bath in the East Village Organized by theme including Eating and Drinking, 24-hour New York, Shopping and Spending, Arts and Culture, Views and Sites, the Great Outdoors, and Classic New York and packed with detailed, helpful indexes organized by neighborhood and by category, this is simply the most fun and comprehensive guidebook to New York City ever. The Best Things to Do in New York crosses genres and boroughs to explore every aspect of the most diverse and exciting city in the world. Written from experience by two people who love the city, and featuring priceless tips from expert contributors from authors on their favorite bookstores to architects on the city's best buildings The Best Things to do in New York is much more than just a guide.