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The guide that shows you what other travel books only tell you! America's 3rd largest city is known for its non-stop energy, outstanding architecture, ethnic neighborhoods and cultural life. DK's Eyewitness Travel Guides: Chicago set the standard for the balance of sightseeing, historical and practical information. Whether going to see the Cubs at Wrigley Field, looking for a Chagall at the Art Institute, or heading to the top of the John Hancock Building, there is no better guide to show you what the "Windy City" has to offer. Includes a spectacular bird's-eye view of the Magnificent Mile, floor plans of the major museums, with excellent coverage of the city's nightlife, shops and markets.

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Just what we needed.

Not that I've reviewed that many different Chicago travel guides, but this could be one of the worst travel guides in general I've ever reviewed. It was very difficult to navigate the guide as it was arranged by 'topic.' I guess I am used to multiple topics being arranged by 'area.'

I used to live in Chicago, and I can tell you that had I had this book back then, I would have visited lots of places I never knew existed or didn't fully appreciate at the time. As in most DK Travel Guides, there's lots of information, photos, maps and graphs. Sure, the book is a bit outdated, but then again, IT'S A BOOK! In any case, the good people at DK keep updating their books from time to time. I do have one complaint, in the fact that this book has less than half the pages that the New York book's got. Because it's less famous it doesn't mean that Chicago is less of a great city as the big apple is...

It is a good guide. It could be better. The four regions of the city they focus on are far too restrictive. They could spend more time in the North Side. A lot of the tourist-friendly sights of Lincoln Park, Wrigley Field, or Belmont and Clark aren't even in the detailed parts in the book. The South Side has lots of space, which is good. Yet the City goes farther north, and a lot of those areas are the places tourists love. Some of the maps of greater Chicago aren't overly to scale, or realistic. I forgive though, it's the first edition, always more to tweek it!

After living in Chicago for the first 7 years of my life, I always wondered what it would have been like to continue living there. I've visited the Museum of Science and Industry and thought it was pretty

fascinating. I must admit, something in this book started to stir up some feelings from my childhood. It was something akin to nostalgia. After reading this book, I have the strongest desire to get on a plane and go visit my aunt who still lives there. It would also be fun to go visit the Chateausque Charles Gates Dawes mansion or wander aimlessly through the Lincoln Park Zoo or enjoy a night out at the restored Chicago Theatre. More than 100 places are described in the Area by Area and Beyond Chicago sections of this book. The museums alone would be worth the trip! If you want to venture further into Illinois, you will enjoy the rich mix of historical sights, recreational activities and picturesque countryside. A good basic guide you could easily carry around with you or use to plan quite a fun trip. ~The Rebecca Review

This is a legendary style of Chicago book. Living in Illinois for years, I would like to recommend this book since it really highlights the special Chicagoan atmosphere only available in Chicago. However, if you have been with DK's books, this guide inherits Eyewitness' stylish format. Though already having a couple of Chicago travel guides, I still cannot help to pull out my credit card for it.

I purchased this book for my daughter who is going to college in Chicago. I read it first and liked it so much I am ordering one for myself and for a friend of mine. Gives you a lot of information on places to see, how to get there, history and tips for touring Chicago. I recommend this book.

The ethnic neighborhoods, which Chicago is quite famous for, is barely mentioned and offers no instructions on how to visit them. This book is much thinner than the other Eyewitness city Guides.

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