



A NATIVE'S GUIDE TO CHICAGO

Reviews and Media Attention (for all editions)

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Reviews and Endorsements in Print

“This compendium of budget-minded Chicagoana, from restaurants and recreation to entertainment and lodging, is **as good a guidebook for people who live here (let alone visit) as any ever published.**”

—Henry Kisor, *Chicago Sun-Times*, Books, “A last-minute gift for the dyed-in-the-wool Chicagoan,” December 19, 2004.

“**Best Guidebook for Locals.** Chicago tour guides abound, advancing pretty much the same standard set of predictable suggestions that any Chicagoan who regularly hosts visitors knows all-too-well. But . . . *A Native's Guide to Chicago* **takes you off the beaten path, exposing facets of Chicago only a true local would know.** Woodhouse, a third-generation Chicagoan, marches the reader from one neighborhood to the next by category, citing cheap, sometimes free entertainment, ethnic restaurants A–Z and **bargains that even in-the-know Chicagoans may not be hip to.**”

—*New City*, Best of Chicago issue, September 30, 1999.

“So you think you know your way around Chicago? After reading . . . *A Native's Guide to Chicago*, you'll wonder if you do. The book is a comprehensive guide to the city that leaves no stone unturned . . . It's a **thoroughly excellent** guide for native and newcomer alike.”

—Mark Wukas, *Chicago Tribune*, Sunday Travel, October 27, 1996.

“[*A Native's Guide to Chicago*] offers us **the juiciest information on Chicago** that most local don't even know, and those that do wouldn't ever tell.”

—Travel Information and Planning Company, December 1994.

“As a lifelong Chicagoan, let me offer this bit of advice. Before you visit our fair city, whatever the time of year, get your hands on a good guide book. From an insider's point of view, **one of the best is *A Native's Guide to Chicago*.** It really gets into the heart of the matter, from the classic attractions in the city center Loop to some of the sidelights of its peripheral neighborhoods. More than a dozen contributors, all native Chicagoans, lend their collective voices to the tome, **delving behind the scenes for a unique look at the best the city has to offer, much of it beyond its most obvious assets.**”

—Jack McGuire, *Frequent Flyer Magazine*, Books, “Insider's view of ‘that Toddlin' Town’,” February 2005.

“*A Native's Guide to Chicago* is **the best and only guide you'll need for one of the world's best cities.** Written by a Team of 16 experts, it not only covers all the routine tourist sites, but also takes you around the neighborhoods to treasures that many locals have yet to discover. Buy this book and explore Chicago for at least a week or two.”

—Sharon B. Wingler, author, *Travel Alone & Love It: A Flight Attendant's Guide to Solo Travel*, May 2005.

“A Midwest traveler’s must have!”

—*Midwest Book Review*, October 1996.

“Now in its third edition . . . *A Native’s Guide to Chicago* . . . keeps getting bigger and better. The book is **super-informative**. There’s so much information here that can’t be found anywhere else. . . . With each version of the book, I learn something new about Chicago.”

—Tony Gordon, *Barfly* (Chicago), “Third edition of Chicago guidebook is best yet,” August 4–18, 1999.

“Now, my friend, it’s time to visit Chicago. I mean the real Chicago, the neighborhoods and out-of-the-way places that aren’t named in big red letters in most guidebooks. . . . **It really shines** as a ticket and a map to the restaurants, stores and attractions in Chicago’s neighborhoods, from Rogers Park to Wicker Park to Hyde Park.”

—Rob Thomas, *The Capital Times* (Madison, WI), *LifeStyle*, “Through the eyes of a native,” June 12–13, 1999.

“Windy City residents often are described as helpful, outgoing and chatty. So it’s not too surprising that a book highlighting some of the best of what the city has to offer also does it in a friendly familiar tone. Within 479 pages, *A Native’s Guide to Chicago* takes readers right into the neighborhoods and provides insider information on a wealth of subjects. . . . **Even the most savvy Chicagoans can learn something from this information crammed book. . . . [T]he next time family members whine about boredom, break out the guide and make some plans.**”

—Kimberly Mathisen, *The Star* (suburban Chicago), “Toddlin’ around Chicago—made easy by ‘native,’ January 27, 2005.

“**Make the most of your next trip to the Windy City** with *A Native’s Guide to Chicago*. The fourth edition of this book offers a lot on the city’s vibrant art scene. . . .”

—Sara Jerome, *American Style*, *Arts Reader*, June 2005.

“Full of unusual and mostly free or inexpensive things to do, **everyone can find something they like in this guidebook.**”

—*InsideOut Travel*, *Reading Corner*, March 21, 2005.

“It’s a pleasant, easy-to-read approach to this ‘city of neighborhoods.’ . . . **The author really knows her Chicago.**”

—Shirley Davis, *Quad-City Times*, *Sunday Travel Section*, December 22, 1996.

“Chicago is a big city . . . so if you want some help finding what to do and where to do it, the updated *A Native’s Guide to Chicago* may be the ticket. . . . [I]t looks at the Windy City beyond the run-of-the-mill tourist attractions. . . . [*A Native’s Guide to Chicago*] **gives readers lots of ideas to help them do what it promises: Know more, spend less.**”

—*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, *Sunday Travel Section*, November 17, 1996.

“This is a great book. . . . This is behind the scenes in Chicago. . . . [Sharon Woodhouse] went digging and she put it all together . . . all kinds of wild and wacky things to do. . . . **This is a Chicago you’ve never known before.**”

—Abby Polonsky, WPNT–100.3 FM, WCIU–TV, *Today’s Chicago Woman, Home & Away*, 1996.

“How many times have you visited a big city only to wish you knew those tried-and-true places where the natives hang out? Sharon Woodhouse has solved that problem for those visiting Chicago with her new book.”

—*The Gazette* (Cedar Rapids, IA), *Weekend Fun Guide*, November 23, 1996.

“For those interested in veering off the tourist track in Chicago, this is the book. It’s **an almost encyclopedic look at the city’s diverse neighborhoods.** . . .”

—Jason Nebel, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, *Travel*, 1999.

Also in Print

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- ◆ *The Courier News* (Elgin, IL), "Housebound: Beating cabin fever, Chicago-style," January 31, 2005.
- ◆ *Gab*, Reads, August 4–10, 1999.
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On the Internet

"If you want to **get to know Chicago inside out** but are on a budget, this is the book for you."

—About.com, Chicago.

"My friends at Lake Claremont Press sent *A Native's Guide to Chicago*, now in its fourth fabulous edition. In fact, **this is the publishing house to turn to for all kinds of books about Chicago and its environs**. Its history, music, sports, and neighborhoods will enhance anyone's enjoyment of the Second City. Whether you are a native, new to the city, a tourist, a business traveler, or student, this book will provide you with all the nitty-gritty information to make your visit or residence in Chicago a great experience."

—Alan Caruba, *www.bookviews.com*, February 2005.

"Now in a thoroughly updated and significantly expanded fourth edition, *A Native's Guide To Chicago* continues to be **the premier guide to what Chicago has to offer** its residents, suburbanites, out-of-town tourists, scheduled business travelers. Every chapter provides "user friendly" mainstream information and offbeat suggestions side by side. Ranging from touring, recreation, food, and entertainment, to lodging, shopping, walking, and keeping informed, *A Native's Guide To Chicago* is enhanced with photos, maps, an index, and is a **"must" for anyone wanting to spend quality time making memories in America's foremost heartland city.**"

—Amazon reader review, 5 of 5 stars, January 5, 2005.

"Rating: 4 Stars. This guide has all the touristy things a normal guide has, but covers everything else someone who calls Chicago home would want to know too. I recommend it to anyone who asks themselves, 'What should we do tonight, or this weekend?' **With the book, your problem isn't what to do, but which to do first.**"

—Scott Seftenberg, *www.bookpage.com*, March 9, 1997.

". . . [Y]ou get treated to **the best bang for your buck** within the city limits of Chicago."

—Thomas Marzahl, *The American Reporter Book Review*, August 17–18, 1996.

“*A Native’s Guide to Chicago* is the rich fruit of Woodhouse’s ongoing quest for all that is authentically Chicago . . . Woodhouse shows it off to best and most accessible advantage by rooting out its myriad offbeat treasures. . . . **You name it, and Woodhouse will show you more options for less money than you’d ever discover on your own** in half a dozen trips to Chicago. From seeing the sights to taking advantage of the abundant recreational resources; from food to lodging to shopping to entertainment to just walking in the neighborhoods, historic districts, ethnic enclaves, and city parks, she offers savvy tips on a broad spectrum of Chicago’s best-kept secrets. **Cricket’s Rating: Fabulous. Loaded with suggestions; a fun read on the real city’s capacious soul.**”

—Jean Kozlowski, *Cricket in the Corner*, 1998.

On the Radio

◆ WBEZ–91.5 FM, Chicago Public Radio, Mara Tapp Show, February 1996.

◆ WCEV–1450 AM, Chicago, “Mosaic,” December 15, 1996.

“It’s a perfect gift book. . . . It’s really a fun book because you wonder, ‘Do I know about this place? Do I know about that place?’ You’ll be really surprised if you lived in Chicago for almost your whole life. . . . **You may think you know your neighborhood, and then you’ll read about something: ‘I didn’t know that was here.’** . . . This is the whole idea of the book . . . that we get to know the whole city, get to know the neighborhoods.”

—Lucyna Migala

◆ WGN–720 FM, Chicago, “The Sunday Papers” with Rick Kogan, January 23, 2005.

◆ WGN–720 FM, Chicago, Nick D and Garry Lee Show, December 18, 1999.

◆ WGN–720 AM, Chicago, Dean Richards Show, June 1997.

◆ WGN–720 AM, Chicago, Roy Leonard Travel Show, March 1997.

“**I have never seen a guide to Chicago that takes you into the neighborhoods the way [this book] has done** . . . I’d like to recommend *A Native’s Guide to Chicago*.”

—Roy Leonard

◆ WJIG–1530 AM, South Suburban Chicago, Joe Stephan’s Morning Show, July 10, 1997.

“I could not put this book down. A very good book full of fun and useful information about Chicago. . . . I’m not kidding . . . **it is so chock-full of stuff, it’s unbelievable** . . . [It] covers all kinds of great things to do in Chicago. . . . This just isn’t another touristy book . . . very informative.”

—Joe Stephan

◆ WPNT–100.3 FM, Chicago, Fred Winston’s Morning Show, November 4, 1996.

“**You need this.**”

—Fred Winston

On TV

◆ WTTW–Channel 11, Chicago, “Chicago Tonight,” March 23, 2005.

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