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The author tries way too hard to make this into a romance novel. The various descriptions of DC being a woman in high heels and yet in a business suit, and riding in limos and also sleeping on the streets, etc. were hyper annoying. I enjoy good prose, this was not it. And it's a travel book, not a harlequin novel. Aside from the tone, I found the information offered was often lacking. There was nothing about the numerous options for paid tours of the city's historic sites. There was very little useful in the dining section if you wanted something more than cafe fare. I usually love books in the Lonely Planet series, but this one didn't measure up.

I bought Lonely Planet's Washington DC's City Guide for my first visit to DC two weeks ago. It was an excellent guide. The little map enclosed is also very useful to make your way through the Metro system. All the recommended places to eat are really what they advertise and I especially appreciated the variety of recommendations they give for places to eat within different price ranges. The book is written in a fun language anyone can understand. I also think that they give great suggestions for tours you can do on your own, etc. Great for both people traveling to DC and someone moving to DC.

This book is perfect. It contains all informations you need in DC. The only thing missing is its limited picture. You need to recognize the name of the building and look for the picture by yourself. It will be easier to find the building if you know what it looks like. The map is very-very usefull.

Very useful!

There are too many great restaurants in DC to even filter down into one book. Otherwise, it was great, especially the neighborhood maps and metro map.

Good book, lots of detail, good maps, good details of accomodation (though this is a bit pointless in

the internet age I think), food options... just a standard, good LP. If you like format of LP you'll like this.

I love the Lonely Planet Books. I buy them whenever I am traveling to a place I have never been before. They are very comprehensive and include so many categories that the normal travel book would not. Get them for every place you are traveling!

This is a good guide to Washington D.C. and it is very recent to, having been published in April 2007. I went to D.C. in May and was not disappointed. I would have liked more tips aimed at those on a 'shoestring' budget, but there was plenty here to keep me busy for a week. (I especially recommend you check out the cafe in the American Indian museum-- delicious!) I didn't think there were too many left leaning comments as a previous reviewer said. Some people are too sensitive to that sort of thing. It would definitely be extreme to avoid buying it because of supposed 'left wing commentary' and it's highly unfair to give a low star rating just because ones feelings were hurt by a comment which was perceived as being partisan. Anyway, this book isn't just aimed at Americans, Brits, Canadians, Australians, Irish... The whiff of anti-Bush sentiment that might be noticed in the 'background' chapters is just normal to most people. And why do you need to read the background to 'American politics' if you're American?? This guide also has some nice suggestions on excursions, such as to Baltimore or to some of the Civil War sites of Virginia. The book is compact and well laid-out, so overall very pleasing for that Lonely Planet collection!

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