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DK Eyewitness Top 10 Travel Guide: New Orleans will lead you straight to the very best on offer. Whether you're looking for the things not to miss at the Top 10 sights, or want to find the best nightspots; this guide is the perfect companion. Rely on dozens of Top 10 lists - from the Top 10 museums to the Top 10 events and festivals - there's even a list of the Top 10 things to avoid. The guide is divided by area with restaurant reviews for each, as well as recommendations for hotels, bars and places to shop. You'll find the insider knowledge every visitor needs and explore every corner effortlessly with DK Eyewitness Top 10 Travel Guide: New Orleans and. DK Eyewitness Top 10 Travel Guide: New Orleans - showing you what others only tell you. Now available in ePub format.

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- ULTIMATE EXPERIENCES GUIDE contains a brief introduction and spectacular color photos that capture the ultimate experiences and attractions

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throughout New Orleans •**EXPANDED COVERAGE:** New hotel and restaurant recommendations have been added in up-and-coming neighborhoods throughout New Orleans. The “Under-the-Radar New Orleans” feature will help visitors live like a local and see the quirky not-for-tourists side of the city. •**ILLUSTRATED FEATURES:** A Mardi Gras feature, including a parade schedule, helps revelers plan their time. A colorful primer on New Orleans music provides basics about making the most of your Jazz Fest experience and how to best enjoy local music year-round. Features on New Orleans cuisine and cocktail culture identify the best eats and drinks. •**INDISPENSABLE TRIP PLANNING TOOLS:** Neighborhood orientation pages with maps, top reasons to go, and information for making the most of your time, make planning a snap. Easy to use, atlas-style dining and lodging maps makes finding everything easy. •**SPECIAL EVENT COVERAGE:** Mardi Gras in February or early March and Jazz Fest in April are two of the biggest annual events. •**DISCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS:** Fodor's New Orleans offers savvy advice and recommendations from local writers to help travelers make the most of their visit. Fodor's Choice designates our best picks in every category. •**COVERS:** New Orleans, Plantation Country, Cajun Country, the French Quarter, the Garden District, Fauborg Marigny, Bywater

Written by locals, Fodor's travel guides have been offering expert advice for all tastes and budgets for 80 years. New Orleans is a remarkable, vibrant, bursting-at-the-seams, melting pot of a city. Whether travelers are visiting for the music or food, to get to know people or party all night long, or all of the above, Fodor's New Orleans is the guidebook that makes every trip the trip of a lifetime. This travel guide includes: - Dozens of full-color maps - Hundreds of hotel and restaurant recommendations, with Fodor's Choice designating our top picks - Multiple

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itineraries to explore the top attractions and what's off the beaten path · Major sights such as Bourbon Street, Garden District, Jackson Square, St. Charles Avenue Streetcar, Audubon Park, French Market, and City Park · Side Trips from New Orleans including Abita Springs, Plantation Country, and Cajun Country · Coverage of The French Quarter; Faubourg Marigny, Bywater, and Treme; CBD and Warehouse District; The Garden District; Uptown and Carrollton-Riverbend; Mid-City and Bayou St. John

Lively, loud and exceptionally colourful, New Orleans is home to swinging jazz clubs, iconic streetcars, beautiful balconied houses, and a dynamic culture which reflects the city's unique history as a melting-pot of different cultures. Your DK Eyewitness Top 10 travel guide ensures you'll find your way around New Orleans with absolute ease. Our newly updated Top 10 travel guide breaks down the best of New Orleans into helpful lists of ten - from our own selected highlights to the best museums and galleries, places to eat, shops and festivals. You'll discover:

- Seven easy-to-follow itineraries, perfect for a day-trip, a weekend, or a week
- Detailed Top 10 lists of New Orleans' must-sees, including detailed descriptions of New Orleans Museum of Art, New Orleans City Park, Audubon Zoo, Audubon Aquarium of the Americas, Jackson Square, Royal Street, Bourbon Street, during Mardi Gras and on Canal Street
- New Orleans' most interesting areas, with the best places for shopping, dining and sightseeing
- Inspiration for different things to enjoy during your trip - including children's attractions and things to do for free
- Streetsmart advice: get ready, get around, and stay safe

DK Eyewitness Top 10s have been helping travellers to make the most of their breaks since 2002. Looking for more on New Orleans' culture, history and attractions? Try our DK Eyewitness New Orleans or DK Eyewitness USA.

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MARDI GRAS: Beads, Belles, and Balls, transports the reader via verse and prose snapshots through seven days of Carnival distilled from Jack Beachs three decades in the toujours gai Lower French Quarter in New Orleans. Savor the anticipation when parades, balls, and strip bars are in full swing. Funky and glamorous; crazy and hilarious. At long last, Mardi Gras Day! Fantastic costumes flood the streets. Join the crowds. Kiss a pregnant nun! Fall in love! Then, the gray specter of Ash Wednesday and price tag of Lent: the long good-byes and heading home. Memories and mementoes to last a lifetime. After Hurricane Katrinas devastating assault this fall, you will cherish this superb record of how it was and, pray God, will be one day again.

This full-color handbook includes vibrant photos and easy-to-use maps to help with trip planning. New Orleans native Laura Martone offers an insider's take on the Big Easy, from shopping on Magazine Street to listening to old-time jazz in Faubourg Marigny. Martone also includes a handful of fun trip itinerary ideas, including "A Romantic Weekend," "Mardi Gras," and "Haunted New Orleans." With tips on taking carriage rides through the French Quarter, visiting the Art District's museums, and bicycling in City Park, Moon New Orleans gives travelers the tools they need to create a more personal and memorable experience.

Urban Revolutions is a different kind of cycling book. Author Emilie Bahr draws on her own experience as an everyday cyclist and a transportation planner in New Orleans to demystify urban bicycling in this visually-compelling and fun-to-read field guide. What does it mean for a city to be bike-friendly? What makes bicycling a women's issue? What does it take to feel safe on a bike? How do you bike to work in the summer and still look professional? What is the most fun you can possibly have on two wheels without having to become an athlete? Bahr

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answers all these questions and more in her friendly and thoughtful essays and detailed practical tips.

Today's New Orleans isn't quite the city it once was, but its legacy lives on in the hundreds of restaurants, nightclubs, and hotels that have been rebuilt since the hurricane. NIGHT+DAY New Orleans celebrates the spirit of this spectacular city by taking you inside the old-school jazz joints, the hip new restaurants, and the neighborhood bars that make this city great.

Today's savvy travelers rely on NIGHT+DAY New Orleans -- with its opinionated listings, insightful descriptions, and witty, intelligent writing -- to get the sophisticated edge in travel.

From the trendiest tables, hippest hotels, top shops and galleries to the hottest nightspots and coolest attractions, NIGHT+DAY New Orleans is packed with expert recommendations and insider tips. For discerning travelers, it's the details that make the difference. Night+Day signature sections include the "99 Best" of the city, three unique "Perfect Plan" itineraries, a "Cheat Sheet" of city essentials, a "Black Book" index, maps, and more.

In Bourbon Street Blues and Jackson Square Jazz, Greg Herren introduced the wickedly naughty--and irrepressible--Scotty Bradley, who's never met a drink he didn't want, a decadence he could resist, or a hunky trick he won't treat to a little bit of himself. Now, in Mardi Gras Mambo, Scotty's back on the crowded, party-happy streets of New Orleans, getting ready for a Carnival he'll never forget--if he lives through it. . . It's Carnival time in New Orleans, and Scotty Bradley, ex go-go boy turned private eye, is looking forward to relaxing with his boyfriends, Frank and Colin, and partying it up right. But nothing ever seems to work out the way Scotty wants it. Not only is it cold and

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rainy, ruining his elaborate costume plans, but former FBI agent Frank has "issues" with dropping a hit (or two, or four) of Ecstasy. Hello! Ecstasy at Mardi Gras is practically guaranteed in the Gay Bill of Rights! Fortunately, Frank gets over himself, the weather clears up, Scotty's dealer, Misha, delivers the goods, and the boys are off to the races. And that's when the real fun begins. After a night of partying, they come home to find the cops waiting for them. Misha has apparently been murdered and guess who was the last person to see him alive? Turns out his wheeling and dealing had gotten him in trouble with a lot of people--including the Russian mob. And those guys don't play around. Suddenly, Scotty's missing not just one but two boyfriends. And as the streets of Nola come alive in a hot human frenzy of sequins, music, dancing, and the sweat of thousands of revelers ready to throw caution and clothing to the wind, Scotty is in a desperate race to save the men he sometimes loves and keep Fat Tuesday from being the last day any of them ever see. . . "When Herren introduced young, well-muscled former New Orleans bar dancer Scotty Bradley, he gave crime fiction one of its most engaging gay heroes." --Booklist Greg Herren is a personal trainer and writer who calls New Orleans home. Former editor of Lambda Book Report, he has published in many publications, including Harvard Gay and Lesbian Review, A&U, Genre and Instinct. He is currently working on a sequel to Mardi Gras Mambo. He has no pets, no plans to adopt or artificially inseminate, and tries to live quietly with his partner of eight years. The glitter and glitz of Mardi Gras in New Orleans draw people in, year after year.

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Floats, throws, and music all make memories that last a lifetime. In this joyful volume of photographs and essays, renowned photographer Judi Bottoni and Mardi Gras expert Peggy Scott Laborde capture some of the best moments from today's Mardi Gras celebrations. From the Twelfth Night Revelers heralding the start of Carnival season to Zulu and Rex bringing it to a triumphant close, Mardi Gras Moments highlights what makes the experience unforgettable. Relive scenes and music from famous parades and experience the signature floats that return year after year, including Endymion's Pontchartrain Beach Float, Orpheus's Smokey Mary, and Rex's Boeuf Gras. Celebrities, including Will Ferrell, reign over super-krewes as kings. Women wear the crown in Iris, Nyx, and Muses—known for its coveted shoe throws. The Mardi Gras Indians and the Baby Dolls show off a proud history in costume and dance. The Rolling Elvi and 'tit R?x are just some of a wild profusion of show-stopping sub-krewes. The exuberance and thrill of Carnival are on full display in these stunning photographs. Ext: general view.

When walking the French Quarter and watching a Lucky Dog salesman set up that colorful cart and call out to entice customers, don't you wonder how such a business works? As a knowing review in Rolling Stone stated, "People have always loved the cart and harbored a mysterious need to ride it. Revelers have been known to climb on top of the rolling wienies, screaming 'Yippee kaya!' as vendors stoically push them back to the barn at 4 a.m." Since 1947 the red and yellow carts have trumpeted good fortune

and sustenance. Jerry E. Strahan recounts the wild adventures of the Bourbon Street wienie salesmen but also takes readers well beyond New Orleans. In fact, he takes them halfway around the world, where this unique pushcart business maneuvered its way through the bureaucratic red tape of a communist country to become a licensed corporation in the People's Republic of China. In China, two points quickly became apparent to Strahan. First, 99 percent of the Chinese population had no idea what a Lucky Dog cart represented. One elderly passerby declared it to be a missile. Second, the success or failure of any joint venture in the Asian nation is directly proportional to the political clout of that company's local partner. Lucky Dogs also recounts how the business and its vendors survived Hurricane Katrina. Miraculously, it reopened only six months after the storm in a city where more than 80 percent of the landmass had been flooded and where less than 40 percent of the population had returned. To reestablish itself in what many described as Third World conditions, the company had to transform its operation. This work mixes business history, autobiography, survival story, and an insider's look at the bizarre lives of some of Bourbon Street's most quirky characters--the dauntless Lucky Dog vendors. Both humorous and tragic, though it may read like fiction, it is, for better or worse, all fact.

Provides concise information on New Orleans from accommodations and travel to restaurants and sightseeing, and includes features on Mardi Gras, Southern cuisine, and New Orleans music.

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- How her conservative father turned his back on her when he learned she was gay. - The personal tragedy that became her greatest inspiration. - Her secret life in the gay her scene during her stand-up days. - The women Ellen has loved, including her very public relationship and very painful breakup with actress Anne Hache. - How she pulled her life together after the cancellation of Ellen. - The new romantic interests in her life. - Ellen currently stars in The Ellen DeGeneres Show one of the hottest TV talk shows ever to hit the air. It is the winner of an Emmy Award in 2004 for Outstanding Talk Show. In its first year, the show earned 12 Daytime Emmy nominations, more than any other talk show in the history of the Emmys. - The Ellen DeGeneres Show was the highest-rated freshman talk show of the 2003-2004 season. - The Ellen DeGeneres Show ranked at the top of critics' IIGTS, with People, Entertainment Weekly, The New York Times, USA Today and TV Guide, all citing it as one of the best new programs. - The author has been an entertainment journalist for more than twenty years and has written several celebrity biographies and series companions, including the bestselling The Boy Who Would Be King.

Provides concise information on New Orleans from accommodations and travel to restaurants and sightseeing, plus a walking tour of the French Quarter

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Connections among theory, research, and practice are the heart and soul of criminology. This book offers a comprehensive and balanced introduction to

criminology, demonstrating the value of understanding the relationships between criminological theory, research, and practice in the study of crime and criminal behavior. Utilising a range of case studies and thought-provoking features, it encourages students to think critically and provides a foundation for understanding criminology as a systematic, theoretically grounded science. It includes: A comprehensive overview of crime in American society, including the nature and meaning of crime and American criminal law as well as the scientific study of crime, A concise, straightforward, and practical approach to the study of the American criminal justice system and its various components, including individual chapters on police, courts, and corrections, An overview of criminological theory, including classical, biological, psychological and sociological approaches, A survey of typologies of criminological behavior including interpersonal violent crimes, property crime, public order crime, organized and white collar crime, state crime, environmental harm and cybercrime, Concluding thoughts exploring challenges facing criminal justice policy and the future of criminological theory. This new edition has been thoroughly revised and updated and includes brand new chapters on corrections, courts, criminal law, law enforcement, and technology and cybercrime. It is packed with useful and instructive features such as themed boxed case studies

in every chapter, critical thinking questions, lists of further reading, and links to e-resources. A companion website includes PowerPoint slides for lecturers, links to useful resources, and lists of further reading.

It's time to celebrate life and the joy of good food! We're talking tailgating, BBQ-ing, and parties on the patio for 2 or 20! Cookin' It with Kix by country music icon and radio/TV host Kix Brooks showcases and highlights the All-American pastime of celebration and cooking outdoors for family and friends. With his Southern sense of humor and good-natured personality, Kix breaks down the art of a perfect steak or chop, the proper Southern side dishes, and amazing desserts and drinks that will make your mouth water and your stomach smile. With easy-to-understand recipes, Kix Tips, and tons of ideas, his Louisiana heritage shines through as he shares some of his treasured family recipes and the stories behind them. This book will give you what you need so you can throw down a delicious meal off the grill for you and your family or be the king at your next party.

Founded in 1957, Chase's observes its 60th anniversary with the 2018 edition! Users will find everything worth knowing and celebrating for each day of the year: 12,500 holidays, historical milestones, famous birthdays, festivals, sporting events and much more. "One of the most impressive reference volumes in the world."--Publishers Weekly.

"Mardi Gras remains one of the most distinctive features of New Orleans. Although the city has celebrated Carnival since its days as a French and Spanish colonial outpost, the rituals familiar today were largely established in the Civil War era by a white male elite." -- back cover.

"There is no such thing as a 'natural' disaster," writes Romain Huret in his introduction to this multidisciplinary study of the events surrounding and the legacy of Hurricane Katrina. Though nature produced Katrina's rising waters and destructive winds, a vast array of manmade factors shaped the scope of the storm's impact as well as the local and national response to it. In *Hurricane Katrina in Transatlantic Perspective*, American and European scholars approach this infamous storm and its aftermath through a variety of disciplines, from music to geography to anthropology, creating a nuanced understanding of how society reacts to and later remembers times of disaster. Richard Campanella and Romain Huret examine the particular geographical and political mix that set the stage for Katrina's devastation, especially among the poorest populations of New Orleans and the Gulf South. Jean Kempf, James Boyden, Andrew Diamond, and Thomas Jessen Adams address the ideological biases and racial stereotypes that infused local and national commentary in the days and weeks after the storm. Finally, Bruce Raeburn, Sara Le Menestrel, Anne M. Lovell, and Randy J.

Sparks explore the impact of this powerful tropical event on the city's institutions and cultural organizations. Hurricane Katrina in Transatlantic Perspective offers a profound and innovative collection of insights on one of the most significant environmental catastrophes in U.S. history, forcing us to examine the cultural actors that transformed a natural disaster into a humanitarian crisis.

New Orleans on Parade tells the story of the Big Easy in the twentieth century. In this urban biography, J. Mark Souther explores the Crescent City's architecture, music, food and alcohol, folklore and spiritualism, Mardi Gras festivities, and illicit sex commerce in revealing how New Orleans became a city that parades itself to visitors and residents alike. Stagnant between the Civil War and World War II -- a period of great expansion nationally -- New Orleans unintentionally preserved its distinctive physical appearance and culture. Though business, civic, and government leaders tried to pursue conventional modernization in the 1940s, competition from other Sunbelt cities as well as a national economic shift from production to consumption gradually led them to seize on tourism as the growth engine for future prosperity, giving rise to a veritable gumbo of sensory attractions. A trend in historic preservation and the influence of outsiders helped fan this newfound identity, and the city's residents learned to embrace rather than disdain their past. A growing reliance on the tourist trade fundamentally affected

social relations in New Orleans. African Americans were cast as actors who shaped the culture that made tourism possible while at the same time they were exploited by the local power structure. As black leaders' influence increased, the white elite attempted to keep its traditions -- including racial inequality -- intact, and race and class issues often lay at the heart of controversies over progress. Once the most tolerant diverse city in the South and the nation, New Orleans came to lag behind the rest of the country in pursuing racial equity. Souther traces the ascendancy of tourism in New Orleans through the final decades of the twentieth century and beyond, examining the 1984 World's Fair, the collapse of Louisiana's oil industry in the eighties, and the devastating blow dealt by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Narrated in a lively style and resting on a bedrock of research, *New Orleans on Parade* is a landmark book that allows readers to fully understand the image-making of the Big Easy.

With contributions by: Walter Biggins, Patti Carr Black, Lottie Brent Boggan, Donald H. Butts, Bob Carskadon, Rebecca Lauck Cleary, David Creel, Sylvia Nettles Dickson, Pat Flynn, Chris Gilmer, Peggy Gilmer-Piasecki, Carolyn Haines, Ann Tyrone Hebert, C. C. Henley, Alice Jackson, Donald M. Kartiganer, Janice Marie Kraft, Francis X. Kuhn, Bill Luckett, Johnnie Mae Maberry, Debbie Campbell Matthews, Charline R. McCord, Jo McDivitt, Cheri Thornton McHugh,

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Thomas McIntyre, Margaret McMullan, Willie Morris, Julia Reed, Ronnie Riggs, Sid Salter, David Sheffield, Mary Sue Slagle, Seetha Srinivasan, Brenda Trigg, Judy H. Tucker, Cynthia Walker, Lawrence "Larry" Wells, Jacqueline Freeman Wheelock, Malcolm White, Diane Williams, and Richard Wiman A Year in Mississippi presents a collection of forty essays, ten per season, celebrating significant events and traditions throughout the state. Writers showcase the background, history, and emotions of these events and traditions with special meaning. Each event shines in the spotlight, observed not only to ascertain its impact, but also to discover why it succeeds, how it contributes to and shapes a unique culture, and how it functions to bind people together. Well-known contributors and essays of special interest in the collection include Willie Morris's "The Glory of the Game," Julia Reed's "Green Day," Lawrence "Larry" Wells's "Always on My Mind--A Blues and Civil Rights Tour of the Mississippi Delta," Donald M. Kartiganer's "Faulkner and Yoknapatawpha 1974-2016," Margaret McMullan's "Christmas in the Pass," Sid Salter's "The Neshoba County Fair: Porches, Politicians, and Pie," Patti Carr Black's "Whiskey Christmases," Carolyn Haines's "Camp Meeting," David Sheffield's "The Blessing of the Fleet," and Seetha Srinivasan's "Diwali: Hindu Festival of Lights."

A traveler's guide to most entertaining spots in North America and Mexico

features insider tips, three-day itineraries, and quick-reference guides to the best hotels, restaurants, and nightlife. Original.

Provides information on planning a trip to the city, offers advice for business travelers, and recommends hotels, restaurants, amusements, shops, and sightseeing attractions.

At Eastertime, the most important holiday in the Christian world, religious processions in many Latin American countries pass over ornate street "carpets" fashioned from colored sawdust, flowers and fruit. Children in Finland and Sweden dress as "Easter witches." In the Caribbean, those who swim on Good Friday risk bad luck. In the Philippines, some penitents volunteer to be crucified. In some European countries, Easter Monday is the day for dousing women with water. With 240 entries, this book explores these and scores of other unusual and sometimes bizarre international Holy Week customs, both sacred and secular, from pilgrimages to Jerusalem to classic seasonal films and television specials.

Hop in the car and set off on an adventure along the Natchez Trace Parkway, from the country music capital to the birthplace of jazz. Inside Moon Nashville to New Orleans Road Trip you'll find: Maps and Driving Tools: Over 20 easy-to-use maps keep you oriented on and off the parkway, along with site-to-site mileage, driving times, and detailed directions for the entire route Get to Know the Music of the South: Catch up-and-coming musicians play at quaint cafes, and hit the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville. Bask in the sounds of blues on Beale Street, and pay homage to "The King" at Graceland. Listen to a soulful live jazz group, or learn about the South's musical legacy on the Mississippi Blues Trail Savor Southern Food: Enjoy authentic hot chicken, get your barbecue fix in Memphis, and indulge in Creole cuisine

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and fresh beignets in New Orleans Itineraries for Every Traveler: Drive the entire two-week route or follow suggestions for spending time in and around Nashville, Memphis, and New Orleans. Take an introspective moment at influential Civil Rights Movement sites, hike past dramatic waterfalls, spend a peaceful morning fishing, or bike along the Mississippi River Local Expertise: Nashville local Margaret Littman shares her love for the Natchez Trace Planning Your Trip: Know when and where to get gas, how to avoid traffic, and tips for driving in different road and weather conditions, plus essential advice for biking the route and suggestions for LGBTQ+ travelers, families, seniors, and visitors with disabilities With Moon Nashville to New Orleans' practical tips, detailed itineraries, and insider's view, you're ready to fill up the tank and hit the road. Looking to explore more of America on wheels? Try Moon Blue Ridge Parkway Road Trip. For more quintessential South, check out Moon Tennessee or Moon Asheville & the Great Smoky Mountains.

The Unofficial Guide to Universal Orlando is packed with detailed, specific information on every ride, show, and restaurant in the resort.

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DK Eyewitness Top 10 New Orleans will lead you straight to the best attractions this vibrant city has to offer. Whether you're looking for great live music spots and lively clubs, the most interesting architecture, the best places to celebrate Mardi Gras, or the tastiest Cajun cuisine, this guide is the perfect companion. Rely on dozens of Top 10 lists for all budgets, including the Top 10 jazz clubs, gay and lesbian venues, restaurants, children's activities, performing arts venues, shops and hotels, and the ever-useful Top 10 things to avoid. Effortlessly explore every corner of New Orleans using the many maps included within the guide. DK Eyewitness Top 10 New Orleans is also packed with beautiful illustrations of the city's attractions, and includes detailed sections on the Garden District and Uptown, the Warehouse, Arts and Central Business District, the Lower and Upper French Quarters, and more, providing insider knowledge every visitor wants and needs.

What is a livable community? How do you design and develop one? What does government at all levels need to do to support and nurture the cause of livable communities? Using a blend of theory and practice, experts in the field look at evidence from international, state and local perspectives to explore what is meant by the term "livable communities". Chapters examine the various influencing factors such as the effect and importance of transportation options/alternatives to the elderly, the significance of walkability as a factor in developing a livable and healthy community, the importance of good open space providing for human activity and health, restorative benefits, the importance of coordinated land use and transportation planning, and the relationship between livability and quality of life. While much of the discussion of this topic is usually theoretical and abstract, Wagner and Caves use case studies from North America, Brazil and the United Kingdom to provide substantive examples of

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initiatives implemented across the world. This book fills an important gap in the literature on livable communities and at the same time assists policy officials, professionals and academics in their quest to develop livable communities.

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From the revelers on horseback in Eunice and Mamou to the miles-long New Orleans parade routes lined with eager spectators shouting "Throw me something, mister!," no other Louisiana tradition celebrates the Pelican State's cultural heritage quite like Mardi Gras. In *Carnival in Louisiana*, Brian J. Costello offers Mardi Gras fans an insider's look at the customs associated with this popular holiday and travels across the state to explore each area's festivities.

Costello brings together the stories behind the tradition, gleaned from his research and personal involvement in Carnival. His fascinating tour of the season's parades, balls, courirs, and other events held throughout Louisiana go beyond the well-known locales for Mardi Gras. Exploring the diverse cultural roots of state-wide celebrations, Costello includes festivities in Lafayette, Baton Rouge, New Roads, and Shreveport. From venerable floats to satirical parades, exclusive events to spontaneous street parties, *Carnival in Louisiana* is an indispensable guide for Mardi Gras attendees, both veteran Krewe members seeking to expand their horizons and first-time tourists hoping to experience of all sides of Louisiana's favorite season.

From neighborhoods such as Lakeview and Mid-City to landmarks including the Saenger

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Theater and Mercedes Benz Superdome, from its restaurants and music clubs to its parks and museums, the Big Easy has regained the title of one of the world's most fascinating cities. In *Walking New Orleans*, lifelong resident and writer Barri Bronston shares the love of her hometown through 30 self-guided tours that range from majestic St. Charles Avenue and funky Magazine Street to Bywater and Faubourg Marigny, two of the city's "it" neighborhoods. Within each tour, she offers tips on where to eat, drink, dance, and play, for in addition to all the history, culture, and charm that New Orleans has to offer — and there's plenty — Faubourg Marigny it provides tourists and locals alike with one heck of a good time.

When quintessential Californian Lisa Perez catches her fiancé cheating on her she finds herself despondent and confused about how to handle the next steps of her life. Heartbroken, downcast, and desperate for a change of scenery, she books a last-minute flight to New Orleans for the Mardi Gras weekend. During the weekend of parades and beignets, she attends a black-tie masquerade ball in the French Quarter where she quickly meets a new group of friends that make her forget about her life in Los Angeles. Through the Bloody Mary bender, crawfish, and charbroiled oysters, she finds clarity among the chaos and creole flavors. She meets a man who provides the perfect distraction from her heartbreak, and she becomes open to falling in love again. But when the masks come off and Mardi Gras is over, will they be able to maintain a romance?

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