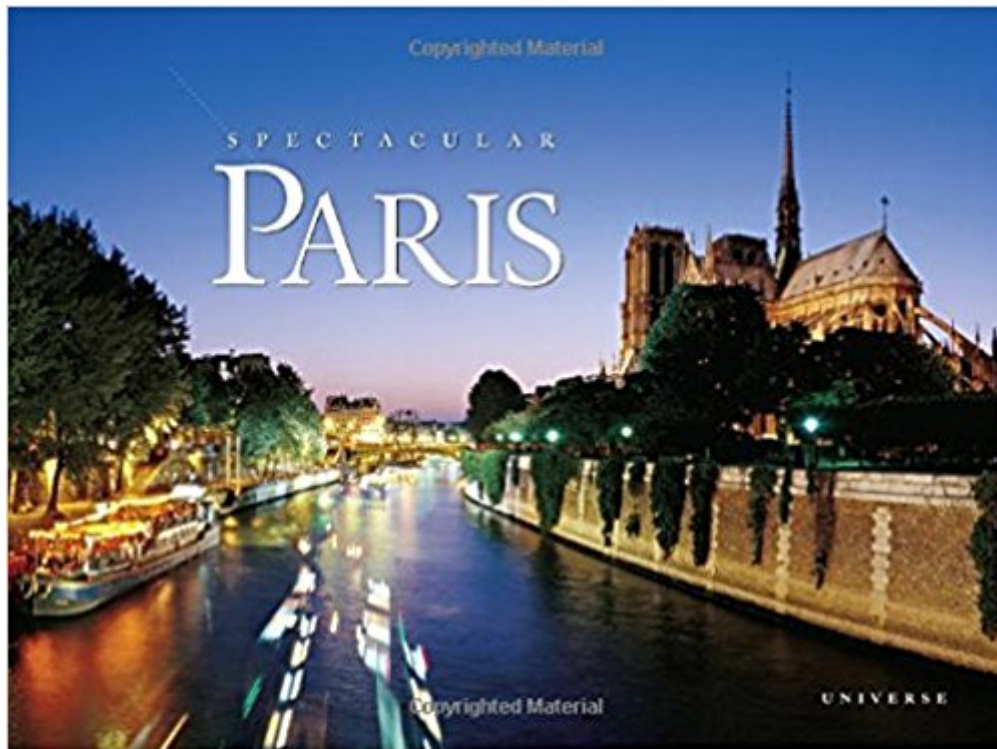




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“This oversized book offers a visual feast of the City of Light. Some 200 full-page photographs capture quintessentially Parisian images—France Magazine—“If you live in Paris, this is the book to dive into after too many grey skies have caused you to overlook centuries-old buildings—It’s the book to buy your parents before they visit; after reading it, they won’t have to lug their guidebook—the architectural wonders of the first eight arrondissements are bathed in golden light, make the book a sore of museum in itself. The ParisBlog—“If ever more evidence were

needed that Paris is the most beautiful city in the world, Spectacular Paris is it. The elegant coffee-table book captures the city's streets, squares, gardens, fountains, monuments and its famous lights at night. The fabulous photos are preceded by a fascinating section documenting the city's history with maps, paintings, and manuscript illuminations. C'est magnifique. France Today

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I bought this as a gift for a young friend who dreams of going to Paris someday to study. She was absolutely thrilled to get it and has spent hours sitting quietly by herself turning the pages and examining each picture in detail. I'm sure that when she actually goes there, she will already have a good idea of what she wants to see in person and where to find everything. Highly recommended for anyone who has an interest in the city.

I was disappointed in this highly rated book. The print was small, many of the pictures were just ok, and the narrative was cursory at best. A tiny scratch-the-surface look at Paris. My review title says it all for me - underwhelmed.

Cost me an arm-and-a-leg, this (unfortunately) out-of-print book, and hate so say it I UNDERPAID !!!!! This book is EVERYTHING GOOD about the wonderful city, Paris. You see these pictures, you want to go. Even if you cannot, this is one of a very few books on Paris which find really put you "there" and so are worth owning, so you can "be in Paris" any time you want.

This book is filled with gorgeous color photos of Paris--it gives you the sense of being there in the midst of all the beauty of the architecture, the intimacy of the street cafes, the food, the people, the museums. Spectacular Paris is a wonderful reminder if you've visited the city...and a lovely preview of what is ahead of you if you're planning a visit.

A gift for my grand niece who is an artist & dreams of visiting Paris - She loves the book & I have a mental picture of her drinking her tea & day dreaming through the pages of this book - Gorgeous photos

Sent as a gift and was very pleased!

If it's pictures you want, then this is a delight from cover to cover, ...not only as a coffee table peruser, but also as a spectacular souvenir of a trip to Paris, ...or even inspiration for an armchair dream. The format is large, the pages glossy and the photography good to excellent of all the famous locations you were ever likely to visit. There are many double page spreads, made even more panoramic by fold out flaps at the edges of the page for the super wide view. One curiosity of this book is the way in which the views are all selected with the idea of playing down the human crowd. There are people in the shots if you look, but they are certainly not the photographer's focus, ...this is in sharp contrast to another similar book on offer, "Toujours Paris", where the human element is definitely played up, ...so you can decide which you want. I'm not sure if it was felt that including people in a book destined to be called "Spectacular Paris" was a distraction,would quickly date the photos by the fashion changes or it was just intended that the focus should be on one of the most spectacular cities in the world. In that reference this book certainly lives up to its name. I'm not sure just how the photographer managed to get some of the wide format shots while the location was so uninhabited, ...and if you've ever experienced the crowds you will too. The text is simple, short but informative,this isn't a history lesson here, the photos are the headline act, and it's easy to become engrossed in them, specially if you have been to Paris. I would definitely opt for this version rather than that offered by "Toujours Paris", ...although being an avowed "Paris-aholic", I certainly own and enjoy both. However if it's only one you want or can afford for yourself or a gift, then I think you would be hard-pressed to find a more satisfying and wondrous visual trip around the City of Light than that offered by "Spectacular Paris".

This book is absolutely BEAUTIFUL and catches the charm and essence of Paris completely. I sent it to 4 of my friends who will be joining me in Paris for a Birthday Destination Trip. THEY LOVED IT ! It was a perfect gift for the "pre-Paris" package I sent them all and created more excitement and anticipation since now we will be looking forward to visiting all these beautiful places.

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