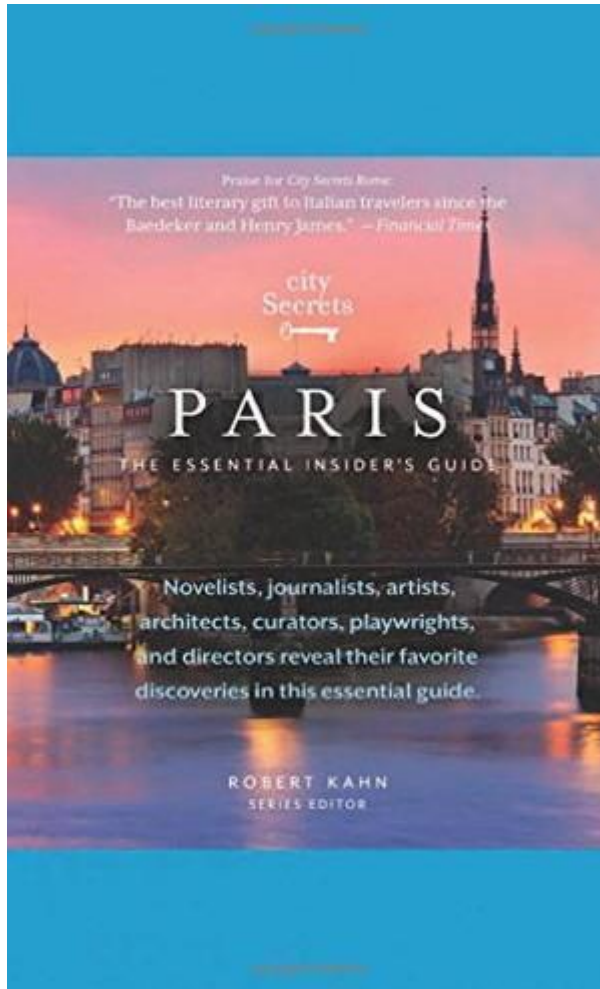


## [“City Secrets Paris: The Essential Insider’s Guide” – Los Angeles book review](#)

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Paris — the magical city of light. If you’ve ever had the opportunity to visit the glittering capital city of France, then you’ll know this mythical metropolis thrillingly lives up to its legend. If you haven’t, then you might want to rely on a well-researched travel guide to make the most of your trip.

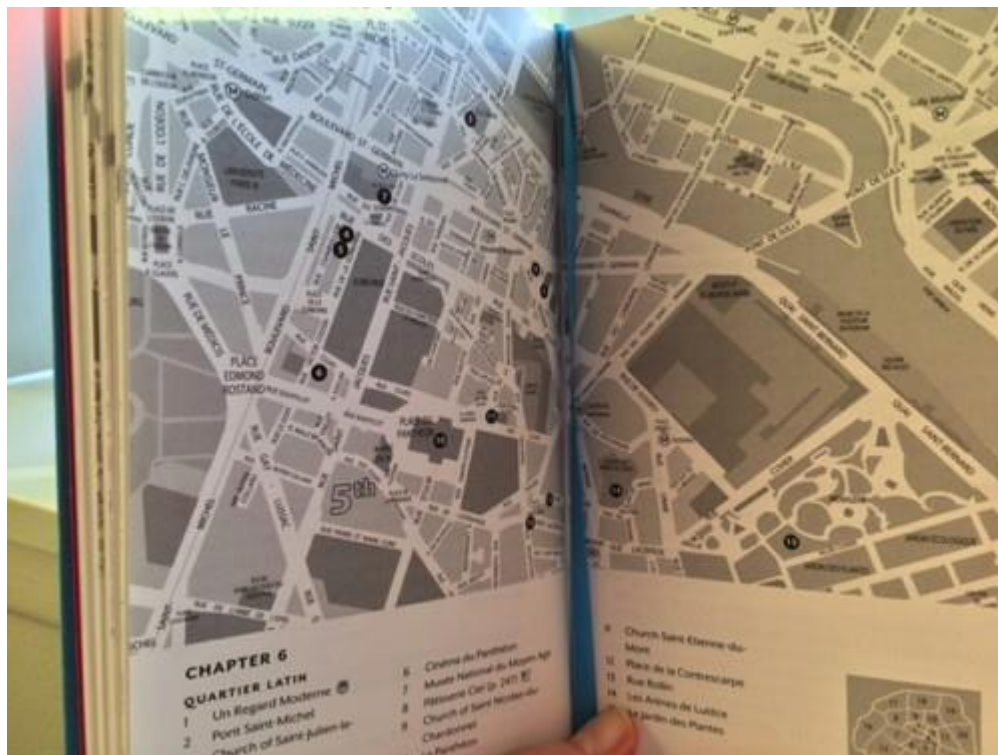
Newly released is *City Secrets Paris: The Essential Insider’s Guide* — a gorgeous little blue cloth-bound, hard-cover book that offers numerous insider insights into the best places to investigate when visiting Paris. It’s also the perfect (almost) pocket-sized book to carry around with you when traversing the boulevards and parks of this acclaimed city.

The **City Secrets Travel** series purports to offer “the key to a new kind of travel” with its personal tips and thoughtful, short essays. Edited by Robert Kahn, *City Secrets Paris* compiles

selected recommendations from a wide range of contributors such as novelists, journalists, painters, historians, anthropologists, actors, directors, architects, playwrights, and restaurateurs. Collectively, their passionate opinions and highly informed perspectives illuminate well-known sites as well as overlooked treasures.

Through personal anecdote and insight, these experts become your travel companions as they reveal little-known gems about art, food, shopping and architecture. Some share their favorite or obscure places and activities, including restaurants, cafés, art, architecture, shops, outdoor markets, strolls, day-trips, and all manner of cultural and historic landmarks. For many, these are subjects the contributors have spent a lifetime pursuing.

Several L.A.-based writers have submitted short essays that enthusiastically extoll their favorite Parisian haunts. Writer/photographer Carolyn Campbell vividly describes her exploration of one of the world's most famous resting places, the ancient P re Lachaise Cemetery. She directs us to investigate several of the less well-known masters of the grounds, such as the "...famous architects and sculptors [who] designed the tombs of these immortals." A mysterious and alluring place, Campbell has spent more than three decades documenting the legendary burial grounds for her forthcoming photo essay travel book *City of Immortals: P re Lachaise Cemetery, Paris*.



Kenneth Turan, renowned film critic for the LA Times, writes about his favorite cinemas, where you can view everything from new releases to classic films. He opines that Paris is "a paradise if you love watching vintage Hollywood movies on a big screen."

Sculptor George Stoll contributed several essays and in one of those he muses on Da Vinci's famous portrait, the *Mona Lisa* (aka *La Gioconda*), that has hung in the Musée du Louvre since 1797.

Brimming with insider tips on favorite places to check out, special locations to dine and marvelous walks, *City Secrets Paris: The Essential Insider's Guide* is a must-pack item to accompany you on your next — or first — visit to charming Paris. Thanks to its 150 contributors commenting on over 200 venues, this pretty book is a valuable supplement to any more basic travel guide.

*City Secrets Paris: The Essential Insider's Guide* is [available for purchase on Amazon](#).

**Fang Duff Kahn Publishers** presents its fifth volume, **City Secrets Paris: The Essential Insider's Guide**, (2014, clothbound in its trademark blue, 275 pages 4 x 7 inches, ISBN: 978-0-9898612-0-5:\$19.95). This long awaited guide to Paris complements the series which includes *City Secrets: London, Manhattan, Rome, Venice and Florence*.

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of each book is donated to a non-profit organization: CITY SECRETS PARIS: Médecins Sans Frontière; CITY SECRETS ROME: The American Academy in Rome; CITY SECRETS LONDON: The John Soane Museum, The Museum of London, and Whitechapel Gallery; CITY SECRETS MANHATTAN: The New York Times Neediest Cases Fund; CITY SECRETS FLORENCE & VENICE: Save Venice and the American Academy in Rome.