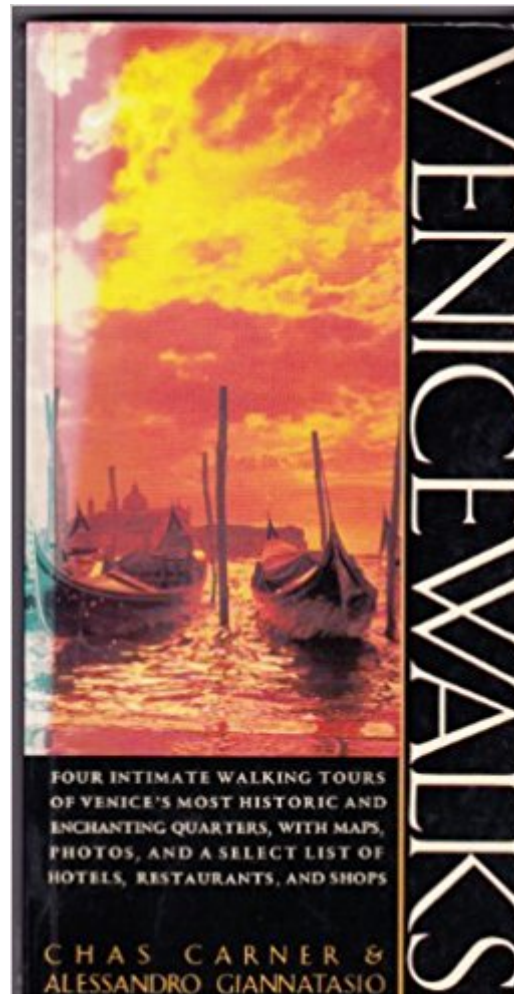




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I have no idea IF I am ever going to Venicebut I feel like I have been there in this intimate love affair with a specific place. I have a back ground in art/architecture history of some years ago now muddled with Florence, Rome, and many other places in Italy. This book was like taking a walk with an old friend who knew the city very well who talks to you continuously about it....lends suggestions of where to go and what to seeand how to navigate some of the peculiarities of place. I think the best part was: nothing pushy....you might like to try this...you could go that waybut talking quietly all the time on history, art movements, social fabric, heroes and demons, and bridges and wood pilings. The part that I liked most was that it was chock full of the history of art and culture....beautiful visual descriptions ...but I was not being lectured to.....just chatted with as I explored. Someday

maybe I will get to bring coins for the lighting systems on some of the famous works of art.....don't worry....I will know which ones and how much to bring

I took this book on my first and only trip to Venice and began my first day with it. Standing in St. Mark's Square a man came up to me and asked me how I was enjoying the book and I said that I was just beginning on my first walk. He smiled and pointed to the author's photo on the back of the book and said he was glad to see me venturing out with the book. It was the author! As I stood there stammering he melted into the crowd. This book tells you each and every wee turn you must take, which way turn after crossing which small bridge and takes you the most amazing places. I think this is out of print, but pay what you must for it if you are going to Venice and you will not be disappointed- and that is a promise.

Really made our trip navigating so easy!

I ordered this to replace my copy which has gone missing. It arrived quickly and was in very good condition. I am happy to have this great resource back in my library.

Was what I expected

This is quite possibly my favorite guidebook for any city in the world. It will take you on detailed walks through the hidden streets of Venice to places you'd never find on your own, such as the only remaining doorway of Marco Polo's childhood home. Now, make no mistake--this should not be the only guidebook you bring to Italy. For one thing, it's been out of print for 20 years, so any copy you buy will be out-of-date when it comes to restaurants, opening times, etc. (That's why I give it only 4 stars.) For another thing, this book's greatest strength is also its major weakness: it doesn't try to tell you everything about the city; instead, it focuses on fascinating detail on a handful of blocks. For both those reasons, you'll want a more recent and more conventional guidebook to supplement this one. But do take this guide as well--it's like having a private tour of the city with somebody who knows the fascinating story behind every secret corner.

I agree completely with the previous reviewer of this book. I wish the publisher would reissue it, because it filled a void left by other guides, offering information on the little lanes and bridges of Venice. VeniceWalks was my companion on that first, never-to-be forgotten trip. Post cards to

friends and family were a pace by pace review of the city, with each stop becoming an event due to the intimate details of history. When a copy becomes available, grab it, use it, and reuse it. I have. So committed was I that when an opportunity came to write about walking tour books, this one was at the top of my list:[...]

This is an extraordinary book by a real writer, nothing like the usual travel fare. A friend who knows Venice inside and out let me borrow the book that is sadly out of print. I can't wait to make my trip, and visit all the streets Carner describes so well. A true pleasure to read.

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