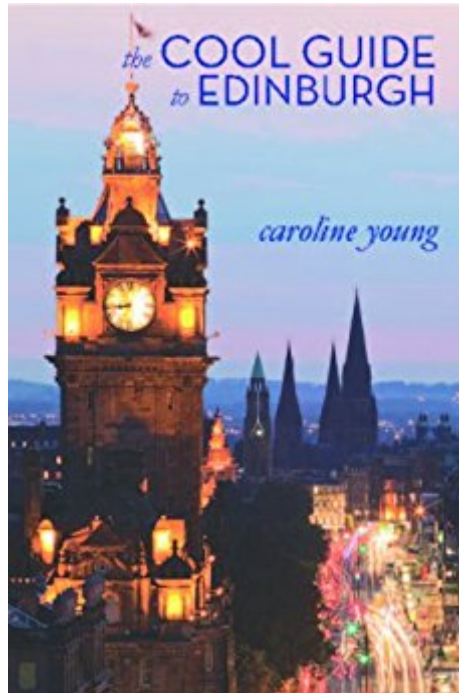




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Synopsis

The Cool Guide to Edinburgh is a different type of city guide, which helps you to get the most out of the city, discovering and exploring quirky places that you didn't know existed. This book delves into the best underground venues, the funkiest pubs, cafes, clubs and places to stay. It offers points of interest of film and literature locations, a guide to the best local beers, a soundtrack to the city and ideas for recovery after too many late nights. Edinburgh's coolest residents, including a model, artist, and DJ also give their run-down on their favourite places in the city.

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Customer Reviews

If you like your travel guides written by locals who don't mind leaving out all the boring bits, then this is a real gem. Written by a journalist who understands that visitors to a city have a limited time and don't want to wade through acres of history and cliché, this is the perfect companion to travelers who have a limited amount of time and want pubs, clubs, shops and attractions that are more funky than formal. Still full of behind the scenes tidbits and with just enough detail, it's snappy, informal and essential. An entertaining read even if you have no intention of ever visiting.

Edinburgh is one of those cities you either love or hate. Caroline Young's guide helps push the needle towards the more positive end of the dial. It's less youth-orientated than the title might suggest, instead providing a well-written guide to the smarter, more interesting parts of the city that visitors might miss. Lots of facts and figures a la Rough Guides but written by a native who knows her stuff. The interviews with locals are a nice touch. No-one buys city guides to read for pleasure but if you're heading off to Edinburgh any time soon (and I am) then is one to take along on the Kindle. And she mentions Stoats Porridge Bars, which really impressed a Scottish friend of mine.

Like all the best guide books, this one makes you itch to visit the place. The Edinburgh-based author clearly knows her beat, truffling out hidden haunts like

the "smuggling tunnels of Gilmerton or Leith's whaling relics. Fittingly for a seasoned scribe, she is strong on selecting the best bars and pubs and obviously knows her way around the trendy boutiques and bookshops. Her comments on Edinburgh's history and particularly its rich literary heritage - are always insightful and the fluent writing is a cut above the norm for guides of this sort. Altogether the perfect companion for young hipsters of all ages.

While skimming through various guidebooks for inspiration for somewhere to spend a long weekend later this year, I came across this book. The Cool Guide to Edinburgh has certainly made me put the Scottish capital high on my shortlist. It is a really interesting introduction to the city that not only gives lists of places to stay, eat and drink but adds a flavour of what each area of the city is like, its history and the more unusual places to visit. And it was written by a native of the city. Excellent book.

Proved indispensable when planning a recent trip to Edinburgh. All the big attractions are here, but it also ventures off the beaten path to highlight the city's hidden gems (many of which my girlfriend, a proud native of Edinburgh, was unfamiliar with). It's packed full of information and practical advice on where to stay and what to get up to. Visiting some of the film locations was a lot of fun, and my stomach greatly appreciated the chip shop guide!

I found this such a great book to have and read before my trip to Edinburgh. It reminded me of how the Lonely Planet books were at the beginning. The sort of travel books you would read, even if you

were n't going to the place. Lots of fun, and not just aimed at 20 and 30-somethings. More cities please.

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