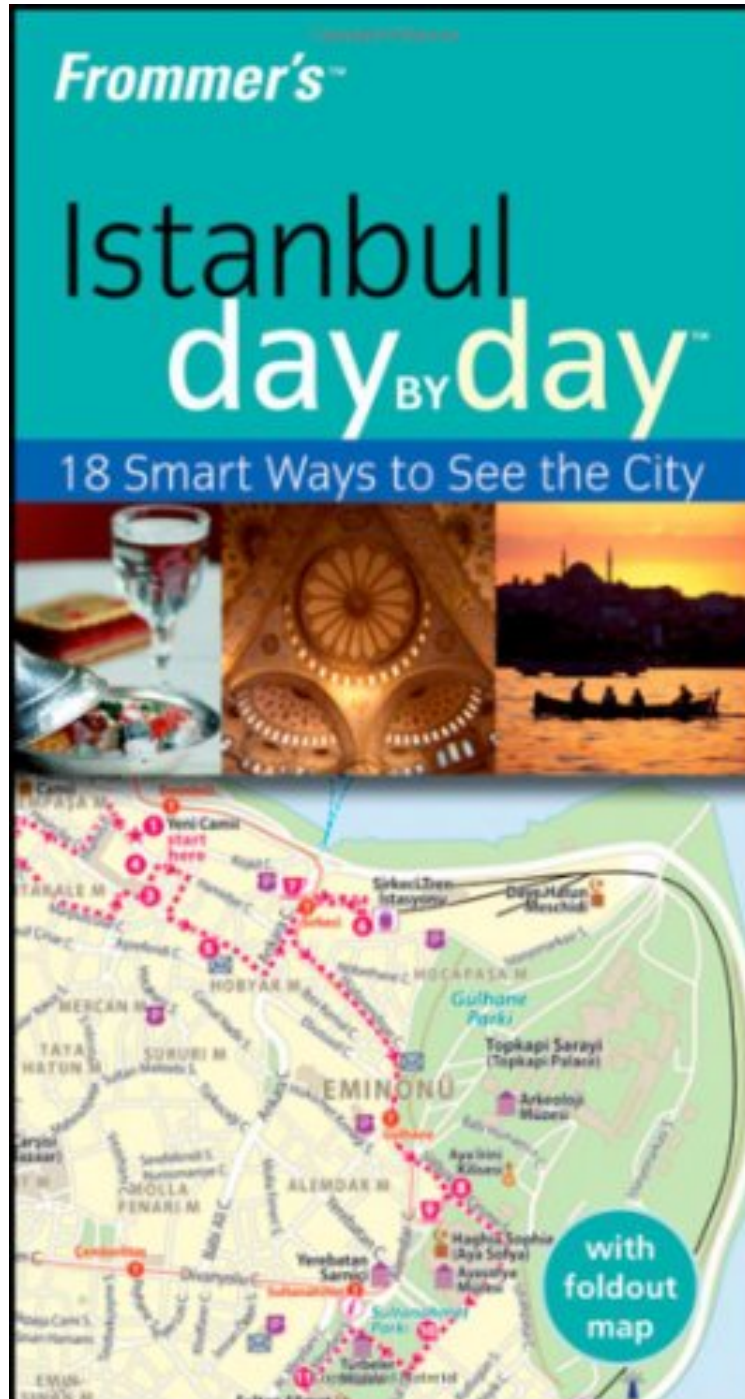


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Emma Levine : Frommer's Istanbul Day by Day (Frommer's Day by Day - Pocket) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Frommer's Istanbul Day by Day (Frommer's Day by Day - Pocket):

2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Decent + Nice Public Transport Map
By raven
I went to Istanbul for a week and I brought two guidebooks (this one and the Rick Steves' Istanbul) and two language books. This book had everything I wanted to see, but I found that the other book was more readable and generally more rounded. I appreciated the maps, which were all quite clear, but when I got to Istanbul I found that I needed something more detailed (with all the small side streets named), so I acquired a full street map. This basically sums to the fact that, for information about the sites, I used a different book, and for information on how to get to the sites, I used a different map. So, overall, I ended up hardly using the book at all. The one very useful feature of this book, and the only reason I carried it around every day, was the small, clear, and concise public transportation map which flipped out from the cover. I can hardly express how useful this was for getting around the city, but as this was hardly the main thrust of the book, I don't think it should change my rating much. I do think that some of the "themed" tourist information would be of interest to certain people, but I personally didn't use it.
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Useful for mysteries
By S. Price
We bought this to follow Barbara Nadel's books. The little map is just right to read with and so is the price. Easier than using Google maps.
0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Everything I ever needed and more!
By Erika B.
I have to say, this is my 3rd Frommer's "Day by Day" guide so this review is probably very partial. I bought this for my 5-day, 5-night trip to Istanbul. And I am telling you, this is all you need. The maps are very easy to understand. It tells you the times the attractions are open and even though some of the prices are not accurate, it still gives you a nice broad idea of the places. If you're like me who likes to just have a nice check list and not plan too much, then this is for you. The tram and subway lines are also marked which really helped. Trust me when I say this - I am very bad at directions. But I never got lost using this guide. The back part has some nice tips on how to travel cheap. My favorite is the language page--- definitely helped when I was dining out. Locals love it when you know how to say "Hello" or "Thank you" in their language and this book provides translation and more. **BEST PART: PHONETIC TRANSLATION IS PROVIDED** so you won't be humiliating yourself. But this and you'll be set.

Contains fun, interesting, and surprising choices of places to see and things to do when visiting Turkey's largest city
Suggests popular sights around Sultanahmet, such as the splendor of Topkapi Palace, the mystery of Basilica Cistern, the excitement of the Grand Bazaar, the modernity of Beyoglu, the culture of Taksim, the serenity of the Blue Mosque, the beauty of the Hagia Sophia, and the peacefulness of Sahaflar Carsisi
Details spectacular walking tours, vibrant bazaars, unique shopping locations, tremendous dining, lively nightlife, serene mosques, and more
Features special interest tours such as Topkapi Palace, Modern Istanbul, Jewish Heritage, Byzantine Beauties and Istanbul with Kids
Details great neighbourhood walking tours of Istiklal Caddesi, Eyup, Tunel to Karakoy, Fener Balat and Eminonu to Sultanahmet
Offers day trips to Gulhane Park, Edirne and Princes' Islands.

From the Back Cover
At last, a travel guide that tells you how to see the best of everything in the smartest, most time-efficient way. The best of Istanbul in one, two, or three days
Thematic tours for every interest, schedule, and taste
Hundreds of evocative photos
Bulletheaded maps that show you how to go from place to place
Hotels, restaurants, shopping, and nightlife for all budgets
A tear-resistant foldout map enclosed in a handy plastic wallet you can also use for tickets and souvenirs
About the Author
Emma was born in Yorkshire, England, and fell in love with Istanbul on her first real traveling in 1989, as a student. Since then, she lived in Hong Kong and India and worked as a sports photographer and author, specialising in Indian cricket culture and always happy to explain the rules of cricket to the uninitiated. Author of books including *A Game of Polo with a Headless Goat*, depicting her journey around Asia discovering traditional sports, and writer and presenter of documentaries for National Geographic channel, she is now based in London but still travels far and wide. Emma is the author and photographer for *Dublin Day by Day*.