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Michael Middleditch : The London Mapguide before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The London Mapguide:

10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. The Best London MapBy JLDLFI absolutely LOVE this London map and it is the third version I've purchased. I love that the maps are so well detailed with plenty of information about various venues, businesses, tourist attractions, bus routes, tube stops, hotels, restaurants, pubs and other items (post offices, churches, markets, pharmacies, etc.) within the maps. It also includes information on tourist venues, parks, markets, including hours and location information so you don't necessarily need to bring with you a separate tourist guide. Given how vast London is with plenty of nooks and crannies, this Map Guide shows you everything in a compact book. I highly recommend it.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Of many maps, this is the one I carried every day in LondonBy Free Range Clickin'When planning my latest trip to London, I overindulged when it came to buying maps - and I already owned a few small A to Z and similar maps/mapbooks from earlier visits. I took only a few maps with me, including this one, and I'm very glad that I took it.For some reason it didn't spark my interest all that much when I was leafing through it in my living room. But when I got to London and was heading out of my hotel room for the tube station? I always slipped this one into my bag. I noticed some other tourists using it too.It's small and light enough to carry easily, and the pages are easy to comprehend with a few glances while out and about. No need to stop and nearly squint to make out streets, place names, intersections, etc., because the pages are larger than the "pocket sized" A to Z type books/booklets. Nor were there any pages to unfold and fight with. Just a lightweight simple book format. It's a great size and scale for on-the-go use. I was able to find almost every street or

court I needed in it, although I believe it's somewhat simplified (several times I looked for an obscure small "mews" or "way" off a listed street and didn't find it, perhaps my fault and perhaps because it was omitted from the map). But this is a mapguide for travelers, not a detailed map for residents - and I assume the makers sacrificed some detail in the interests of readability. Mine is marked up with notes and routes from my last visit, and will get more annotations as I plan my next trip. I agree with other reviewers who said that if the book covered more area, it would become too large to carry easily. It covers the central areas of London which are most visited by travelers. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Minor problems, otherwise a great resource. By BrainySmurf. Let's get the minor problems out of the way first. 1a. The map of the Underground system does not include the Overground lines which, while not generally needed by a tourist, are helpful to know about and part of that system. Problem 1b is that the Underground map also does not reflect that the Circle Line is no longer just a circle, but continues on to Hammersmith, making it more of a lasso these days. Again, not typically a problem for the average tourist, but given the Olympics 2012 logo on the cover it's odd to me that they couldn't be bothered to get the most up to date Underground map from Transport for London. I believe this reflects a lazy publisher who does not place a priority on making sure things are current (except the Olympics logo to sell more copies). 2. You really need to have a second map that gives you a broad geographic overview of the city so that you understand how this map-book works. I ended up getting the Streetwise London for this purpose, but it's too small to be really useful. What it did help me with was understanding how each spread in this book relates to the overall layout of the city as a whole. After a little study time I got used to it, but this is not a map for people who get confused easily by maps. 3. There's no map for Greenwich but there is one for Hampstead Heath. This hardly seems fair considering there's more in Greenwich for most tourists. 4. It can't get you to Abbey Road, just misses that little corner in the area it covers. Now for the advantages of this map. 1. It's inconspicuous and easy to fold the book in half and slip into your day bag for ready access. You also don't look like a tourist unfurling a huge map on the crowded pavement. 2. Because of the way it breaks the city up into 2 page spreads you get a more legible map and that makes it much easier to navigate once you are on the right page. It's easy to read in a hurry and that counts for a lot. Overall I was happy once I got the hang of it and used it as my primary map around town, but you may find that you need a second map for certain things. I have yet to find the perfect map for London, but this one was worth buying. Get comfortable with it before you arrive and it will serve you well.

Great London Map guide from 2000.