

The Curious Shopper's Guide to New York City: Inside Manhattan's Shopping Districts

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This unique guide explores and demystifies the quirky shopping districts of New York City, uncovering fantastic deals

and services in fun and unusual locations. The specialty shopping districts of New York City devoted to goods as diverse as flowers, designer fabrics, and antique jewelry are intriguing, sometimes intimidating, yet can provide some of the best shopping in the world. Some offer bargains, others a staggering variety, some pride themselves on customer service, at others-- fuggedaboutit! With *The Curious Shoppers Guide* in hand, you can find yourself before the sun comes up buying flowers elbow-to-elbow with the poshest party planners in the city. Then journey down to the Lower East Side where undergarment shops dating from the turn of the century cater to both hard-to-fit customers and the neighborhoods bustier-wearing hipsters. Author Pamela Keech navigates these quirky enclaves, pointing out the best, the most unique, the wholesalers happy to sell retail, and the personality and protocols of each, along with the fascinating histories of how all of these districts came to be. The districts described in the guide include: antiques, fabrics (upholstery and dressmaking); lingerie; kitchenware; musical instruments; paper goods, art supplies and printing; buttons, ribbon, and trimmings; mid-century and older antiques; flowers and plants. Each chapter is chock-a-block with dozens of shops, related establishments, and where to eat nearby. Looking for: A one-of-a-kind French chandelier fashioned from antique forks and spoons? A case of I Love NY paper cups? Vintage linoleum flooring? A custom bridal veil? A case of champagne flutes? A wood-burning pizza oven? Karaoke equipment? An antique copper bathtub? Mid-century Danish art pottery? French ribbon embroidered with Renaissance motifs? Japanese seed beads? New York City has got it all, and thousands more equally exotic and utilitarian items, and *The Curious Shoppers Guide to New York City* will tell you where to find them.

"As long as "little" is the operative word of the day, the Little Bookroom covers its bases with two types of New York shopping guides. Travelers with a casual interest in shopping might enjoy "*The Curious Shopper's Guide to New York City*" by Pamela Keech (\$12.95; 352 pages). By culling each neighborhood's best offerings and leaving out the rest, it makes room for some enlightening background along with the meaty details, glossy photos and buying tips that shoppers live by." -*The San Francisco Chronicle* "A gem of a book no bigger than a knish." --*The Boston Globe* "A lovely gem of a book, *The Curious Shopper's Guide* presents Manhattan in its entire specialty-shopping glory. Need kitchenware? Go to the Bowery. Need underwear? The Lower East Side. It's 47th Street for a day or afternoon exploring the Diamond District. Keech (*The Civilized Shopper's Guide to Rome*) details each shopping area, showing how to walk it and including select restaurant suggestions to complement the excursion. A welcome addition to libraries..." --*Library Journal* "*The Curious Shopper's Guide to New York City* is a chunky little book that a rapid shopper in New York City can slip into a purse and wield as a secret weapon. Some of the best shopping in the world can be found in the Big Apple." --*Pittsburgh Tribune* "Want to dig into New York City's unique shopping districts? *The Curious Shopper's Guide to New York City* is the perfect tool for uncovering great shops around Manhattan, whether you're looking for fabrics and notions, art supplies, flowers, lighting, kitchenwares or anything else." --*About.com* "In addition to the design, I also love the structure of this book. It is organized by historic shopping districts, and one can easily flip through and read about where to traditionally buy items ranging from undergarments on the Lower East Side to antiques in Chelsea. Friendly descriptions are included for relevant stores, and the author focuses as much on the retailers' histories as she does on their goods and services. I would say this little book is a must have resource for designers who live in New York City." --*CRIT Design* "Looking for a 2-foot lacquered sushi boat or antique ribbon? How about a feather mask, a zebra hide or a lampshade custom-made from parchment? Perhaps a vintage accordion or Chilean goat-toe shaker (a rhythm instrument) would bring out your inner musician. All of the above and many other exotic and unusual items can be found for sale in New York. And a new book called *The Curious Shopper's Guide to New York City: Inside Manhattan's Shopping Districts*, by Pamela Keech, can help you find them." --*Associated Press* "Hundreds of superb listings of all sorts of shops. Probably one of the most useful guidebooks to come across Gridskipper's desk, author Pamela Keech exhaustively lists where one may purchase fabric, furniture, baubles, trinkets, clocks, knives, pillows, lighting and yes, even deer heads." --*Gridskipper* For pocket-sized, covetable books, turn to *The Little Bookroom*. Vogue [UK] About the Author PAMELA KEECH is an artist, the consulting curator at the Lower East Side Tenement Museum in New York City, and an expert on the material culture of the poor and working classes. She regularly haunts flea markets and antique shops in search of period furnishings for museums and historic houses. She is a Fellow of the American Antiquarian Society and the American Academy in Rome and co-author of *The Civilized Shoppers Guide to Rome*. She lives in New York.