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# Quiet Amsterdam



## **Synopsis**

Amsterdam is renowned for its beautiful gabled canal houses and is perfect for sightseeing by bicycle. But it can be daunting to find yourself in a long queue to see the artworks in world-famous museums. Aware of the city's hidden secrets, Amsterdam-based writer Siobhan Wall invites readers to seek out more than one hundred idyllic and rarely-seen places. Quiet Amsterdam tells you where to find small shops and intriguing galleries, as well as restaurants and bars which don't play music. It encourages both visitors and locals to wander away from the crowds for peaceful walks in little-known woods and gardens. A perfect book for anyone who wants to discover serene and restful spaces amid the hustle and bustle of this fascinating city.

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Siobhan Wall is a writer and artist. She initially studied at Cambridge University, followed by a degree in Fine Art at Central St Martin's College of Art and Design, and an MA (Distinction) in Visual Culture at Middlesex University, London. Siobhan has worked as a senior lecturer, teaching photography, cultural studies, video production and fine art for over ten years at universities in

London and Oxford. The author of numerous articles on contemporary art published by international journals (Eyemazing, Framework, Ceramics Art and Perception, etc.), more recently Siobhan has curated group exhibitions for British museums and galleries. Her paintings have also been included in group shows at the Whitechapel Art Gallery and the ICA, London and she has two works in the permanent collection of women's art at New Hall, Cambridge. Siobhan is the author of *Quiet Amsterdam* (9780711233423) and *Quiet London* (9780711231900).

It's exactly what I want for my next trip to Amsterdam. Amsterdam is such a busy and fast paced city (and I live in NYC) that knowing where to find a place that allows one to step out of the stream -so to speak- is a big plus.

Very nicely put together guide to the city of Amsterdam. Written by an author actually living in the city, it has the feel of a private guide to places that a lot of the more recognised sources won't 'bother' to get to. In a small square format it features sections on museums, libraries, parks and gardens, places of worship, bookshops, cafes or restaurants, galleries, and places to sit, or places by the water. There is also a section on small hotels and b&b's - this latter section being full of places with much character and offering a unique experience to a variety of tastes. My one main criticism would be the disappointing maps in the early pages - not really good enough to use without resorting to either online solutions or a better physical map. That said, it is a very pleasant little guide with a lot to offer in its 144 pages. The photographs are a good mix of colour and b&w, and all in all the design of the book is good. I hope to visit the Netherlands again this year so will look forward to visiting some of these lesser-known places, and will also keep an eye out for the London version by the same author in the same series.

I used to enjoy hanging out in my favorite quiet places in Amsterdam: the Spa Zuvier, Brasserie Bark, the Noorderpark, etc. But they're not quiet anymore, on account of this book! Now they're jam-packed with tourists, all of whom are clutching a copy of this volume in their hands. Thanks a lot, Wall.

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