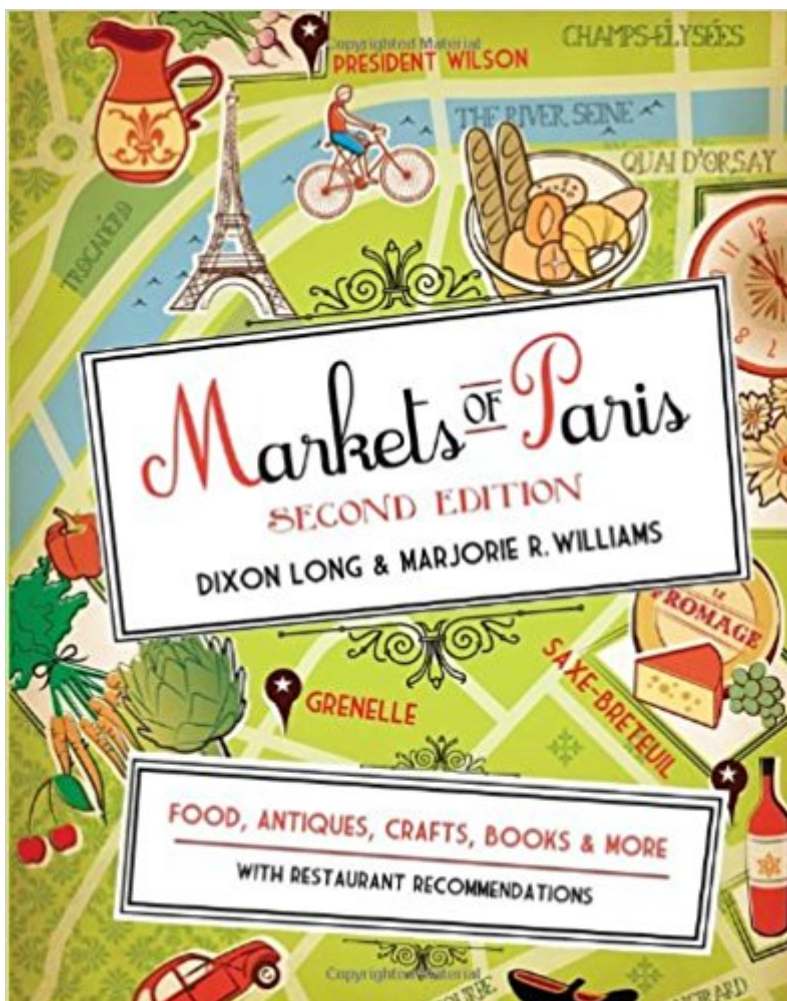


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# Markets Of Paris, 2nd Edition: Food, Antiques, Crafts, Books, And More



## Synopsis

The food scene in Paris has changed dramatically since 2006, when *Markets of Paris* was first published. Yes, the same markets are held in the same locales as always—literally, for centuries—but many have undergone a remarkable transformation led by a young generation of purveyors focused, even more than their predecessors, on local and organic (œbio•) produce. *Markets of Paris*, 2nd Edition revisits and updates the entire market scene in Paris, with 12 new entries and 10 new sidebars, including Virtual Markets and Market Streets, Markets Open on Sunday, Artisan Bakers, Getting Along in the Food Markets, Brocante Fairs, and more. One of them, *Cooking in Paris*, gives information about lessons and workshops offered in home kitchens, bakeries, restaurants, and even wine stores. • Updates focus on the most interesting vendors and most unique and enticing offerings to be found at each locale, including prepared food that can be eaten on the spot. In keeping with growing interest in knowing where food comes from, the authors include profiles and photos of farmers and other artisanal suppliers behind the best food stalls. • One of the biggest changes in the Paris market scene in recent years has been the spike of interest in organic, reflected in the popularity of the Raspail organic market. At one time a fringe offshoot of the regular Raspail market, this Sunday market has fully come into its own. It attracts a large and loyal clientele; of three organic markets in the city, it's certainly the largest and most widely known. Often it's referred to as œLe Marchœ Bio,• and many claim it's the crœme de la crœme of all Paris's markets. • Restaurant listings have been updated, too, with 15 new additions that have been chosen because of their new-generation chefs' approach to fresh ingredients or their proximity to featured markets. A new section titled *If You Have Limited Time* directs the visitor to the most interesting markets near his or her accommodations. Another section, *Practical Suggestions*, addresses common questions such where to get local currency, which map of Paris is the best and most convenient, and business hours for different kinds of shops, stalls, and restaurants. Finally, the book has been reorganized by arrondissement to be more user friendly, and it has a brand-new look with all new photos and a refreshed, modernized design.

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Perhaps the most pleasurable way for anyone to experience Paris is to meander through its charming markets. Markets of Paris, 2nd Edition, visits more than one hundred, including open-air food markets, historic covered markets, and the city's legendary flea, antique, craft and ephemera markets. You'll discover a wide variety of unique items, from antique books and botanical prints to regional crafts and flea market finds, as well as gourmet items and the bounty of the French countryside. Organized by arrondissement for easy planning, descriptions help travelers plan where to go, what to expect, and which specialties to seek out while there. This unique guide provides an

unforgettable and inspired way to experience the local culture.

I agree with each positive review I have read about this guide. But what could have been the best guide to Paris markets and a source of captivating facts suffers from a decision which considerably impairs its usefulness. This weakness has been mentioned in at least one of the negative reviews. The texts are excellent: informative, colorful, and detailed. The photography is stunning. Graphic illustrations are superior. Unfortunately, an apparent attempt to make the size of the volume convenient for travelers has resulted in the use of a spidery lightface font of such small size as to make it extremely difficult if not nearly impossible to consult while walking, riding on a bus or the Metro, in a taxi or just in low light. It's a shame, because the content of this little guide is exceptional and the authors are to be congratulated for their labors. I lived in Paris, have visited many of the markets covered, and co-authored a series of guidebooks to Paris hotels and restaurants so I know how equally important this little guide is to both the traveler and to a resident and how much effort it took to prepare it. Note: I have seen only the second edition and do not know if the first edition may have had a more readable font.

What I love about this book is that it takes you to parts of the real Paris where people live and work. Some of the markets have been going hundreds of years - and they sell everything from antiques to live animals with soaps, cheeses, fish, vegetables, books, pictures, and thousands of other things, many of them home made or home grown. Here you will meet Parisians you can enjoy, not surly taxi drivers or waiters but real people like you and I. They may change your opinion about Paris and the French....I recommend you add this book to your other guide books.

I just returned from a trip to Paris where I put this incredible book to good use. I spent a week there - some time with a friend, some time on my own, and some time with my son who was studying abroad and joined me for a few days. I put the book through its paces by visiting a different Parisian market each day of the week and organized my Paris exploration around those locations, as the author suggests. It worked like a charm! The markets gave me an insight into Parisian life and a travel experience that went well beyond the usual touristy spots. Markets of Paris was an invaluable resource. The authors descriptions, advice, maps, and handy tips made it all very do-able and the book's handy size fit easily in my backpack. I didn't have any trouble with the type size, as other reviewers have mentioned. While in Paris, I even located a couple of particular vendors they feature in the book who were charming and pleased to be remembered. My son had fun exploring the

markets as well and we both found interesting and unusual gifts to bring home to family and friends. I highly recommend it!

great tour book

This lovely book was our go-to guide on a recent trip to Paris. We rented an apartment for a week and went to different markets on several days to buy yummy things for the several meals we had at home. Looking through the book and choosing the markets to go to and then visiting them was a highlight of the trip for our almost 11 year old grandson, second only to the Eiffel Tower as a trip favorite. We found the book to be well-organized and easy to use, and the information up-to-the-minute. That said, this book is also great fun to browse through even if you have no immediate plans to visit Paris. The photos are lovely and the descriptions of all the things available are engaging and tantalizing. I'm buying several copies for gifts.

This book was interesting introduction to the markets of Paris. I did like that it listed markets by arrondissements however I wish it also had an index by day of the week so if you had a free day you would know who or where a market was on that day and or time. We found we missed markets because we didn't know ahead of time what market was open what day. Overall all a good book but heavy for such a small size. Not good for toting around in a purse which was my intention (the wife)

I needed the locations, descriptions, and open hours for markets and restaurants near an apartment in Le Marais. This is the perfect guide for anyone who desires to buy their own food, or fresh gift baskets, while in Paris. The bistro and brasserie descriptions are equally helpful for all those times when you are out enjoying the city. The opening chapters a full of guidance for how to operate cordially and effectively in markets. I especially appreciate the organization by arrondissement as well as listing the closest metro stations for each establishment.

Love this Paris guide. I was looking for the best Flea-Markets and this was exactly what I needed. Directions, hours and ratings.

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