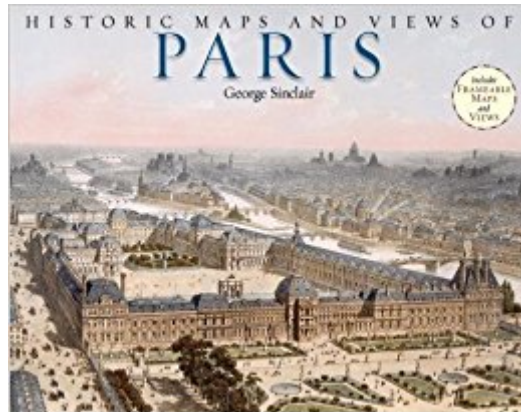




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I like the prints very much, and some of them I will frame. I was disappointed in the captions after I found some errors. The most obvious one is "The Palace of the Louvre, 1880," also used as the cover illustration. Obviously this print should not be dated 1880 because it depicts the Tuileries Palace that burned down during the Paris Commune in 1871. This was a huge event in the history of Paris, and I don't understand how the editor could have overlooked the error.

I bought this for my dad for his birthday because he loves antique maps. I originally saw this book in the gift shop at Ste. Chappelle in Paris, but figured I could find a better deal on (as I was able to do). The maps do a great job of demonstrating the growth of Paris over the centuries, and the bilingual explanations are interesting and relevant. The book itself arrived in great condition.

Just what we were looking for - we have three of these hanging in our bedroom. The paper is nice and thick. Colors are vivid where applicable. A couple of the images aren't my personal taste, but there are enough different ones that everyone should be able to find a few favorites. Easy to use as they are a standard size - in fact, I found my frames for a dollar each at a yard sale and spray-painted them black. Good deal.

I primarily purchased this book to select 8 of the maps for framing and then hanging in my home. I was not disappointed. Each page is of excellent quality and detailed. Also, it was fun to look at the maps to see how Paris has grown to what it is now. Highly recommend this book as a way to add inexpensive art to your home. Once framed and hung, they really look like expensive pieces of art.

I was hoping that the maps would be more street maps of old Paris. There is a mix of different types of maps. They are beautiful but not 100% of what I was looking for.

I love these prints!

This book does not deliver what can be expected from the eye-catching cover page. It does include 24 large size views of Paris but most are of limited quality or interest. The captions, in English, French and German, are very short and poorly written. Worse, they include obvious mistakes confusing, for instance, rue du Faubourg Montmartre with the Montmartre District 1 km to the North. Sadly, this work can hardly be recommended to anyone.

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