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Phantom Gourmet Guide To Boston's Best Restaurants



Synopsis

Boston's well-known "mysterious" food critic has honed his compendium of restaurant knowledge into his selection of the Boston area's best restaurants. The Phantom lists his favorite eight (also known as the "Great Ate") restaurants in 60 categories from comfort food and fried clams to Chinese and Italian. There are also lists devoted to neighborhoods and regions, from the North End to the North Shore. The nearly 500 restaurant reviews are also catalogued in alphabetical, geographical, and cuisine indexes for easy reference. Unlike the competition, this book has a voice and exhibits the well-respected local expertise of the Phantom Gourmet himself. Moreover, rather than list every restaurant under the sun, the Phantom selects the places he feels are worthwhile and explains why, giving restaurant-goers more guidance when they're looking for a place to eat.

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Customer Reviews

"A must-read for foodies all over Boston." --Pat Purcell, President and Publisher of Herald Media, Inc. (The Boston Herald)"In its second year, the Phantom Gourmet Food Festival on Lansdowne Street next to Fenway Park became the premiere food and restaurant event in Boston. When the Phantom speaks, the people have spoken." --Patrick Lyons, President of The Lyons Group and Boston's "nightlife guru" according to The Boston Globe"With the syndicated television marketplace loaded with silly reality shows, Phantom Gourmet stands out as local relevant and compelling content that connects the viewer to fun places they may want to experience." --Julio Marenghi, President of CBS4, UPN38, and UPN28"The Phantom Gourmet understands what makes

restaurants tick and knows what each one does best. The Phantom Gourmet's Guide to Boston's Best Restaurants is a wonderful resource for locals and visitors alike." --Jasper White, Chef at Summer Shack and James Beard Award-winning "Best Chef in the Northeast" in 2004

The Phantom Gourmet is an anonymous New England restaurant critic who dines in disguise, never revealing his identity and always paying his own bills. He is thus able to serve up the most honest and trustworthy restaurant reviews through his television, radio, and newspaper outlets.

I am big fan of Phantom's reviews and taste in food. Unlike Zagat etc, this is not made for tourists and flashy places get no advantage: food matters most. Phantom exposes the hole-in-the-wall places with the best food in the Boston and surrounding area and still reviews the expensive and touristy places as well. The book is like a pocket reference to years of Phantom reviews. You would have to watch his show for years to learn what is presented in this \$10 book. Extremely well organized, restaurants are organized not only by neighborhood, but by food type (Great 8) as well. Keep the book around for quick reference, and any night you aren't quite sure where you want to go out to eat, pick it up and try something new.

Great item, fast shipping.

They now update "the greatest restaurant guides" yearly and this version wasn't very informational. I wasted \$8, should have purchased a zagats or the 2013 guide.

Great way to find out about restaurants you would otherwise never hear of. Experiences at reviewed restaurants may not be exactly as reviewers'- either better or worse. Be prepared for adventure-not always the nicest neighborhoods.

I have been watching Dave and Dan Andelman for *years*, and they really pick the great restaurants in New England! Well done!

I just picked this book up the other day. I'm an avid viewer of the Phantom Gourmet program broadcast here in Boston and saw they had they put together a restaurant guide. I just had to pick it up to see what the book entailed. I was extremely delighted in the content of this book. It is way much more in depth than the Zagat's survey restaurant guide and really explains the kind of

atmosphere that you will experience in each dining venue. There are some great hideaway places in the book as well that I am intrigued about and am looking forward to trying out. The reviews listed in the Phantom Gourmet Guide are definitely worth the read for fellow food fanatics. I would recommend this book to anyone who has an enormous appetite for trying new and interesting foods.

It was the biggest night of my life. I had her father's permission, a beautiful shiny ring and the confidence inside to ask for her hand in marriage. The only thing I was worried about now was where I would take her to make this dream of mine come true. It was so important to me to make this evening the most special, romantic and memorable one in her life. I wanted Jana to remember this night forever. With the help of the Phantom and the Gourmet Guide to Boston's Best Restaurants, I found myself on one knee in a glorious garden patio with sparkling lights surrounding us. It was a truly magical setting. The entire waitstaff waited in anticipation to hear the answer to the question I have been wanting to ask since I was a boy. "Will you marry me?" Thank you Phantom! It was the greatest night of my life. And yes, you are invited to the wedding.

Unlike Zagat's, the Phantom's guide is easy to navigate and features a logical scoring system. To answer the previous reviewer's question, the Phantom is definitely one person and hasn't even met with the Andelman's in person since he/she was hired. As for considering chain food haute cuisine, that just isn't true - one of the good things about this book is that it rates ALL kinds of food, from simple chain slop to the finest dining. Its inclusiveness is part of what makes it great. To anyone living in or visiting Boston, this guide is a must.

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