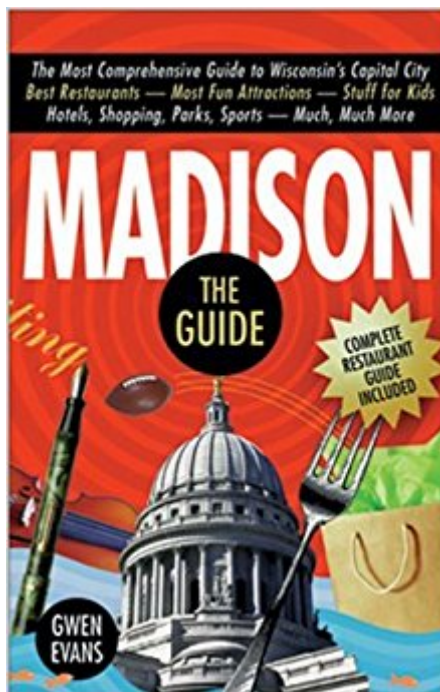


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Madison: The Guide



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The one-and-only complete guide to Madison, Wisconsin.

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"Just when you think you know everything about Madison, along comes Gwen Evans. The Madison native has produced a nifty guide to the city that will be an excellent resource for longtime residents as well as clueless visitors." "The Capital Times

Gwen Evans is the author of the Madison Restaurant Guide and regularly contributes restaurant features to Madison's local daily newspapers and radio. She lives in Madison, Wisconsin.

The five-star reviews that have been posted so far are highly exaggerated--this book is simply not that great! I am moving to Madison and will buy another book. It's not that this book is so bad, either--it provides some nice tidbits about restaurants and things to do. But there are some major shortcomings that must be pointed out. First problem (and this is a big one): the map in this book is absolutely awful. There is only ONE map in the entire book and the print on it is so small that it is illegible. This makes many of the references to neighborhoods, parks, restaurants (places in general) kind of useless. There is no way to see where these places are, relative to each other! Call me crazy, but I thought that being able to find your way around was kind of the point of buying a guidebook. Second (related) problem: for someone relocating to an area, which is another major reason to buy a guidebook, it would have been useful to read a summary of the different

neighborhoods. No such introduction or chapter exists in this book. Instead, the chapters are organized as lists of things to do, with references to different neighborhoods throughout the text. From everything I've heard about Madison, it's neighborhoods are distinctive with their own charm--I would like to have been able to learn more about how they differ from each other. This book is "a" guide, but certainly not "the" guide, as it claims. I wish I could get my money back and invest in some maps instead.

As a recent transplant to Madison, I find this guide very helpful. All facets of the city are explored, with advice on where to eat, what to do, and how much it will cost. So far I have found all the information to be current.

Zane Williams has beautifully captured an idealized view of an America place with more than its fair share of fans. Madison, like any city, has many faces; this is the one we enjoy seeing. Those who have never visited will find it hard to believe a small midwestern city could have so much worth taking pictures of; those who live here, or used to, will recognize much of it and want a copy to keep with their favorite family photos.

I received this book at my going away party. Talk about a great book! It really helped with knowing what there is to do in the city since I was moving here alone and didn't know anyone. It made the transition a lot easier. And I'm ordering more for my family so they know what there is to do when they visit.

Madison is the capital of the 'Badger State', the home city of the University of Wisconsin network, a place of culture, art, literature, architecture, athletics, and community that makes it a very special part of the Wisconsin landscape. Now all these and more are memorialized a collection of full color images by Zane Williams in "Madison", a newly published volume of outstanding photography published by the Wisconsin Historical Society Press. Showcasing Madison's people and places, this is a superbly produced and highly recommended addition to personal and Wisconsin community library collections.

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