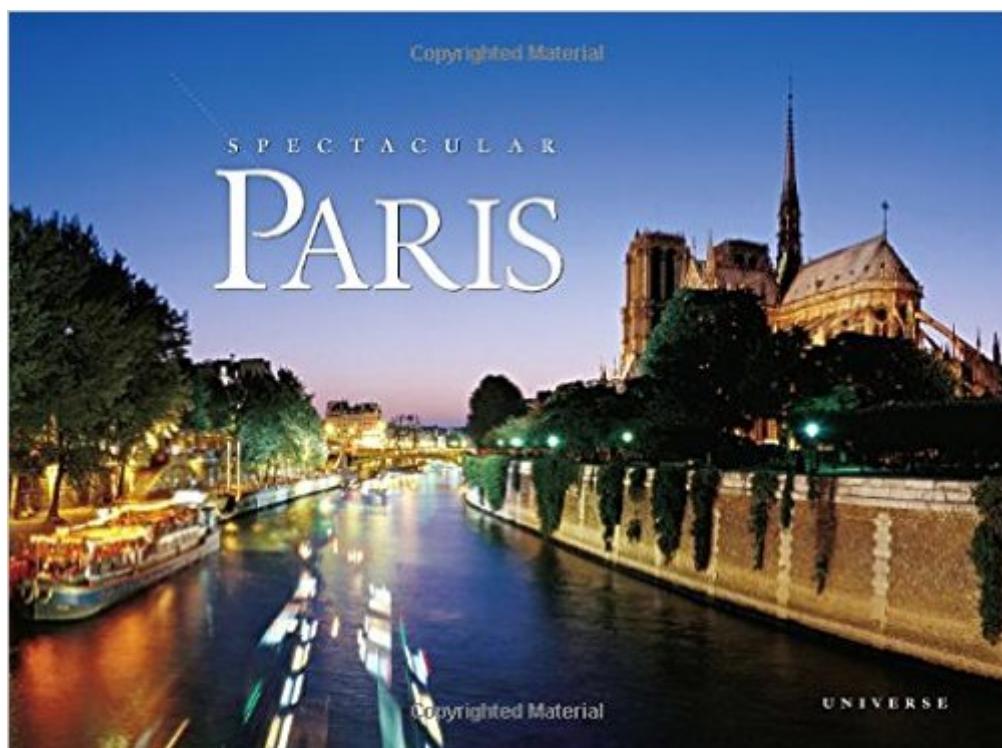


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# Spectacular Paris (Rizzoli Classics)



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An outstanding gift or souvenir in a new affordable package, Spectacular Paris celebrates all that shines in the wonderful City of Light. In this celebration and photographic portrait, Spectacular Paris brings the best of this awe-inspiring city into sharp focus, capturing the unending beauty, lure, culture, and magnificence of this unique city. Paris is home to some of the world's greatest landmarks, including the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, the Cathedral of Notre-Dame, and the Pantheon. There is hardly any corner in Paris where you are not confronted with beauty and decor: it is layered with architectural history and culture, and has magnificently decorated buildings of royal, religious, and secular purpose at every turn and corner. Ancient, Gothic, Renaissance, baroque, and modern architecture meld together in a city laid out upon the banks of the Seine. This is the perfect book for those who have been captured by the romance and beauty of Paris.

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## Customer Reviews

Wow! The photography is wonderful and the wide pages (12 X 16) give the photographers, six given credit, the space they need to show off their truly impressive work. Those of Arnaud Frich are especially beautiful to me. The book is well organized, with chapters on History, Ile de La CiteÂ© and Ile St Louis, The Right Bank, The Left Bank, The Making of Modern Paris and one called simply City Life. The text includes a succinct and in my opinion well done history of Paris. To me the star of the book is still the photos which show off the city, yes, at its most spectacular. The book could have probably been even longer. One annoyance is the spelling of magasin, repeatedly spelled with a "z".

I know it's pronounced that way, but a good proofreader should have caught that basic error. A book this beautiful just should not have spelling errors.

An oversized book of gorgeous photographs of Paris. This will be a true reminder of my six trips to Paris. Best I have seen. Barnes & Noble said they could not order the book for me as it was "out of print" but I got it from good old . Thanks !

This spring several friends and I had the joy of visiting Paris together and for Christmas, I wanted to give them a book on Paris to remember our trip. Spectacular Paris exceeds my expectations. It is a beautiful photographic portrait of this lovely city and will bring back memories of our trip for years to come.

If it's pictures you want, then this is a delight from cover to cover, ...not only as a coffee table peruser, but also as a spectacular souvenir of a trip to Paris, ...or even inspiration for an armchair dream. The format is large, the pages glossy and the photography good to excellent of all the famous locations you were ever likely to visit. There are many double page spreads, made even more panoramic by fold out flaps at the edges of the page for the super wide view. One curiosity of this book is the way in which the views are all selected with the idea of playing down the human crowd. There are people in the shots if you look, but they are certainly not the photographer's focus, ...this is in sharp contrast to another similar book on offer, "Toujours Paris", where the human element is definitely played up, ...so you can decide which you want. I'm not sure if it was felt that including people in a book destined to be called "Spectacular Paris" was a distraction, ....would quickly date the photos by the fashion changes or it was just intended that the focus should be on one of the most spectacular cities in the world. In that reference this book certainly lives up to its name. I'm not sure just how the photographer managed to get some of the wide format shots while the location was so uninhabited, ...and if you've ever experienced the crowds you will too. The text is simple, short but informative, ....this isn't a history lesson here, the photos are the headline act, and it's easy to become engrossed in them, specially if you have been to Paris. I would definitely opt for this version rather than that offered by "Toujours Paris", ...although being an avowed "Paris-aholic", I certainly own and enjoy both. However if it's only one you want or can afford for yourself or a gift, then I think you would be hard-pressed to find a more satisfying and wondrous visual trip around the City of Light than that offered by "Spectacular Paris".

Cost me an arm-and-a-leg, this (unfortunately) out-of-print book, and .... hate so say it .... I UNDERPAID !!!!! This book is EVERYTHING GOOD about the wonderful city, Paris. You see these pictures, you want to go. Even if you cannot, this is one of a very few books on Paris which find really put you "there" and so are worth owning, so you can "be in Paris" any time you want.

I have a lot of picture books as I am a keen photographer. This book compares well to most picture books. Overall, the quality of the photos is good and some are very sharp and a few are exceptional. If you like Paris like I do, it's a decent addition to your library. We went just after Christmas and encountered mix weather with some beautiful days, some grey and one really grotty - the snow was quite nice and added its own atmosphere. In this book, it's nice to see some of the sites at their best.

I received this as a gift from my best friend, and was absolutely thrilled. The photography is top notch, and the cultural notes and history combine to make it a fantastic experience. I attended university in Paris, and miss it so much ... you truly feel like you are armchair traveling with this gorgeous book.

This book is filled with gorgeous color photos of Paris--it gives you the sense of being there in the midst of all the beauty of the architecture, the intimacy of the street cafes, the food, the people, the museums. Spectacular Paris is a wonderful reminder if you've visited the city...and a lovely preview of what is ahead of you if you're planning a visit.

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