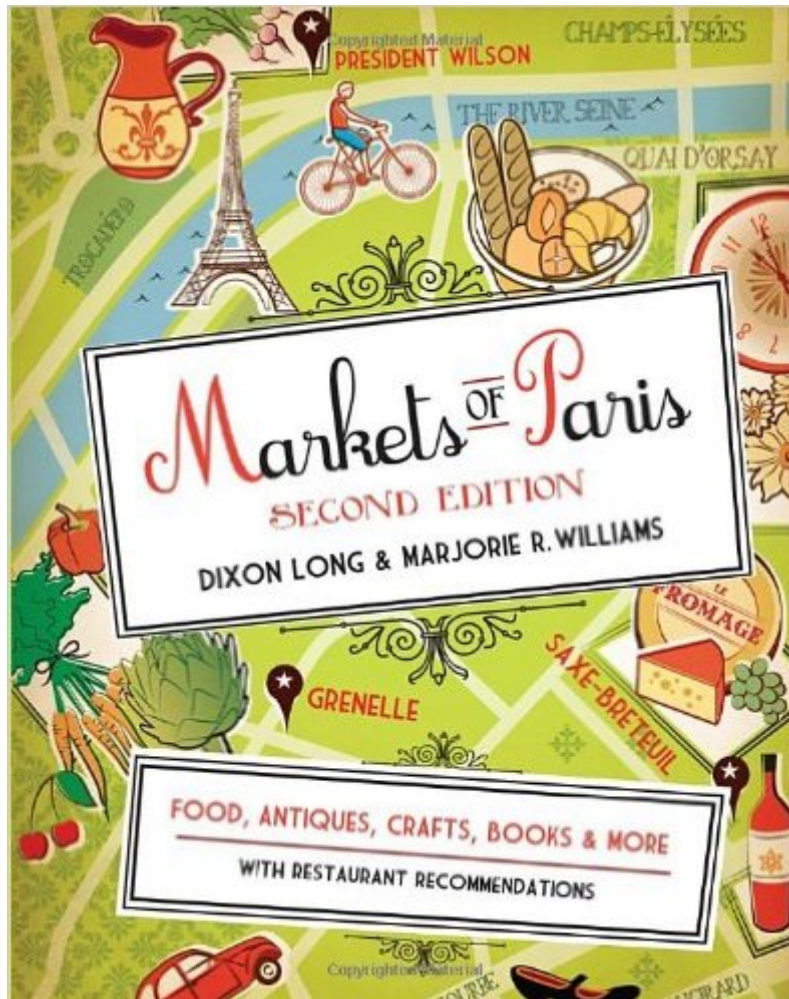


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# Markets Of Paris, 2nd Edition: Food, Antiques, Crafts, Books, And More



## 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 *Le Marché Bio*, and many claim it's the *crème de la crème* 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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## Customer Reviews

I'd been to Paris many times and thought I'd gotten to know the city pretty well. But when I saw this charming little book in my local bookstore and bought it, I discovered a Paris I'd never known existed. Pocket-sized and easy to tote around, *The Markets of Paris* offers a glimpse of Paris rarely seen by tourists and often overlooked or even unknown to some Parisians. Organized around the 20 arrondissements for easy planning, it captures the unique qualities of each market in photos and text, whether your interest is in food, clothing, antiques, crafts, books, or legendary flea markets. It's the perfect companion! No one visiting - or living in - Paris should be without this guide. I can't wait to return, and see a Paris I've missed all these years.

I found *Markets of Paris* to be very well organized and informative. Having lived there, I know how difficult it can be to understand the arrondissements/areas of the city. Dixon and Williams not only give the reader a wide selection of markets, but also include excellent visuals. Two maps, one in the front of the book and the other in the back are relevant and very helpful. Their writing is succinct and flavorful. The photos are colorful and fun to look at. Lastly they give important advice and hints to help you if you're eating out in Paris or want something to do on a Sunday. Bravo!

The new addition of *MARKETS OF PARIS* has many endearing features. For one it's lighter weight thanks to thinner weight paper, so you can take it with you yet there are 50 more pages. There are maps fore and aft in the front pages missing in the 2006 edition. It's much more user-friendly organized by area (arrondissement) rather than Paris Center-Left Bank-North-West etc. In the back of the book there's an *OPEN ON SUNDAY* list that is invaluable. Altogether a very useful book worth throwing in your suitcase.

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.

Loved it! This is a very reliable guide for the great markets of Paris, plus restaurant recommendations. The directions are great, the photos and organization of the book makes it very easy to use. It was wonderful to have the history of the places that we visited, it enriched all our adventures. Without this guide we would have walked past the wonderful passages that we enjoyed so much. It is a little treasure!

If you are a lover of Paris markets, and even if you aren't, this is a must-have book. It is small enough to put in your purse and carry with you wherever the Metro might take you. I discovered new and different markets on my visit this year and I especially like Marche Raspail which carries organic products on Sunday (along with some of the best sugar-free cookies). You will become a lover of all things Paris and wonderful market places with this small book.

The only thing that would make it better is a Kindle edition for my iPhone so I don't have to carry the book around when visiting Paris. I'd buy it again electronically. So please click the "request Kindle edition" link.

A must have pocket companion for your next trip to Paris. Has good descriptions and info on Parisian markets spread across all arrondissements with a few scattered photo's to keep you hooked and looking for more.

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