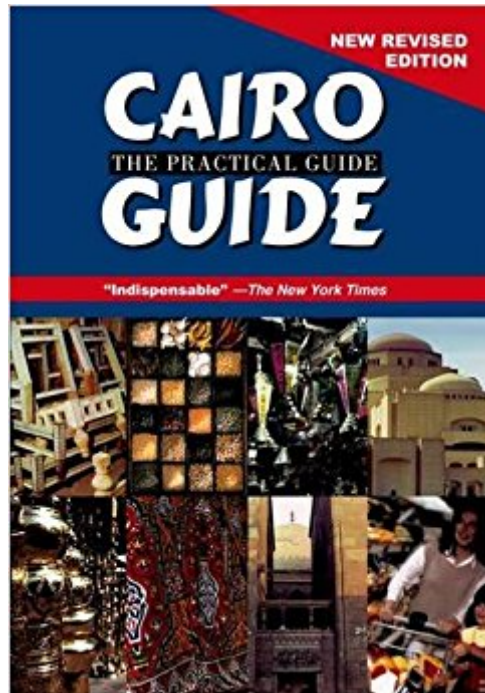




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LESLEY LABABIDI raised three children in Cairo and is the author of Silent No More: Special Needs People in Egypt (AUC Press, 2002).

While this book gave me some good information, it did not satisfy my needs as a quick traveler to Cairo. I was just staying a couple days and needed more of a tour guide book. This book, instead, gives you information as if you were planning to MOVE to Cairo. Again, it was helpful, but if you are visiting as a tourist, this is probably not the book for you.

Whether you are staying in Cairo for a week or a month - or longer - this guide can be your best assistant for all things Cairene. I lived in the city in the mid 1990s and was given a copy of an earlier edition of this guide on arrival. I used it the first day, and multiple times after. It gives all kinds of information: restaurants, shops and markets, clubs and cafes, essential clothing, climate, health information, traveling around Cairo and Egypt, and especially, important Arabic words in an easy to use construction. There are so many things that are included it is impossible to list them all. I still have my copy, and it is nearly coming apart from the use I gave it. (I look up things and take the new edition with me when I visit Cairo.) I have read and even bought a few other guides, but this one is really by far the best. Herbert L. Smith, author of "Cairo: The Mother Of The World"

Not recommended unless you live in Cairo. Not very tourist friendly. Very poor and not at all practical.

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