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THE BROOKLYN EXPERIENCE

**The Ultimate Guide to
Neighborhoods & Noshes, Culture & The Cutting Edge**

Ellen Freudenheim

“If you’ve lived in Brooklyn for generations, or arrived last month, this book is a splendid companion in the delicious task of exploring the grandest New York borough. From art and architecture to the surprise of urban zoology, everything is here: tenements and mansions, ruined alleys and great boulevards, bridges and tunnels, amazing beaches and beautiful parks, and above all, the sky. Pull up a chair and read. Even better, head for the street, this book in hand, and look around.”

—Pete Hamill, award-winning author and journalist

“A ‘must read’ resource for urban explorers, with fascinating observations by seasoned Brooklynites. Whether you need a dose of the Dodgers and Coney Island, or want to be surprised by lesser known people and places, you’ll find both here.”

—Deborah F. Schwartz, President, Brooklyn Historical Society

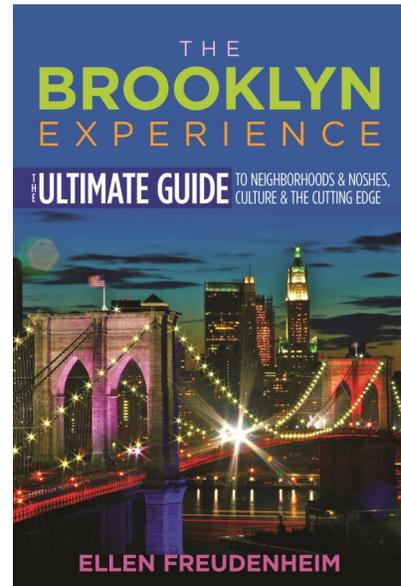
From Paris to Rio, everyone’s curious about hot, new Brooklyn. *The Brooklyn Experience*, Ellen Freudenheim’s fourth comprehensive Brooklyn guidebook, offers a true insider’s guide, complete with photographs, itineraries, and insights into one of the most creative, dynamic cities in the modern world.

Walk over the Brooklyn Bridge at dawn or sunset, discover thirty-eight unique Brooklyn neighborhoods, and experience the borough like a native. Find out where to go to the beach and to eat great pizza, what to do with the kids, how to enjoy free and cheap activities, and where to savor Brooklyn’s famous cuisines. Visit cool independent shops, greenmarkets, festivals, and delve into the vibrant new cultural scene at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, Barclays Center, and the bustling neighborhoods of DUMBO, Williamsburg, and Bushwick.

Included in the book are essays and the pithy, sometimes funny comments of sixty cultural, literary, and culinary movers and shakers, culled from exclusive interviews with experts from the James Beard Foundation to the cofounder of the famous Brooklyn Book Festival, as well as MacArthur “genius” award winners, young entrepreneurs, hipsters, and activists, all of whom have something to say about Brooklyn’s stunning renaissance. Neighborhood profiles are rich in user-friendly information and details, including movies, celebrities, and novels associated with each neighborhood. There are also 800 listings of great restaurants, bars, shops, parks, cultural institutions, and historical sites, complete with contact information.

Targeting the independent, curious traveler, *The Brooklyn Experience* includes a dozen “do-it-yourself” tours, including a visit to Woody Allen’s childhood neighborhood, and amazing Revolutionary and Civil War sites.

Freudenheim draws clear—and sometimes surprising—connections between old and new Brooklyn. Written by an author with an astounding knowledge of all Brooklyn has to offer, *The Brooklyn Experience* will guide both first-time and repeat visitors, and will be a fun resource for Brooklynites who enjoy exploring their own hometown.



ELLEN FREUDENHEIM is a freelance writer based in Brooklyn, and has published widely. She is the author of eight books including a 2004 award-winning guidebook to Brooklyn and over a thousand articles online to help visitors and residents find their way around the Big Apple’s hippest and most diverse borough. Her books include *Queens: What to Do, Where to Go (and How Not to Get Lost) in New York’s Undiscovered Borough*, and most significantly, *Brooklyn: The Ultimate Guide to New York’s Most Happening Borough*.

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