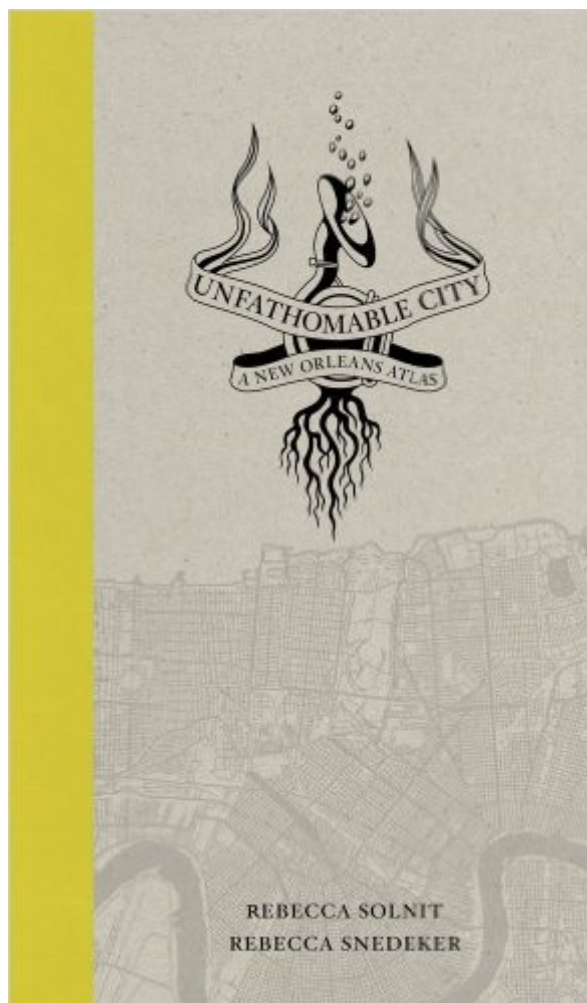


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Unfathomable City: A New Orleans Atlas



Synopsis

Like the bestselling *Infinite City: A San Francisco Atlas*, this book is a brilliant reinvention of the traditional atlas, one that provides a vivid, complex look at the multi-faceted nature of New Orleans, a city replete with contradictions. More than twenty essays assemble a chorus of vibrant voices, including geographers, scholars of sugar and bananas, the city's remarkable musicians, prison activists, environmentalists, Arab and Native voices, and local experts, as well as the coauthors'™ compelling contributions. Featuring 22 full-color two-page-spread maps, *Unfathomable City* plumbs the depths of this major tourist destination, pivotal scene of American history and culture and, most recently, site of monumental disasters such as Hurricane Katrina and the BP oil spill. The innovative maps'™ precision and specificity shift our notions of the Mississippi, the Caribbean, Mardi Gras, jazz, soils and trees, generational roots, and many other subjects, and expand our ideas of how any city is imagined and experienced. Together with the inspired texts, they show New Orleans as both an imperiled city—by erosion, crime, corruption, and sea level rise—and an ageless city that lives in music as a form of cultural resistance. Compact, lively, and completely original, *Unfathomable City* takes readers on a tour that will forever change the way they think about place.

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I'm not sure I've ever read a book that so perfectly matched the way my mind works. Travel is all about context, not about the most efficient way to get through the popular rides at Disney World. If you want to find out where to stay for Mardi Gras, don't buy this book. If you want to understand Mardi Gras as an expression of race and politics in New Orleans, click Add to Cart NOW.

I love maps, and I love new ways of seeing. This book fills both those desires, and more. I got this for a gift for my wife, a NOLA native. We both love it. It's filled with historical oddities and little-known tidbits that help explain why New Orleans is the way it is, and how the people who live there keep it such a special place. If you've ever been to New Orleans, you will love this book. If you've never been there, what's wrong with you? Get this book and discover things about New Orleans that make it even more fascinating!

This is an amazing book for those who love New Orleans or those like me who knew little to nothing. This is not necessarily a book for those looking for vacation tips for visiting New Orleans. However the history, the images, the culture, and the true New Orleans. Something about the tone throughout the conveyed not only experience with the city, but a profound knowledge beyond the poster 'mardi gras'. Excellent book. The only thing I would suggest is with a reprint is that you make the book shorter. I have worked at bookstores and libraries for a long time and the height of Unfathomable City is unusual and would be hard to place on the shelf. That is without buying into premium real estate of the ends of bookshelves or creating their own displays. However this is such a minor detail and Unfathomable is a great read.

You MUST have this book! If you are a New Orleanian, if you have visited New Orleans and loved it or you want to find out what we are all about! Fabulous illustrations!

A gorgeous, imaginative, and intricate look at New Orleans from the ground up. Unforgettable. A must-have for anyone who loves NoLA.

This is a good reference to New Orleans as well as displaying a bit of history. This is a great book to have around, especially if you live in, live near, or just visit the Crescent City. It is a fun book to just spend a little time with without having to really do any studying and yet you will bound to learn something.

I'm a native New Orleanian, so I vigorously identify with the content. Ms Solnit and Snedeker are articulate penmen and have solicited a cadre of competent associates to journal each chapter. I particularly enjoyed "Snakes And Ladders" as it demonstrates the breath of the human psyche. I strongly recommend this volume.

Sent out as a gift to a N.O. relative and got rave reviews. I plan to check out the San Francisco Atlas for myself.

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