

Only in Cologne: All reviews

Laura Puente (Books and Earl Grey Blog):

An authoritative guide...Unusually for a travel guide, the personal voice of the author comes through, revealing a deep interest in the places explored and in sharing the experience. The style of writing is clear and engaging...The guide is very attractive visually.

A reader, www.amazon.co.uk:

This fascinating and detailed book illuminates past history and present interests in full bloom. I kept reading it after I got home and want to go back to Cologne to explore more.

A reader:

A real treasure...It added so much to our time in Cologne. Most guidebooks are too superficial and too focused on food and shopping. We love history, and we found your chapters so very interesting.

British Guild of Travel Writers' Globetrotter Newsletter (May, 2011):

"Only in Cologne" is the seventh book by new BGTW member Duncan Smith in his series of guidebooks which reveal the hidden corners, little-known places and unusual objects of historic cities. Previous titles include Vienna, Budapest, Prague and Berlin. Published by Christian Brandstätter Verlag this month (May 2011), the 232-page volume includes 200 colour photos, two fold-out maps and costs Euro 19.90. Packed into its pages are more than 80 fascinating and unusual historical sites in Germany's most historic city, from religious relics and forgotten fortresses to unexpected sanctuaries, abandoned cemeteries and little-known museums. Founded by the Romans on the banks of the Rhine, Cologne takes its name from the fact that it was their northernmost colony. Using Duncan's book as your city guide, you can discover Napoleon's cemetery and a road beneath the Rhine, the city lighthouse and the place where the Red Baron learned to fly, not to mention the world's first art hotel and the city's Turkish Quarter. Cologne's transport network is comprehensive and quick, but directions have been kept to a minimum so as to leave visitors free to find their own particular path and make their own discoveries. And while readers are busy touring Cologne with his latest publication, Duncan will be off researching the next city in the series...Zurich.

A. Michael Marx, USA:

I'm really enjoying your book and admire your unique approach. As you might imagine, it makes me want to get back to Cologne. I went straight to the section on the 'Stolpersteine'. Thank you so much for including the story of my father and my grandfather. It's quite an honor to their memories and I appreciate it.

Dr. Klaus Hardering, Cologne Cathedral/Dombauhütte Köln:

Your really wonderful book...I enjoy it very much.

Hidden Europe Magazine (Issue 26, May-June 2009):

In a world where places seem to become ever more similar, it was an absolute joy to stumble on the "Only in..." series of guidebooks written by Duncan J. D. Smith. Each

guide identifies 84 distinctive sights within a particular city. Duncan Smith brings to the “Only in...” series the gaze of the enquiring outsider. His approach to places and history appeals to us a lot. The “Only in...” series is a refreshing antidote to the prevailing tide of uniformity favoured by too many travel guides.