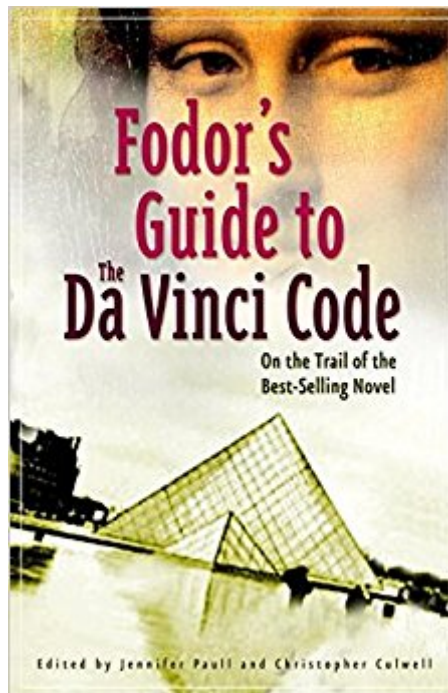




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# Fodor's Guide To The Da Vinci Code: On The Trail Of The Best-Selling Novel



## Synopsis

For the millions of readers who journeyed through the bestselling novel and were left ravenous for more information about the true tales behind the mystery! Also features travel information for readers who want to follow the trail of the novel.

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## Customer Reviews

I confess: I bought this book because I hope to one day do a self-guided Da Vinci Code Tour (DVCT). I've flipped through this book and read and repeated. I can't wait to put this book into action and plan my DVCT soon. Disclaimer: I do just want to go to Europe and soak up the history and culture for a while BUT, this book will play a BIG part in getting me there and enjoying the trip. I thought it might be cheesy or something but it is a legit travel book and I'm so glad I invested in it to help my European travel dream come true.

Took it out of library and found it so fascinating with detailed knowledge of Paris that we bought a copy for our use in Paris.

This is a good book and a fun read. Fodor's the travel guide company have had the neat idea of publishing a guide to the places featured in Dan Brown's famous thriller - the book and the movie. Yes, you too can follow in the footsteps of the heroes and villains who race through "The Da Vinci Code". The book contains about 150 illustrations - paintings, drawings and excellent photos - plus 15 detailed maps and plans. These, along with the detailed articles, enhance our understanding and

the pleasure of reading and viewing this famous/notorious work. I say famous/notorious because "The Da Vinci Code" caused uproar when it first appeared. The film was banned in India! Religion is a toxic subject, especially when you challenge its most cherished notions. And that's where this guide is so good. It examines the author's theories and points out mistakes and misconceptions and distinguishes between fact and fiction. And it does so with humour and a lightness of touch. The editors have employed 17 experts to write about Paris, history, Leonardo, Rome and the Vatican, London, Scotland, the Holy Grail etc. But they never forget Dan Brown's book is an entertainment like James Bond, or Sherlock Holmes - something to be enjoyed and not taken too seriously. Thanks to Fodor's guide I am now aware that the Priory of Sion never existed. It was cooked up in 1956, not centuries ago! It's total fiction. Dan Brown jumbles together fact and fantasy in a heady mix. Even the title is wrong. His novel should be called "The Leonardo Code". As this guide explains Da Vinci means 'Of Vinci', the town from which Leonardo came. "The Da Vinci Code" is an ultimate conspiracy theory book. Lines are blurred. Students are advised to avoid quoting Brown as fact in their exams! But hey, this is fiction - entertainment. Like the heroes, readers are also on a quest. To get the most out of Dan Brown's novel they need to ask themselves what is true and false in his book? While you're about it avoid another best-seller - "Holy Blood, Holy Grail". Brown, as he acknowledges in his novel, got some of his ideas from this dreadful book. It, too, is historically untrustworthy, but falsely claimed to be a serious work of investigation. When its authors tried to sue Dan Brown for plagiarism a few years ago they lost their case and had to pay £3 million in legal bills. Fodor's Guide sticks to the facts, but never forgets the enjoyment. The book is 250 pages long and a lot of thought has gone into its production. It's highly readable and beautifully designed and printed. Recommended.

Who hasn't wanted to travel along with Robert Langdon as he explores the Da Vinci Code? Even if you can't insert yourself into the novel, you can recreate the adventure on your next European vacation. The editor has done a great job in pulling together disparate material and making it cohesive and coherent. This book is the perfect companion to the novel, and it will help personalize the movie experience if you have the chance to visit Europe. I found the Fodor's Guide to The Da Vinci Code extremely helpful on a recent trip to London, and I look forward to using it in Paris and other cities.

I love the Da Vinci Code. I am excited about the movie to no end and until they come out with action figures or DVDs of the movie this book is going a long way to scratching my Da Vinci Code itch. I

found it on the shelf and loved the idea the book gave me of going on a Davinci trip (!), and of getting inside the adventure myself. Part of what made me love the book so much was its globe hopping adventure...penetrating the locations it took us too in such unexpected ways. I don't think Westminster ever looked quite so interesting as when imagining what secrets the historical details might hold. and THIS book...well it dovetailed right into that. I couldn't care a fig for the "divine feminine" books blah blah blah...not my cup of tea to endlessly argue something that can never be proved. But what I can't argue against is that this guide book offers a pretty compelling reason to go investigate the clues on my own. So now while I wait for the movie to come out I spend my free time planning my own Da Vinci code trip to puzzle out those details on my own. Personally more than anything else I want to visit each of the artworks that were such an integral part of the tale Mr. Brown wove. Even my kids are into it. Sort of like a game to them (except this one will be in France, not the park) And believe me it is hard to get them into an art museum much less a cathedral (but they will thank me for it later!). If you are hungering for more Davinci code goodness and are tired of just books that claim to crack the code...grab this it will remind you of everything you loved about the book to begin with .

When I first saw this book, I assumed it was just a travel guide (since it's Fodor's) -- but it's actually so much more. I only just read The Da Vinci Code (must have been the last in the world) so my appetite for any and all related material is still raging. This book's way better than one of those special issues of Newsweek that rehash the same old theories -- it totally hit the spot. The photos are amazing and the essays are smart and funny. And I'll definitely go back to the travel info when I plan my next trip Europe.

I wasn't expecting much from this book at first. Why would Fodor's review a book? But as I crept in from page to page it made perfect sense. The book evokes every scene and landscape in the Da Vinci code, bringing new layers of both the book and the scenes it's set in to life. A totally engaging read. Even if you can't travel to Europe to explore this first-hand, this book will totally reel you in, making you feel like you've been there. It made me want to read the Da Vinci code again.

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