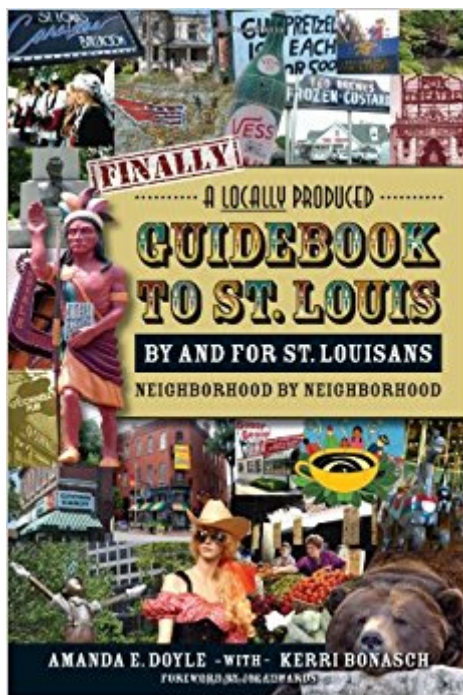


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# Finally, A Locally Produced Guidebook To St. Louis By And For St. Louisans, Neighborhood By Neighborhood



## Synopsis

Locals know it, and newcomers learn it fast: we live in one of America's great cities. Beyond the obvious and outside your own daily routine, wouldn't it be great to have an insider's view into all the great neighborhoods around town? Finally, you can. With the arrival of "Finally! A Locally Produced Guidebook to St. Louis, By and For St. Louisans, Neighborhood By Neighborhood," you can get the skinny on exploring our town, from the Metro East to the urban core to daytrips worth the drive. Folks often say St. Louis is a city of neighborhoods, each with its own character (and characters!); let this be your handbook to the highlights and hidden treasures of them all. Our opinionated overview points out the best dining, dives, shopping and gawking, from just-so touches for the home to cool gifts for kids to the no-sign bars and restaurants no tourist would ever find. Tidbits of local lore are sprinkled throughout: want to see where a young Steve McQueen filmed one of his first breakout roles? Get contact caffeination from a district of coffee roasters? Partake of an absinthe cocktail, spiked milkshake or salt-therapy session? Catch a drag show? Eat cheap pizza? Finally, you've got an in-the-know best friend at your fingertips.

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## Customer Reviews

Amanda E. Doyle is an ardent St. Louis supporter and resident with more than a decade of experience in promoting the city to visitors. She lives with her family in Tower Grove Heights, and regularly plots her alternate lives in cool neighborhoods around the area.

We just moved to St. Louis, so this book is really useful for us. It really delves into a lot of great local

shops, activities, etc., more than any of the other guidebooks I've seen. The information in the book is set out in a somewhat eclectic way, which gives the book a kind of neat feel, but unfortunately also makes it much less user friendly. It would be a great help if it had an index and a more detailed table of contents. Many times I've thought, "Oh, where was that Italian grocery again?" and wished I could just flip to the index and look it up. But no, I have to flip page by page through the whole book until I find it. Sometimes it's even hard to find a neighborhood without a detailed table of contents -- now did she put The Hill in with Tower Grove Park or together with Dogtown? (I admit, St. Louis' multiple tiny neighborhoods don't make this any easier...). (Didn't Kurt Vonnegut talk about the art of indexing a book in *Cat's Cradle*? Well, now I finally understand!) Other than that minor but vexing drawback, the book is really great, covers a lot of territory and is a great introduction with handy insider's tips on St. Louis -- just what you need when you are moving to a new place! Very glad I bought the book.

This little book is full of fun and interesting places around our area. Too often we go looking for special places far from home when in actuality those special places are right under our noses. Thanks to the author for writing this.

This book is acceptable but not definitive. Its sections are oddly disjointed and I found it tedious to use recently. I had to flip back and forth a lot. It is probably better than other guide books out there; but since I have lived here my whole...long...life, I haven't used it easily.

A big thanks to Amanda and Kerri for writing this book. Growing up, I spent a good amount of time with my grandparents who owned an estate on the 5100 block of South Broadway. When I decided on St. Louis as the setting for my romantic suspense I found things had changed so much since I was last there that I needed a good resource to catch up. Their Guidebook to St. Louis, By and For St. Louisans, is perfect. I can now research online the names and places mentioned in the book. The only thing lacking is an index, other wise it's perfect. Thanks again-

This book is a pretty good read for anyone who wants the lowdown on lesser-known attractions and communities in and around St. Louis. I'd like to have seen more colour photographs in the book, rather than the sometimes uninspiring black and white shots. That said, I'm sure it would have been a more expensive book had it been illustrated in colour. For the money, it's worth a read if you are planning on visiting the area, or even if you are a local resident who has led a sheltered life and not

got around much.

This book is terrific, packed with bits of information that this native of the St. Louis area did not know. The historical background is excellent in bringing the story about a certain place into perspective, and usually gets me interested into investigating further. I now have a list of places to visit this year that I should have visited by now, since I'm a native, but never decided to visit before.

Lots of interesting places to eat, visit and enjoy! I foresee a lot of new adventures on the horizon!

Thanks Amanda E Doyle!

Slightly out-dated already -- mostly on the whole Loop Trolley that still is not completed.

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