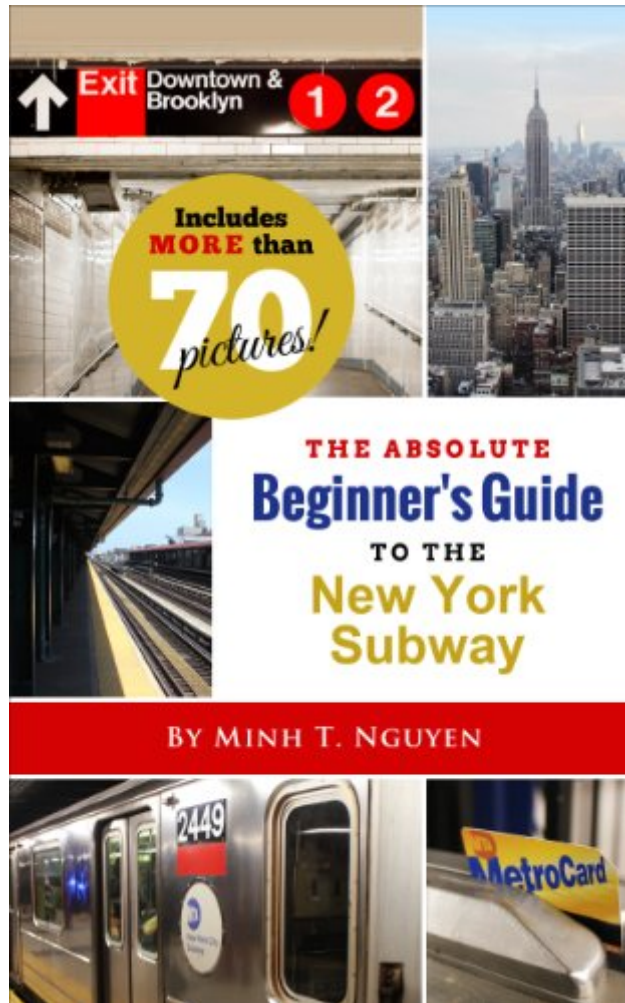


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# The Absolute Beginner's Guide To The New York Subway



## Synopsis

The most convenient, cost-effective way to travel in New York City is by subway, but many first-time visitors, tourists, and even locals find the complexity of the system intimidating and confusing.

Whether you are a first-time visitor or have struggled to use the subway system in the past, this guide is for you! This book makes absolutely no assumptions about what you know about taking public transportation in New York or elsewhere. Illustrated with more than 70 color pictures and figures, this detailed guide breaks down everything you need to know about using the subway "from the ground up. You'll learn how to read the subway map, properly differentiate between the many subway lines, and identify the correct trains and platforms. Filled with detailed information and many pictures, this guide will alleviate your fear and confusion about taking the subway and allow you to navigate it confidently and effectively so that you can focus on enjoying New York City. What this guide includes:- A step-by-step guide on how to use the subway system- Dealing with weekend and weeknight service changes- Frequently asked questions about the subway- 70+ pictures and figures allowing you to visually understand the system- Tips, tricks, and subway etiquette- Getting from New York's three major airports into Manhattan About the author: Minh T. Nguyen has previously authored Visual Studio .NET Tips and Tricks to great reviews. He currently resides in New York City where he works as a senior software engineer for Google.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a very decent book which describes the New York Subway and how to navigate it. It's not an atlas nor does it have a map, but it tells you how to interpret the maps (the best being the one handed out at subway stations for the asking.) Navigating the subway takes some getting used to - you will learn quickly about which trains are which, where to find them (and how to find them!) and subway etiquette. Manhattan visitors need not fear using the subway after using this primer - but carry a map with you! Once you know the "secrets" described here (such as the directional signage, destination and line signage), you will find the signage in the system to be easy to navigate with. When you ride, you will quickly see how many people need to read this book! (get out of the way at the top of the stairwells!!)The only thing that kept me from giving it a fifth star was the poor quality of the graphics inside - they are low resolution black and white, which detracts from the overall quality. Still, the information is presented well and organized well.If you're planning on taking any subway trips while visiting NYC, I would highly recommend this practical guide (as well as for those who might be moving into NYC!) to keep you moving through the system!

I had purchased the "e" version of this guide and found it excellent. But I thought it would be good to have one in print. Same great info, but the print edition has nothing but black and white photos - no color - which is a great minus.

I am not a big fan of book readers, and I'm glad that allows people to download the software to their home PC instead. In this case, the five-star recommendation is ONLY for the Kindle edition. It is apparent that the "Look inside" feature shows that the print edition (which I would otherwise have preferred) has only black-&-white graphics, which emphatically does not work for this title!! downloaded the Kindle edition and went through it, and as a former New Yorker and fairly frequent straphanger, I can tell you that Mr. Nguyen is spot on with his information and recommendations. But the colors are an important part of the information and are essential. So please avoid the print edition and go for the digital one, and you will find this very worthwhile.

The short book is extremely well written and enhanced with many helpful photos and illustrations.

Reads easily in about an hour. Minor complaint: Some smaller map details are difficult to make out on my tablet devices with 6" and 9" screens. This can also be downloaded to several different devices registered under your name at no additional cost. (iPad owners may obtain free Kindle App to view this on iPad if desired.)

I especially liked the information regarding getting from and to Newark Airport. This book saved us a lot of money. The pictures and instructions were clear and the explanations were realistic. The subway isn't perfect and somewhat more difficult than other cities, but it can be fun. I spent time on subways but it was many years ago. This book was spot on!

This book was most helpful on my first visit to NYC! By day 2, I was tired of walking and I bought the 7 day unlimited train (subway) pass. Minh's book had many great tips and made the subway system less scary!

I first learned of this guide on TripAdvisor. When I clicked on the online guide, I was thrilled because it was easy to read, easy to follow and provided illustrations that suit someone like me who gets confused with NY subway system. It was easy to follow and read because the instructions provided graphics in color. Thus you could tell and see exactly the figures. I was happy also to learn that it is now for sale, as opposed to the TripAdvisor note that Mr. Nguyen was not selling anything. I did think that he should sell this as the guide truly provides good information and helpful guidance. I checked it out and decided to get the paperback copy instead of the online copy. I give this book three stars because while the information remains good, the graphics were in black and white and not very clear to follow. I checked the description and it only states that there are illustrations. It left the word in "color" and did not state it is in "black and white." I thought this was deceiving. The TripAdvisor info stated it was in color.

My wife and I are planning our first trip to New York, and I found this guide very helpful in explaining how the subway/train system works here. Guide is also small enough to carry with us.

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