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StreetSmart Chicago



Synopsis

VanDam's award-winning Chicago StreetSmart maps all top attractions including museums, major architecture, hotels, historic sites, and more - all at an immensely legible super-scale, complete with 3-D building illustrations. Clear information design allows users to read the map from three feet away and has earned VanDam maps a place in the MoMA Collection. Chicago StreetSmart includes a stunning dimensional detail of Downtown, The Loop and the Near North, as well as the rest of Chicagoland. Edition also contains a CTA Subway and RTA map. Simplicity reigns supreme in information design to make complex cities clear and understandable. Our typography creates character and reveals the true bones of the Windy City. VanDam uses a letter grid to identify locations on maps - no confusing and cluttering K-28 or V-34s - its just the city from A-Z. Our covers map the icons of each city and turn them into collectible graphic art. Each sleek and laminated city map package opens to 24" x 9" and then easily folds down to 4" x 9" to snugly fit into a shirt pocket or purse. Gain instant Chicago StreetSmarts and a sexy souvenir to boot!

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I used to buy these from the Savvy Traveller store on Michigan Avenue but now that they're available on it's much simpler. I give the Chicago map to out-of-town guests and VanDam's maps of other world cities to friends who are planning trips. The detail in all of them is amazing, including the 3-D renderings of important buildings. The laminate holds up through lots of use, the unfolded size is much more manageable than the usual paper maps, and the typography is both stylish and readable. The Beijing map actually has street and place names in Chinese characters, pinyin romanization, and English. Can't go wrong with these.

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