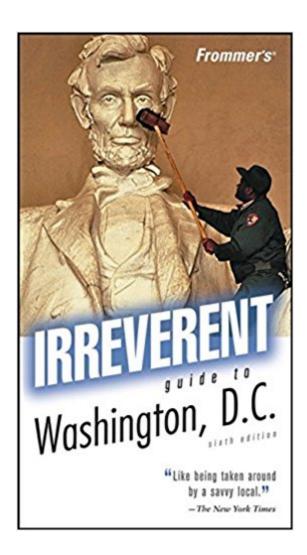


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Tom and Susan Price have lived in and written about Washington, D.C., for more than two decades, Tom focusing on government, politics, business, technology, and education, and Susan on topics of importance to women and families. They coauthored the award-winning Working Parents Help Book: Practical Advice for Dealing with the Day-to-Day Challenges of Kids and Careers, which was featured on Today, Oprah, and other broadcast and print media. Tom also wrote Washington, D.C. For Dummies.

If you don't have a cousin living in D.C. this guide is the next best thing. It's good scoop from a native. I enjoy visiting the District and this book has helped me get beyond the mall to new places of interests. I especially appreciate the info on safety, given that other guides are squeamish about this subject.

I've only briefly skimmed through this book, basically because I didn't see any information that would be particularly helpful. Granted, that could be because I already own and have read "The Insider's Guide to Washington, D.C." and "Frommer's Washington, D.C." I would recommend both of those books over "The Irreverent Guide." I bought this book thinking it might provide me with a more honest, less deferential review of things, letting me know what really was and wasn't worth my time. However, I haven't seen anything new or particularly different about this book. This book would do the job, but the other books are much more thorough, and I would recommend either one of them instead.

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