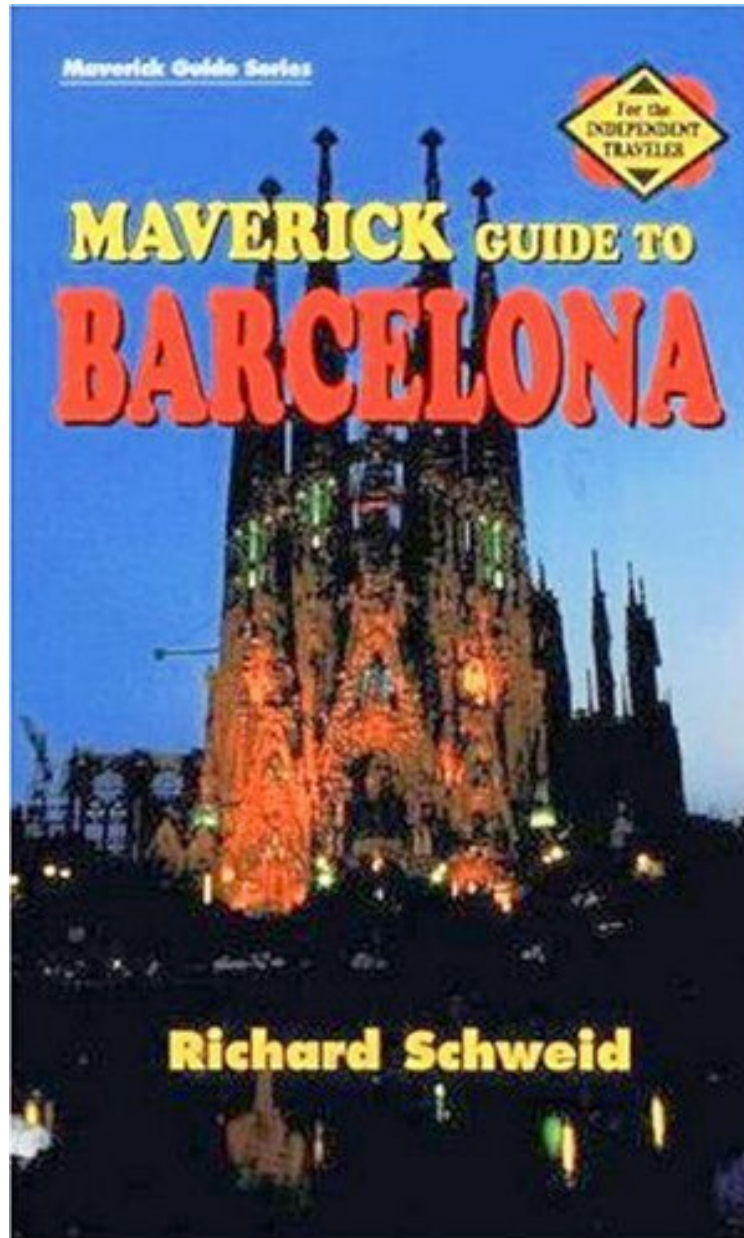


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this book 15 years ago. Barcelona is a great city and there are many other more up-to-date guidebooks to help visitors enjoy it.

Barcelona is the most "European" city in Spain. Filled with amazing architecture and cultural attractions, it is a cosmopolitan city. Yet it is also a relaxed, friendly place, where the day moves a little slower and dinner is a celebration that can last for hours. This guide describes each facet of Barcelona's personality in detail, giving tips on hotels and lodging, restaurants and cafés, sightseeing, sports, shopping, and entertainment and nightlife in the thorough manner associated with the Maverick Guide Series. Since Barcelona is the capital of Catalunya, this region is covered as well. Introductory chapters discuss the best ways to reach Barcelona, traveling within the city, banking and changing money, health, emergency services, and other valuable information for the traveler. There is much to see and do in Barcelona, from walking the scenic streets to resting on the beach to dancing all night in lively discos. The cuisine is an important part of the Barcelona experience; it is varied and tasty, and going out to eat is an event in itself. Artistic diversions abound. Whatever the visitor's interest, this book covers it. This new addition to the Mavericks also offers eight maps, a glossary of words in Castilian and Catalan (Catalunya's two official languages), and a sample translated menu. Richard Schweid is a journalist originally from Nashville, Tennessee, who has lived in Barcelona for the past several years. Currently, he is senior editor of the *Barcelona Metropolitan*, the city's English-language magazine.

From *Library Journal* Previous Maverick guidebooks have focused primarily on what might be considered more exotic locations for the average Western tourist than Barcelona (e.g., Vietnam, Oman, and Malaysia). Schweid, an American and currently senior editor of the city's English-language magazine, *Barcelona Metropolitan*, has written a useful and reasonably priced guidebook offering much the same information as other guides to Barcelona. After an introduction covering the practical aspects of getting around, Schweid describes the sights and special characteristics of the city's neighborhoods (or *barrios*), recommending hotels, restaurants, places to shop, and night spots, from the inexpensive to the luxurious. The book concludes with a short glossary of words in Catalan and Castilian and a list of menu items translated into English. Maps were reproduced too poorly in the copy this reviewer read to judge their quality. An unremarkable guide with plenty of competition, in particular Frommer's *Barcelona, Madrid Seville* (Prentice Hall, 1997); for large travel collections in public libraries. Linda M. Kaufmann, Massachusetts Coll. of Liberal Arts, North Adams Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc.