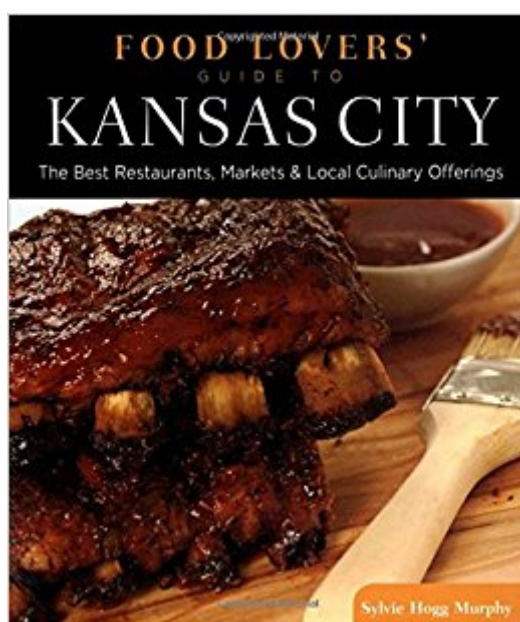


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# Food Lovers' Guide To Kansas City: The Best Restaurants, Markets & Local Culinary Offerings (Food Lovers' Series)



## Synopsis

The ultimate guide to Kansas City's food scene provides the inside scoop on the best places to find, enjoy, and celebrate local culinary offerings. Written for residents and visitors alike to find producers and purveyors of tasty local specialties, as well as a rich array of other, indispensable food-related information including: food festivals and culinary events; specialty food shops; farmers' markets and farm stands; trendy restaurants and time-tested iconic landmarks; and recipes using local ingredients and traditions.

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## Customer Reviews

Long a city of hearty appetites and famous barbecue, Kansas City is a place of diverse and sophisticated options to please the palate. It is home to creative, farm-to-table seasonal menus to swoon over, and the locals are becoming as passionate about heirloom tomatoes and artisanal sheep's milk cheese as they have historically been about ribs and brisket. In *Food Lovers' Guide to Kansas City*, seasoned food writer Sylvie Hogg Murphy shares the inside scoop on the best places to find, enjoy, and celebrate these culinary treasures. A bounty of mouthwatering delights awaits you in this engagingly written guide. With delectable recipes from the renowned kitchens of the city's iconic diners and elegant dining rooms, *Food Lovers' Guide to Kansas City* is the ultimate resource for food lovers to use and savor.

**Inside You'll Find:** Favorite restaurants and landmark eateries Specialty food stores and markets Farmers markets, delis, wine stores, butchers, and bakeries Culinary

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This first edition of "A Food Lover's Guide to Kansas City" is a useful, well-written introduction to the surprisingly varied and high-quality food scene in Kansas City. The book is very up-to-date, covering many restaurants and food stores that only recently opened. Long-time residents will find the book useful and handy, but it will probably be of even greater use to visitors and new residents who want to know more about the food scene in this Midwestern metropolis. Although the book covers a lot of ground, there are still gaps and notable omissions that I hope will be filled in future editions (and I do hope there are future editions)! The coverage of ethnic markets is a bit spotty -- no mention, for example, of the colossal 888 International Asian Market in Johnson County, or a couple of large supermarkets that have very large selections of Mexican ingredients. The book pays somewhat short shrift to suburban Johnson County, with a population that is now larger than Kansas City proper, which has a plethora of ethnic markets and restaurants that are of metro-wide interest. There is little coverage of Northeast Kansas City, which has numerous immigrant communities and restaurants and markets that serve them, and no coverage of Independence, Eastern Jackson County, or nearby Lawrence, KS (home of the University of Kansas and a number of fine restaurants and stores that attract people from the metro area). Those quibbles aside, this is the best book I've seen on the culinary possibilities of Kansas City -- the restaurant and store reviews are well-written and thoughtful and definitely make you want to try (or return to) the restaurants included. Visitors and newcomers will find it invaluable. And the author generously points out other sources of information, in print or online, for finding out even more about Kansas City's culinary resources.

Since my review would be almost identical to the one written by trilingual1946, I will add just this: it would be nice if there were a website for the book where one could suggest places to be included in future additions. (If there is such a site, I was unable to find it.) This little book -- especially when

paired with a gift certificate from one of the businesses listed-- makes a great gift for anyone new to the KC region or for those who may know only one area of the city. The people to whom we've given this book love it. Even if, like us, you know the city quite well, get yourself a copy and keep in the car. You'll use it more than you think.

I'm looking forward to giving this to my husband for Father's Day.

We enjoy finding unusual places to eat out, & when my friend recommended this book I found it here & ordered as a gift for my husband. He has already marked new places to visit; we have also found many we've already tried & agree mostly with the summaries about them. Looking forward to more culinary exploration in the KC area.

It would be a crime to live in Kansas City and not own this book. This is an epicurean's guide to Nirvana. It is an excellent listing of all the places you must visit but haven't out of ignorance of their existence. A well written book that actually made me guffaw multiple times. Buy it and check off the places as you visit them. I have lived in Kansas City all my life and this book has made it interesting again.

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