



# March to May REVIEWS

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**Shannon Bennett's New York** (Shannon Bennett, MUP, \$44.99 hb, ISBN 9780522858051, March) ★★★★★

Once again, Bennett and co have delivered a delicious collection of travel tips, restaurant reviews, hotel recommendations and foodie fun, this time in the incredible city of New York. As a travel guide, this isn't as helpful as some. As with Bennett's book on Paris, the restaurants and hotels in particular are generally beyond the reach of the average traveller. Unless you happen to have a heck of a budget, only one night in one of these hotels or one meal in one of the restaurants is probably achievable. As a book, however, the package is gorgeous and fascinating, and it is just so nice to dream of all the things you would do if you could. In his introduction, Bennett is almost defensive about his decision to follow Paris with New York, but it is clear as you read on that

NYC truly is the up-and-coming young star to Paris' master chef. It is also great to hear from people who really know what they're talking about disagree with an authoritative voice such as the Michelin guide. These are foodie tips direct from the horse's mouth, which simply cannot be ignored.

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