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For nearly a decade, Pulitzer Prize-winning critic Justin Davidson has explained the ever-changing city of New York to his readers at *New York* magazine, introducing new buildings, interviewing architects, tracking the way the transforming urban landscape shapes who New Yorkers are. Now, his extensive, inspiring knowledge will be available to a wide audience. An insider's guide to the architecture and planning of New York that includes maps, photographs, and original insights from the men and women who built the city and lived in it—its designers, visionaries, artists, writers—*Magnetic City* offers first-time visitors and lifelong residents a new way to see New York.

**Includes walking tours throughout Manhattan, Brooklyn, and the Bronx:**

- the Financial District
- the World Trade Center
- the Seaport, Governors Island, and Brooklyn waterfront
- Chelsea and the High Line
- 42nd Street
- the Upper West Side
- the South Bronx and Sugar Hill

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“In this exquisitely crafted book, Justin Davidson does more than direct our feet to New York's hidden monuments. He explains the structure of the city with a clarity that would be bracing even for a Gotham habitué, but more than that, he finds the meaning in every building and byway. If you already love the city, you will love it more after this book; if you have not yet fallen prey to its charms, these eloquent narratives will seduce you in. It would be glorious to go on the walks Davidson prescribes, but even those who read the book in an armchair a thousand miles away will be swept up by this evocative, pellucid, charming, and exuberant paean to the city that never sleeps.”—**Andrew Solomon, National Book Award-winning author of *Far from the Tree***

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