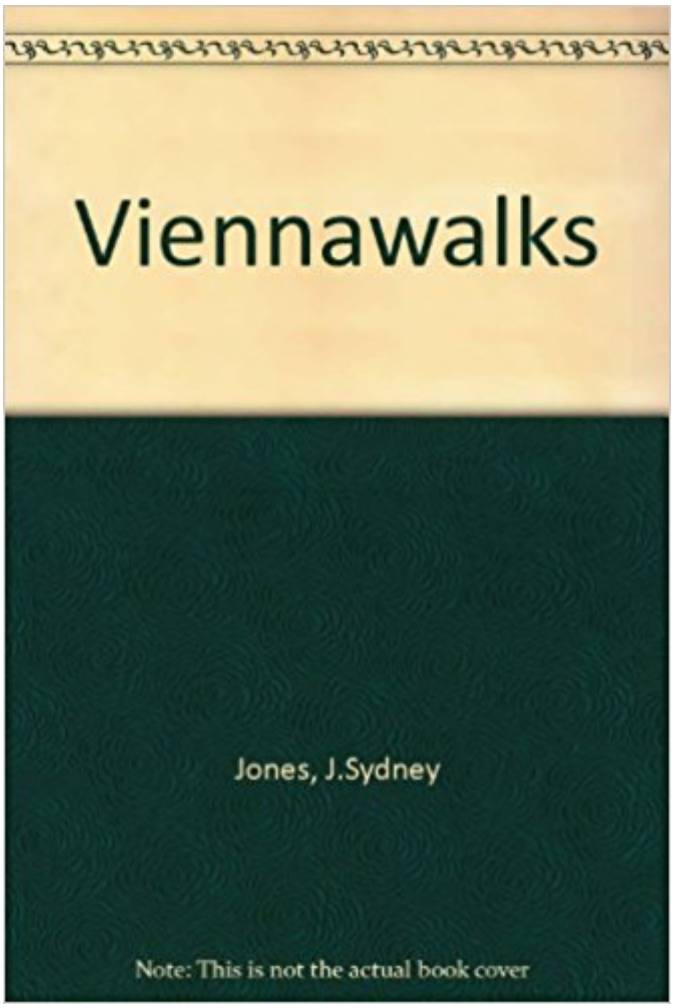
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Normally I would not write a review that simply echoes others' praise, but I enjoyed this book so much that I had to add my own words. This book is perfect for anyone wanting to go beyond the obvious (but still delightful!) tourist sites of Vienna. We saw layers of Viennese history unfold as we followed the walks, and visited many places with no other tourists in sight. Also, I wanted to share that Jones has written a number of delightful books of historical fiction set in Vienna that will also enhance your trip. Enjoy!

This book includes 4 historic and quintessential walks in The Old Town and surroundings and makes for a fascinating few hours of walking through History. It lets you take your own sweet time through the Vienna of yesteryear and I highly recommend it specially if you are staying a week or more.

This is the book I wish I would have had when I spent 6 months in Vienna when I was 18. There is so much you miss when you have nothing to tell you what you are looking at. My Viennese mother took it with her the last time she visited her sisters and loved it just as much as I did. She said she learned all sorts of things she had never known or noticed even though she lived in Vienna the first 34 years of her life. I got this copy for a niece who is about to spend a couple of months in Austria.

We have done all 4 walks and have thoroughly enjoyed each one. I bought this book to give to our son and his wife who are heading to Vienna soon.

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Viennawalks is a substantial book, with four detailed walking tours. It contains some of the basic information, such as transportation, eating, telephone usage, and banking (no hotel or restaurant listings). The main part of the book are guided walks around four parts of the city. The Stones of Vienna takes you through the oldest buildings, including the Jewish quarter; Vienna Gloriosa passes St. Stephen's Cahtedral, Mozart's Apartment, the Old University; Noble Vienna navigates through the Hofburg (Hapsburg's residence); and Fin de Siecle Vienna looks at turn of the century art and architecture (Otto Wagner's designs, including the Karlsplatz subway station, the museum of fine arts and the Secession). The descriptions are rich in history are are quite detailed (60-70 pages per walk). It is very readable and contains a few pictures. If you want to take one or more leisurely walks through Vienna, and have the time to go slowly enough to soak up the information from the book and the sites in front of you, then this book is highly recommended.

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