"Paris, Shops & More" by Angelika Taschen

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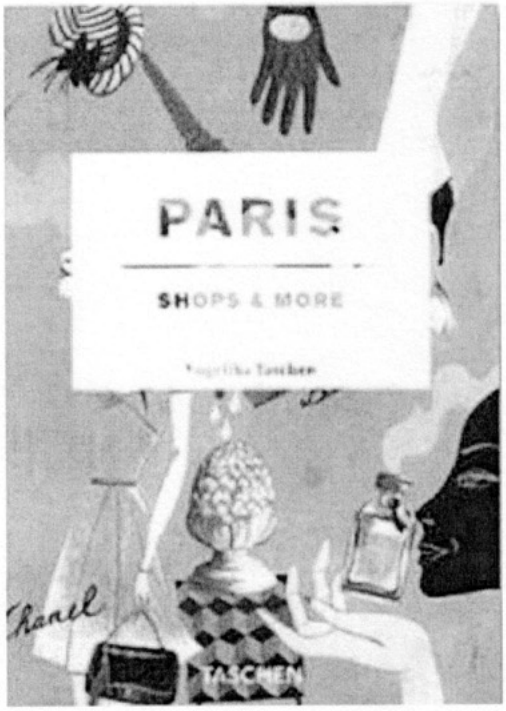

Taschen is brilliant. **Paris: Shops & More** can hardly be described as a guidebook - after all, it only offers a few stores in a handful of Parisian neighborhoods - and yet it's one of the most fabulous, beautiful little books on Paris I've had my hands on.

Definitely geared more towards the collector, aficionado, and shop-snob, this little book is dedicated to the absolute best shops in Paris. Whether it's clothing (Louis Vuitton, Colette, Chanel), shoes (Christian Louboutin), candles (Diptyque), scents (Guerlain), gifts (Baccarat) or treats (Maison du Chocolat, Hediard), if it's in this book it's the crème de la crème. Of course the TASCHEN store makes an appearance, as well it should; it stands tall among the select few that have set the pace, set the scene, and help give Paris her reputation as the leader in style, design, and destination for fabulous exclusivity.

If you're looking for an extensive list of every great store in Paris- keep looking. Paris: Shops & More provides only the tiniest bit of information (address, phone number, website, opening hours and a one or two sentence description) on only three dozen locations in the city. Instead, it's a peek at the hottest boutiques in seven neighborhoods, each accompanied by a few photos that brilliantly illuminate the "x-factor" of the store.

Paris: Shops & More is part of a duo (along with Paris: Restaurants & More), in a series that also includes the best stores, restaurants and nightlife from Berlin and London. If you travel, if you're fabulous, you need this.