

City of Immortals

Père-Lachaise Cemetery, Paris

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A witty, informative and fascinating guide to a major tourist site in Paris, it features 100 evocative color images along with historical lithographs of the cemetery dating from the early 19th century.

Key Sales Information

- Père-Lachaise is the fourth most popular destination in Paris for the 65 million annual visitors. (following the Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame Cathedral and the Eiffel Tower).
- The book contains new, unpublished material and a comprehensive illustrated map unlike any available on the market.
- This is the first all-inclusive look at the history of the cemetery from its grand opening in 1804 to the present, with a special focus on the famous artists, writers, actors, filmmakers and musicians who are buried there.
- It is the only English language book of its kind that thoroughly documents and illustrates the work of leading architects and sculptors commissioned to design the tombs in Père-Lachaise, which create an outdoor museum of 19th-century art and architecture.
- There are more celebrities buried at this cemetery than in any location in the world, including, Oscar Wilde, Edith Piaf, Jim Morrison of The Doors, Marcel Proust, Frédéric Chopin, Amedeo Modigliani, Gertrude Stein and many more.

Description

This first-person account of a legendary necropolis will delight Francophiles, tourists and armchair travelers, while enriching the experience of taphophiles (cemetery lovers) and aficionados of art and architecture, mystery and romance. Carolyn Campbell's evocative images are complemented by those of renowned landscape photographer Joe Cornish. *City of Immortals* celebrates the novelty and eccentricity of Père-Lachaise Cemetery through the engrossing story of the history of the site established by Napoleonic decree along with portraits of the last moments of the cultural icons buried within its walls. In addition to several "conversations" with some of the high-profile residents, three guided tours are provided along with an illustrated pull-out map featuring the grave sites of eighty-four architects, artists, writers, musicians, dancers, filmmakers and actors, including Oscar Wilde, Jim Morrison of the Doors, Frédéric Chopin, Georges Bizet, Edith Piaf, Maria Callas, Isadora Duncan, Eugene Delacroix, Gertrude Stein, Amedeo Modigliani, Sarah Bernhardt, Simone Signoret, Colette and Marcel Proust.

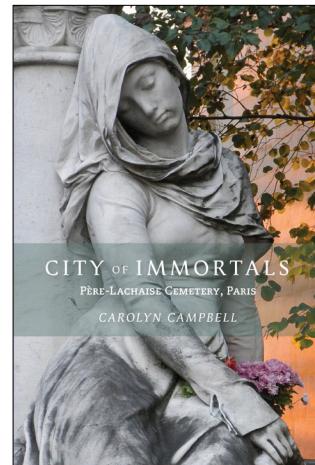
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