Great Gothic Cathedrals of France
A Visitor’s Guide
By Stan Parry

Great Gothic Cathedrals of France guides the reader on a tour of twelve French cathedrals that best exemplify one of the greatest glories of Western civilization. From the beautiful facade of Notre-Dame in Paris to the transcendent beauty of the stained glass at Chartres, this book clarifies the significant elements of their architecture through text and images, including a chapter on how to “read” a stained glass window. The cathedrals of Amiens, Paris, Saint Denis, Chartres, Reims, Laon, Noyon, Soissons, Sens, Beauvais, Bourges and Troyes as well as Sainte-Chapelle are all presented to provide a clear understanding of these extraordinary buildings for both the reader and visitor to France.

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