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Ben Le Vay's Eccentric London Bradt Travel Guides

Imagine the scene, 221b baker street, Sherlock Holmes and Dr. John Watson are in their rooms, Holmes is smoking his pipe staring at the ceiling, "Watson he cries, What do you know about Vanderbilt? Make a long arm and look in that wonderful book 'The Curious Book of Sherlock Holmes Characters', a truly remarkable work, packed will information about every character we have encountered in our 56 short stories and 4 novellas. This writer has even included that carbuncle eating goose and that lazy dog that did

nothing." Watson stretched out his arm and picked it up from the coffee table, "I like to keep it handy, it looks so nice on this table, giving the whole room an air of sophistication. In addition it's so large and thick, it would stop an air rifle bullet at a thousand yards. Only the other day I looked up Captain Calhoun and Messrs. Biddle, Hayward and Moffat and found that there was a link between these individuals." Holmes thought a moment, and said "What links Miss Hunter, Miss Smith, Miss Westbury and Miss De Merville?", "Too easy" cried Watson. "What about this Holmes, get those braincells working, Which Canon story has 4 totally unrelated people with the same surname (last name), I can give

you a clue, one was a policeman, one was an alias, one was a teen and one was an official. " "And this book lists them all?" asked Holmes, "Yes, there are over one thousand characters in it and of course, we both get a special mention, and it's illustrated throughout" "Sidney Paget again, I suppose?" "Oh no, not just him, but artists like Frederic Dorr Steele of Collier's fame, Ernest Flammarion, F. H. Townsend, Josef Friedrich, Paul Thiriat, Richard Gutschmidt, Arthur Twidle et al. It's a must have for anyone seriously into Us." Mike Foy's mammoth book includes all the characters (animals included) from the Sherlock Holmes canon, with as many illustrations as possible. It's one of the largest compilations of its

kind and an excellent reference resource for Sherlock Holmes fans. *Secret London* Anchor Canada

Based on the hugely popular Instagram account of the same name, *Pretty Little London* introduces you to 100 Insta-worthy places to explore in the city all year round.

A Curious Guide to London Ryland Peters & Small

This guide to London's most peculiar and under-the-radar bars and restaurants is for serious foodies, intrepid drinkers, urban explorers -- and anyone curious to discover the infinite possibilities to have fun in London.

Things to Spot in London Sticker Book

Sticker Books

'Fascinating and timely. Required reading for every developer, planner or councillor who holds London in trust today' Griff Rhys Jones

'Accessible, clear and readable' Rowan Moore, *The Observer*

LONDON: a settlement founded by the Romans, occupied by the Saxons, conquered by the Danes and ruled by the Normans. This unremarkable place - not even included in the

Domesday Book - became a medieval maze of alleys and courtyards, later to be chequered with grand estates of Georgian splendour. It swelled with industry and became the centre of the largest empire in history. And rising from the rubble of the Blitz, it is now one of the greatest cities in the world. From the prehistoric occupants of the Thames valley to the preoccupied commuters of today, Simon Jenkins brings together the key events, individuals and trends in London's history to create a matchless portrait of the capital.

'A vivid and deeply well-informed account of London's history' Charles Saumarez Smith, Professor of Cultural History, Queen Mary University of London
'Extremely informative and witty' Roy Porter, author of *London: A Social History on Landlords to London*
'A short, invigorating gallop over two and a half thousand years' Scotsman on *A Short History of Europe*
Free London Basic Books
A pocket guide to one of the most famous cities in the world, featuring fifty of London's best-known landmarks, each fully illustrated and

accompanied by a detailed description, interesting facts, other things to spot nearby, and the nearest Underground stations. Add the stickers to the pages as you spot each building or place.

The Curious Bartender's Gin Palace

Forgotten Books

Provides information on numbers and what makes particular ones noteworthy

Curious London. An Illustrated Guide, Etc

Frances Lincoln Children's Books

Trust one of the most inventive companies in the world to come up with an entirely fresh take on travel books. IDEO, the world-renowned design and innovation firm, shifts the attention of the traveler and everyday observer from mere sightseeing toward looking—really looking—at their surroundings. City by city, each book reveals authentic discoveries at every turn. Culled from the experiences and observations of IDEO's designers, cultural anthropologists, and architects, this volume delves into the social, architectural, and epicurean scenes of London. Insightful, easy-to-use, packed with photographs, and

presented in a convenient on-the-go format, *IDEO Eyes Open* rekindles curiosity and invites visitors—and residents—to see these cities with fresh eyes. [Curious London ...](#) Herb Lester Assoc

Going on a family vacation to London? Make sure your kids have a great time exploring the United Kingdom and exciting London with the *Kids' Travel Guide - UK & London*. This special edition combines the highlights of both the *Kids' Travel Guide - United Kingdom* and the *Kids' Travel Guide - London*. Together with Leonardo, their very own tour guide, your kids will have so much fun discovering the UK—its history and geography, its food and culture, and even some of its unusual expressions and superstitions. And they'll get to know all about the city of London and the best sites for children. Leonardo makes it interesting with "juicy information," challenging quizzes, special tasks, and colorful activities. Leonardo will join your kids in every step of the journey, from packing at home to seeing the sights in London. And when you return home, the book will become a souvenir of

your trip that kids can treasure for a lifetime. You can also purchase books focusing on the city of London or the countries of the United Kingdom separately: *Kids' Travel Guide - London*--all about London and the best sites for kids. *Kids' Travel Guide - United Kingdom*--all about the UK, no matter which area you visit. *FlyingKids* makes your family travel more fun, enriching, and unforgettable. Get lots of information on family travel at www.theflyingkids.com. [Pretty Little London](#) Trafalgar Square Books *London Stitch and Knit: A Craft Lover's Guide to London's Fabric, Knitting and Haberdashery Shops* presents a brilliantly designed guide to London's best fabric, knitting and haberdashery shops. With a design aesthetic to inspire any craft lover, *London Stitch and Knit* seamlessly documents the city's best to provide a comprehensive guide that encompasses the handmade and the vintage whilst illustrating the delightful microcosm of London's craft scene. Freelance writer and photographer Leigh Metcalf discovers the hidden gems in London's

ever-growing craft community, promoting independent shops as well as craftspeople and their work. Ever since she arrived in London from the US, she has made it her mission to discover the best places for haberdashery supplies. Drawing on her experience from the last five years, Leigh combines well-informed narrative, illustrations and a beautiful, layered design, to discover the history and operations of approximately 50 shops?divided by London territories. Metcalf graduated from Georgia State University with a BA in English Literature and formerly worked as an Assistant Director of Admissions at the Art Institute of Atlanta. Her freelance career has seen articles published for magazines such as *Mollie Makes* and *Pretty Nostalgic*. *London Stitch and Knit* is born of Metcalf's successful blog (<http://foundnowhome.blogspot.co.uk/>), described by Lauren Smith, Creative Director of *Pop-Up Magazine* as "one of only a handful of blogs that I even bother reading anymore?".

A Curious Student's Guide to the Book of Deuteronomy Bradt

Travel Guides

An innovative, captivating tour of the finest gins and distilleries the world has to offer, brought to you by bestselling author and gin connoisseur Tristan Stephenson. *The Curious Bartender's Gin Palace* is the follow-up to master mixologist Tristan Stephenson's hugely successful books, 'The Curious Bartender' and 'The Curious Bartender: An Odyssey of Malt, Bourbon & Rye Whiskies'. Discover the extraordinary journey that gin has taken, from its origins in the Middle Ages as the herbal medicine 'genever' to gin's commercialization and the dark days of the Gin Craze in mid 18th Century London, through to its partnership with tonic water – creating the most palatable and enjoyable anti-malarial medication – to the golden age that it is now experiencing. In the last few years, hundreds of distilleries and micro-distilleries are cropping up all over the world, producing superb craft products infused with remarkable new blends of botanicals. In this book, you'll be at the cutting-edge of the most exciting developments, uncovering the alchemy of the gin production process and

the science of flavour before taking a tour through the most exciting distilleries and gins the world has to offer. Finally, put Tristan's mixology skills into practice with a dozen spectacular cocktails including a Purl, a Rickey and a Fruit Cup.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time Bloomsbury Publishing

Where are the 5 best places to find street food? Which are the 5 best restaurants to grab your lunch at in Soho? Which pubs have the most amazing interiors? Where are the best places to discover vintage vinyl? Which are the most innovative theatre companies? Where will you find the most unusual museums? The best places for an outdoor swim? *The 500 Hidden Secrets of London* reveals these good-to-know places and many more. Discover a diverse range of under-the-radar yet outstanding addresses that will allow you to explore the best of the city away from the crowds. An affectionate and informed guide to London, written by a true local. This is a book for visitors who want to avoid the usual tourist spots and for residents who are

keen to track down the city's best-kept secrets. Photography by Sam Mellish.

The Penguin Dictionary of Curious and Interesting Numbers Frances Lincoln Children's Books

A bestselling modern classic—both poignant and funny—narrated by a fifteen year old autistic savant obsessed with Sherlock Holmes, this dazzling novel weaves together an old-fashioned mystery, a contemporary coming-of-age story, and a fascinating excursion into a mind incapable of processing emotions. Christopher John Francis Boone knows all the countries of the world and their capitals and every prime number up to 7,057. Although gifted with a superbly logical brain, Christopher is autistic. Everyday interactions and admonishments have little meaning for him. At fifteen, Christopher's carefully constructed world falls apart when he finds his neighbour's dog Wellington impaled on a garden fork, and he is initially blamed for the killing. Christopher decides that he will track down the real killer, and turns to his favourite fictional character, the impeccably logical

Sherlock Holmes, for inspiration. But the investigation leads him down some unexpected paths and ultimately brings him face to face with the dissolution of his parents' marriage. As Christopher tries to deal with the crisis within his own family, the narrative draws readers into the workings of Christopher's mind. And herein lies the key to the brilliance of Mark Haddon's choice of narrator: The most wrenching of emotional moments are chronicled by a boy who cannot fathom emotions. The effect is dazzling, making for one of the freshest debut in years: a comedy, a tearjerker, a mystery story, a novel of exceptional literary merit that is great fun to read.

Curious London Simon and Schuster
Lynn Barber, by her own admission, has always suffered from a compelling sense of nosiness. An exceptionally inquisitive child she constantly questioned everyone she knew about imitate details of their lives. This talent for nosiness, coupled with her unusual lack of the very English fear of social embarrassment, turned out to be the perfect qualification for a

celebrity interviewer. In *A Curious Career*, Lynn Barber takes us from her early years as a journalist at Penthouse - where she started out interviewing foot fetishists, voyeurs, dominatrices and men who liked wearing nappies - to her later more eminent role interrogating a huge cross-section of celebrities ranging from politicians to film stars, comedians, writers, artists and musicians. *A Curious Career* is full of glorious anecdotes - the interview with Salvador Dali that, at Dali's invitation, ended up lasting four days, or the drinking session with Shane MacGowan during which they planned to rob a bank. It also contains eye-opening transcripts, such as her infamous interview with the hilarious and spectacularly rude Marianne Faithfull. A wonderfully frank and funny memoir by Britain's greatest and most ferocious interviewer, *A Curious Career* is also a fascinating window into the lives of celebrities and the changing world of journalism.

The 500 Hidden Secrets of London

Penguin
2011 National Outdoor Book Award for Nature Guidebook Are you ready

for a black fly bite to get graphic, for a barred owl's call to take on new meaning, and for the life cycle of the eastern newt to suddenly seem complex, beautiful, and intricately bound to the subtle patterns of mysterious underwater landscapes and damp forest floors? Naturalist Mary Holland's new book *Naturally Curious* promises a walk in the woods will never be the same. Holland leads you through the New England seasons out-of-doors—through the sun, rain, and snow; along roadsides and wetlands; above underground burrows and under treetop nesting sites. With just a turn of the page you'll suddenly know more about the creatures that frequent your backyard or the pond you visit every summer than you ever thought possible. *Naturally Curious* perfectly melds practical field guide with informal nature literature, providing you the remarkable opportunity to sit back, relax, and learn something fascinating about the natural world around you.

The Book of Lost Things
Ryland Peters & Small
A guide to London that takes you back in time.

This is a fascinating and unique guide to the capital that takes the reader off the beaten track and into unexplored territory through time to six key periods in the history of London. From Shakespeare to the plague, medieval London to the swinging 60s, readers can totally immerse themselves in the sights, sounds and smells of our capital. After reading this book you'll never rush through the streets of Covent Garden or St Paul's again without pausing for at least a moment to think of all the mad characters and epic lives that ran through the same streets centuries before.

Hidden London Black Dog Pub Limited
This curious history of London whisks you down the rabbit hole and into the warren of backstreets, landmarks, cemeteries, palaces, markets, museums and secret gardens of the great metropolis. Meet the cockneys, politicians, fairies, philosophers, gangsters and royalty that populate the city, their stories becoming curiouser and curiouser as layers of time and history are peeled back. Find out which tube station once housed the Elgin Marbles

and what lies behind a Piccadilly doorway that helped Darwin launch his theory of evolution and caused the Swedes to wage war against Britain. Do you believe in fairies? Do you know which Leadenhall site became a Nag's Head tavern, morphing into the mighty East India Company, before taking flight as the futuristic Lloyds Building? Who named the Natural History Museum's long-tailed dinosaur Mr Whippy? Spanning above and below ground, from the outer suburbs to the inner city, and from the medieval period to the modern day, Londonopolis is a celebration of the weird and the wonderful that makes the mysterious city of London so magical.

Ideo Eyes Open Yale University Press
Featuring hundreds of interesting and unusual places, 33 Walks in London is the ultimate insider's guide to exploring Britain's capital on foot.
Curious Random House
Benedict le Vay reveals London's most bizarre and macabre secrets with his novel approach, which doubles both as a thematic guide to the hidden attractions of the streets of London and a

compelling insight into the citizens and culture of this historic city.

London for the Curious
Emons Publishers

...meet a man who listens to tube trains from the road above with a large hearing-trumpet, the inventor who made giant ships out of ice, a chap who rides down the river in an Edwardian bath chair, the guy with the world's biggest collection of pillar boxes...These are just a few of the colourful characters to be found in Eccentric London. This is an insider's guide to the city by someone who has lived, loved, eaten, drank and worked in London for five decades. He takes you to the best and most eccentric pubs and restaurants, specialist shops (26,000 stores selling £62billion worth of stuff a year), bizarre bookshops, weird museums, least-known secret neighbourhoods where you won't find tourists, but will find the utterly odd and amazing. Marvel at the petrified pile of century-old hot cross buns at the Widow's Son pub; discover what the 'Royal Ravenmaster' does for a living; and pay a visit to Pierre Vivant's curious tree, formed from 75 sets of blinking traffic lights.

Ben le Vay's *Eccentric London* will help you dig beneath the capital's barmy surface to reveal the barmier world beneath.

Clandestine London

Penguin UK

A charming gift book of the strangest and most intriguing stories of London. A fascinating tour of London's strangest and most intriguing locations. Ranging from architectural evidence of

past incidents and stories of life beneath the city, to anecdotes of magic, mystery, and murder, this is a perfect companion for anyone curious about London. It includes: A Museum of Magical Curiosities; The City's Lost Tunnels and Citadels; The Ghost of a She-Wolf; The Bawdy House Riots; The Story of "Jack the Stripper"; The Atmospheric Railway; The

Thames Ringway Bicycle Race; A Banker Hanged at Newgate; The Crossdressing Highwayman; Bluebottles, Rozzers and Woodentops; The Hidden Statue of a Beaver; The "Belgravia of Death"; Whitehall's Licensed Brothel; Pin-Makers, Mole-Takers and Rat Catchers; Drinking in "The Bucket of Blood"; London's Most Haunted House. All of London is here!