

Ronald Weinger A bizarre book about the bizarre city. Want to learn more than what you find in the standard tourist guides? You'll find it here. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Julie Rogers Makes me want to visit London even more now!

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; Whitehalls 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!

Here's yet another book revealing the capital's 'secrets' and 'surprises'. But it would be churlish to discount this new compendium of unusual London tales... David Long's an old-hand at putting books like this together, and he always digs up exquisite truffles to go with the hoary turnips. The format flits whimsically between novelty lists ("London's weirdest wills", "London's maddest buildings never built", "London cabbie slang"...), and mini-essays wriggling with anecdote ("Why are London buses red?", "London's famous motoring firsts"...). In a market niche that's now as crowded as the 18:22 to Reading, Bizarre London pummels its bantamweight rivals with knockout clouts of trivia that even this weary correspondent hadn't encountered before. * The Londonist * About the Author David Long: A writer and journalist for nearly 30 years, David Long is the author of more than a dozen books, mostly on London and with titles reflecting an unquenchable thirst for the quirkier, lesser known aspects of its long history, continually changing streetscape and often eccentric inhabitants. He lives in London, England.