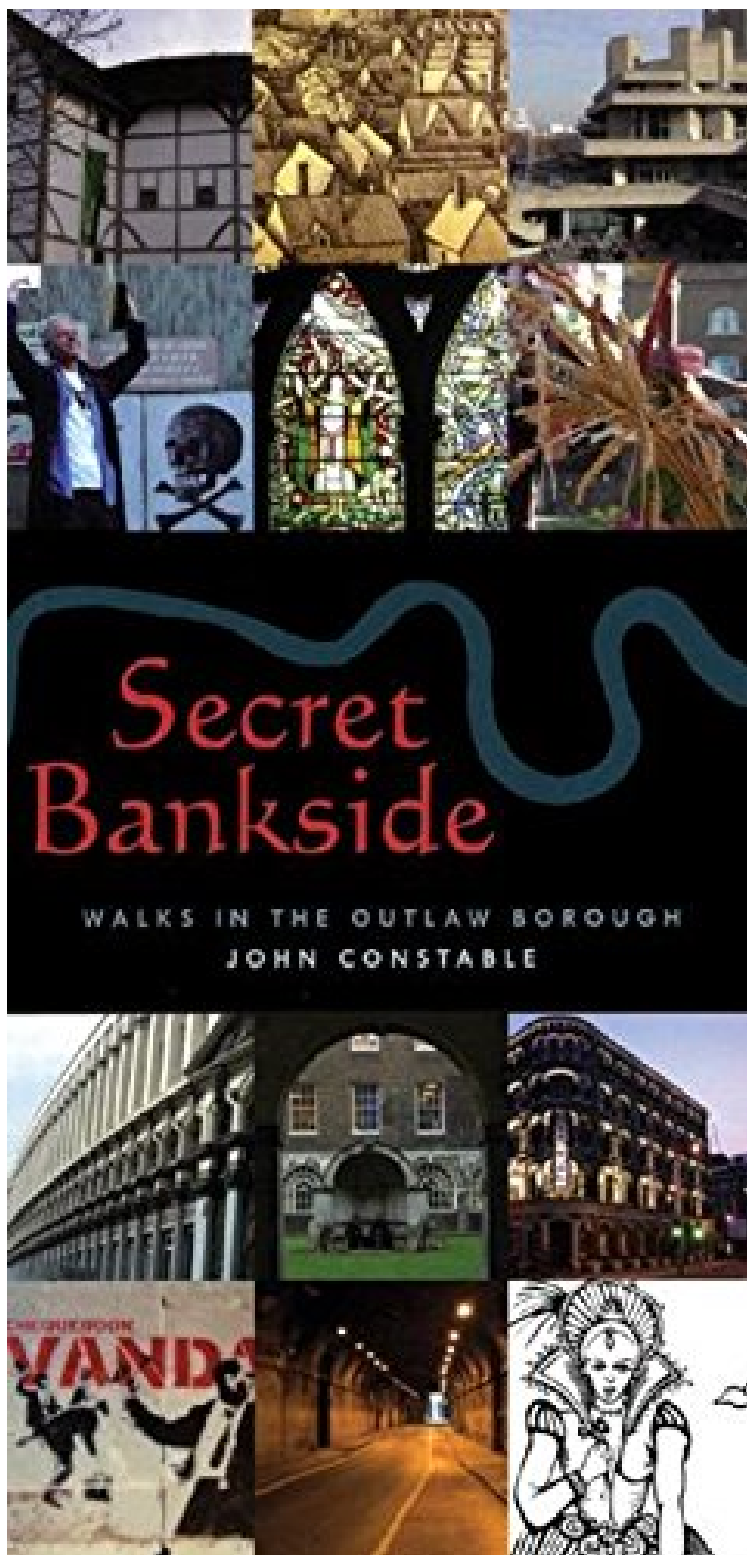


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On the south bank of the Thames, outside the jurisdiction of the ancient City of London, Bankside has long been known as a hotbed of creativity, dissent and loose living. With its brothels and bear-pits, its prisons and its pubs, the area has inspired the nation's greatest writers - Chaucer, Shakespeare, Dickens, Keats and Blake - and been home to its most famous theatres - the Globe, The Rose, The Old Vic and the National. These same south London streets have given sanctuary to immigrants and refugees, to tradesmen, craftsmen and Thames Watermen, to the workhouse poor and the criminal underclass. Writer, performer and local historian John Constable is well known for his walks around this fascinating area. The eight walks collected here are among his most popular. Packed with social history and local lore, they are witty, insightful and hugely entertaining. Each walk is easy to follow, accompanied by maps and clear directions, and illustrated with period prints and contemporary photographs. Together, they tell the extraordinary and, until recently, largely forgotten story of London's anarchic, irrepressible 'Outlaw Borough'.

About the Author Born in Shropshire in 1952, John Constable travelled extensively in Asia during the 1970s. Between 1980-1984 he toured Europe with Sheer Madness Theatre Company. Since 1984 he has had many plays produced in England including his adaptation of 'Gormenghast' (David Glass Ensemble). Resident in Southwark since 1986 his works from 'The Southwark Mysteries' (2000) have been performed at venues ranging from Shakespeare's Globe and Southwark Cathedral to The Glastonbury Festival.