

Secret London - An Unusual Guide

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Where can you find monsters in Trafalgar Square? Whatever happened to Bedlam? Where can you praise God, buy meat-balls and have a sauna? What's in the House of Dreams? To which secret society does Prince Charles belong? What's the trick to instant weight loss?Secret London, An Unusual Guide, is the original and still the best of all the many alternative London guides: accept no imitation. Authors Rachel Howard and Bill Nash have prowled the city streets, seeking out the hidden, eccentric and overlooked. Now the definitive insider's guide to London has been fully updated, with over 40 new entries and a brand new look.Far from the crowds and the usual clichés, London still reserves a number of hidden treasures for those who know how to wander off the beaten track.

About the AuthorRachel Howard is a journalist and copywriter who has lived in almost every borough in London. A regular contributor to Conde Nast Traveller, National Geographic Traveler, and The Guardian, Rachel writes mainly about travel, food, and the arts. She previously spent a decade writing speeches for the Greek foreign minister. But that's another story.Bill Nash is an actor and writer, with family roots all across London. An obsession with the city's corners is the foundation for his contribution to this book. He lives in Brixton with his family and an ineffective cat.