

Sinks of London Laid Open: A Pocket Companion for the Uninitiated

London's sewers are a hidden world, a subterranean labyrinth that few people ever see. But they are also a vital part of the city's infrastructure, and they have a fascinating history.



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In this book, author Tom Fort takes us on a journey through the sewers of London, from their origins in the Roman era to the present day. He describes the different types of sewers, the challenges of building and maintaining them, and the people who work in them.

Along the way, Fort uncovers a wealth of fascinating stories. He tells us about the time when the sewers were used to transport goods around the

city, and about the people who lived in the sewers during the Victorian era. He also describes the role that the sewers played in the Great Fire of London and the Blitz.

Sinks of London Laid Open is a richly illustrated book that is full of fascinating information and anecdotes. It is a must-read for anyone who is interested in the history of London, or in the hidden world of the city's sewers.

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Chapter 1: The Origins of London's Sewers

The first sewers in London were built by the Romans in the 1st century AD. These sewers were simple channels that were used to drain rainwater and sewage from the city. They were not very effective, and they often overflowed, causing flooding and disease.

In the Middle Ages, the sewers were improved somewhat. However, they were still very inadequate, and they continued to overflow frequently. This led to a number of outbreaks of disease, including the Black Death.

Chapter 2: The Victorian Sewers

The Victorian era saw a major improvement in the sewers of London. In the 1850s, the engineer Joseph Bazalgette designed a new system of sewers that was much more effective than the old ones. These sewers were larger and deeper, and they were built to a higher standard. They also had a number of features that helped to prevent flooding, such as overflow chambers and storm drains.

Bazalgette's sewers were a major success. They helped to improve the public health of London, and they reduced the number of outbreaks of disease. They also made the city more pleasant to live in, as they eliminated the stench of sewage that had previously permeated the streets.

Chapter 3: The Modern Sewers

The sewers of London have continued to be improved in the 20th and 21st centuries. New technologies have been introduced, such as CCTV cameras and computer-controlled systems. These technologies have made it possible to monitor the sewers more effectively and to respond to problems more quickly.

Today, the sewers of London are a vital part of the city's infrastructure. They help to keep the city clean and healthy, and they play a key role in preventing flooding.

Chapter 4: The People of the Sewers

The sewers of London are home to a number of people who work to keep them running smoothly. These people include sewer workers, engineers, and scientists.

Sewer workers are responsible for maintaining and repairing the sewers. They also respond to emergencies, such as floods and blockages.

Engineers design and build new sewers and upgrade old ones. They also work to improve the efficiency of the sewers and to reduce their environmental impact.

Scientists study the sewers to understand how they work and how they can be improved. They also work to develop new technologies to improve the safety and efficiency of the sewers.

Chapter 5: The Sewers in Literature and Film

The sewers of London have been featured in a number of works of literature and film. These works include:

- *The Phantom of the Opera* by Gaston Leroux
- *Flushed Away* by Aardman Animations
- *The Descent* by Neil Marshall
- *28 Days Later* by Danny Boyle

These works often portray the sewers as a dark and dangerous place, but they also show that the sewers can be a place of beauty and wonder.

The sewers of London are a hidden world that is full of fascinating stories. They are a vital part of the city's infrastructure, and they play a key role in keeping the city clean and healthy. This book has provided a brief overview of the history of London's sewers, the people who work in them, and their

role in literature and film. I hope that you have found this book informative and enjoyable.

Thank you for reading!

About the Author

Tom Fort is a writer and broadcaster who has written extensively about the history of London. He is the author of several books, including *London: A Biography* and *The Curious History of London's Street Names*.

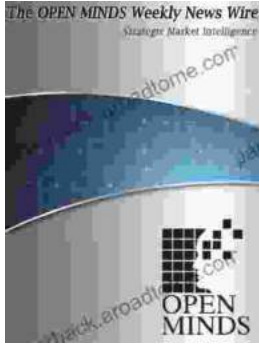


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