

Is For London: Uncovering London's Hidden Literary Treasures



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London, a city steeped in rich history and culture, has always been a muse for writers, poets, and artists. From the cobbled streets of Covent Garden to the majestic halls of Westminster Abbey, the capital is a tapestry of literary landmarks, waiting to be explored.

In his captivating book "Is For London," award-winning writer Paul Thurlby embarks on an alphabetical adventure, uncovering the hidden literary treasures that lie within the city's heart. With each letter of the alphabet as his guide, Thurlby leads us on a captivating journey, revealing the places where famous authors lived, wrote, and sought inspiration.

A is for Authors' Homes



"Is For London" takes us to the very homes where literary giants once resided. Charles Dickens' former abode at 48 Doughty Street, now a museum, offers a glimpse into the life and work of the renowned novelist. Virginia Woolf's former home in Bloomsbury, now the Charleston Trust, invites us to delve into her modernist world.

B is for Bookshops



No literary journey is complete without a visit to London's beloved bookshops. Thurlby guides us to hidden gems like Treadwell's Bookshop, a charming independent bookstore in Covent Garden. We also explore the iconic Foyles bookshop on Charing Cross Road, a literary landmark in its own right.

C is for City Churches



London's churches have witnessed countless literary events throughout history. Thurlby leads us to the resting places of famous writers in Westminster Abbey, the site of numerous poets' coronation ceremonies. We also discover hidden literary connections in the grand halls of St. Paul's Cathedral.

D is for Dickens's London



Charles Dickens's literary world comes alive in "Is For London." Thurlby traces the footsteps of the beloved novelist through his beloved city. We visit the Old Curiosity Shop, the inspiration for one of Dickens's most famous works, and explore the bustling streets of his time.

E is for English Poets



London has nurtured a rich tradition of English poetry. Thurlby celebrates the works of iconic poets like William Blake, whose visionary verses were written in the streets of Lambeth. We also discover the hidden connections between poets like T.S. Eliot and the city's landscapes.

F is for Film Locations



London's landmarks have graced the silver screen countless times. Thurlby reveals the film locations that have captured our imagination, from the British Museum's grand halls to the atmospheric streets of Notting Hill. We learn how these places have been transformed into cinematic worlds.

G is for Golden Age of London

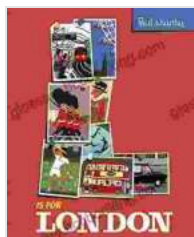


"Is For London" transports us back to the Golden Age of London, a period when the city was a hub of literary activity. Thurlby takes us to the reconstructed Globe Theater, where Shakespeare's plays came to life. We also explore the haunts of literary figures like John Milton and Samuel Pepys.

Paul Thurlby's "Is For London" is a captivating literary adventure that unveils the hidden treasures of the capital. With each turn of the page, we discover new connections between London and the writers who have shaped its literary heritage. Whether you are a seasoned Londoner or a visitor seeking a deeper understanding of the city, this book will ignite your imagination and inspire you to explore the rich literary tapestry that London has to offer.

ABC City Books, renowned for their passion for London literature, has brought "Is For London" to life with stunning photography and evocative prose. This book is a must-read for anyone interested in the literary heart of London.

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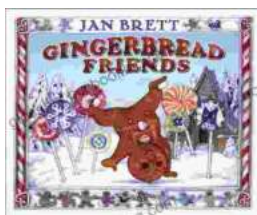
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