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If you've ever wanted to know where the Underground's station names come from, then this is the book for you! London by Tube is an essential read for anyone curious about London and its historic Underground. The book takes the reader on a fascinating journey around the Tube network to reveal the history behind the names of all 268 stations. Packed full of lively stories about the colourful characters and remarkable events connected to the places that bear these names, the book delves deep into London's rich history to recall tales of terrible fires, profligate playboys, ancient relics, devious criminals, squalid slums, lost rivers, grisly executions and unsolved mysteries.

This is a book for anyone who has ever taken a trip on the Tube – the perfect gift for visitors, commuters and Londoners alike. It is a Tube guide to the city's past. So sit back and enjoy the ride and discover something new about London and its historic Underground.

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Christine says

very interesting especially if you like history explains how stations and the areas around the stations got there names

Elizabeth-Anne says

A fascinating book shedding light on the stories not only behind the names of the Underground stations but of the history of each area. There is some repetition but this is to be expected in a book that should really be dipped into whilst exploring.

Nikki says

This has some interesting bits, but a history of every single station on the Underground becomes a little boring and repetitive in pretty short order. Some bad editing of the ebook, too. More of a dipping-into sort of book than something to read straight through, I think.

Karen says

Interesting read but a bit monotonous after a while. I have to wonder why some stations were included at all when it seems like nothing interesting happened nearby and all that we are given is the date the station opened, by which original railroad company, and the year it became part of the underground. I would have preferred more information on fewer stations. Not bad overall.

Michael says

For the most part it was an interesting read. Many of the stories are primarily the same, "...started prior to WW2 when construction was halted and tunnel was used for shelter..." It is a good read if interested in getting snippets of London, and surrounding area, history. David Revill does a good job of sharing the stories and sharing in alphabetical order by station name.

Karen Murray says

Lots of interesting information about tube stations and how they got their names, found this fascinating.

James Calbraith says

An ambitious project, but the inconsistency is its downfall. While I can understand that some little-used stations on the outskirts warrant little but a paragraph's mention, surely *something* interesting has happened around places like Hammersmith and Victoria...?

Also, the selection of anecdotes gets pretty monotonous pretty fast; you'd think the only events of note in London's history were the Blitz, the dissolution of monasteries, and the career of Dick Turpin.

Jules says

Pretty interesting, providing a good summary of a brief history of London using the underground stations as its basis. Learnt a fair few things about my resident city from this. Handy to have around especially if you want to impress visitors to London!

Hazel Went says

This book only barely covered the history of the station names themselves, although did offer some history of the local areas. It wasn't really what I was looking for. Added to that, the book contained a number of irritating grammatical mistakes, and the order in which it described stations was unhelpful. I would have expected the stations to be ordered by area or by line; they were actually ordered alphabetically. This led to a fair amount of duplication of material, since certain facts were covered at each station; had they been ordered by line, I suspect the duplication would have been significantly less. Perhaps the author had a word count to fulfil, but the duplication was unnecessary and a tad annoying.

Calum Beaton says

This book isn't just about how the stations got their names but also gives a history of the underground & how it was built along with some interesting historical facts regarding the stations or areas also what these villages or hamlets were like before the sprawl of London enveloped them. Every thing here from Executions, Templar Knights, Parkland's, Why Putney Bridge was built & the sad fate of the inspiration for Peter Pan.

I read the Kindle edition so I don't know if this is the case for the paperback but the one thing I would have liked was a map of the underground so I refer to it.

Anne says

Bit of an underground geek after travelling on it for many years and wanted to understand some of the history. Was also a cheap book for the kindle and pleased I purchased it before the Olympics so I could gain

knowledge of the east end.

Sis says

Good reference book

This was a pretty entertaining read, mixing the history of the Tube with that of the lands above it, of what transpired there and how these events changed London for good. Although most of the time the data of each station borders on the anecdotal, it's never boring, and sometimes even helped me tie loose ends on my English history. All in all I'd say this ebook is more than worth its price.

This book is not for everyone, I would certainly recommend it to everyone who ever looked at a tube station sign and wondered why it's named like that.

Pamela says

A journey through all the Underground stations of London, listed in alphabetical order. Each entry describes the origin of the name, when the station was opened and when it was added to the Tube network. In addition, many of the entries have additional information about notable events or connections of the area - for example, the Great Fire of London for Monument station or Jack the Ripper for Whitechapel.

The structure of the book means that there is significant repetition across many of the entries - for example, in describing the external appearance of the stations. Some entries are disappointingly brief, but most are well-researched and often throw up some unusual and little-known facts about the area they cover.

BrokenTune says

I came across this by accident and it turned out to be a great little find.

Like many others, I have often wondered about the weird and wonderful names of London's tube stations, and even though my imagination never quite stretched far enough to conjure up scenes as impressive as Neil Gaiman's (see *Neverwhere*) I had my own little stories about some of them.

So, it was such a joy to read that some of the facts and actual history behind the stations and the names are just as weird and wonderful as any work of fiction.

Sarah says

Fascinating snippets of history

