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the Gherkin, Cheesegrater and Walkie-Talkie skyscrapers are medieval churches, crypts and the curios of Postman's Park - proof that altruism can exist in the Square Mile. In St James's, a stone's throw from the glitz and glamour of Soho are hidden squares and shops dating from a gentler age - purveyors of fine wine, gentleman's apparel and bowler hats. The cobbled mews of Marylebone and Hampstead Village reveal unexpected treasures, rarely seen interiors and a rural idyll amid the urban hum. While the esoteric collections at the Horniman, Sir John Soane's Museum and exotica of Leighton House make you feel you are in an entirely different country altogether. The author reveals the traditions and quirks that have survived to this day, from the freedom of the City of London allowing you to herd sheep through the town, to the "market ouvert" of Bermondsey Market, original home of the London wheeler-dealer. Lavishly photographed and researched, London Secrets will shed a whole new light on this most vibrant - and surprising - of cities.

What a treat it is, then, to open up Janelle McCulloch's lavishly-produced travel book on this most sophisticated and dignified world city, London Secrets, which takes readers beyond the well-worn tourist paths via the city's hidden corners and out-of-the-way places. (Cream Magazine) Author and photographer Janelle McCulloch offers a trained eye on the design, style and history of sites ? gardens, restaurants, bookstores, fashion houses, hotels ? including many that typically don't stand out, especially in a city overburdened with distractions. (San Francisco Chronicle) About the Author Janelle McCulloch is a journalist, author and photographer of more than 18 books on architecture, interior design, travel and gardens, including three bestselling Paris books and several bestselling design titles. She is currently working on a new series of illustrated travel guides, a garden book and a non-fiction book.