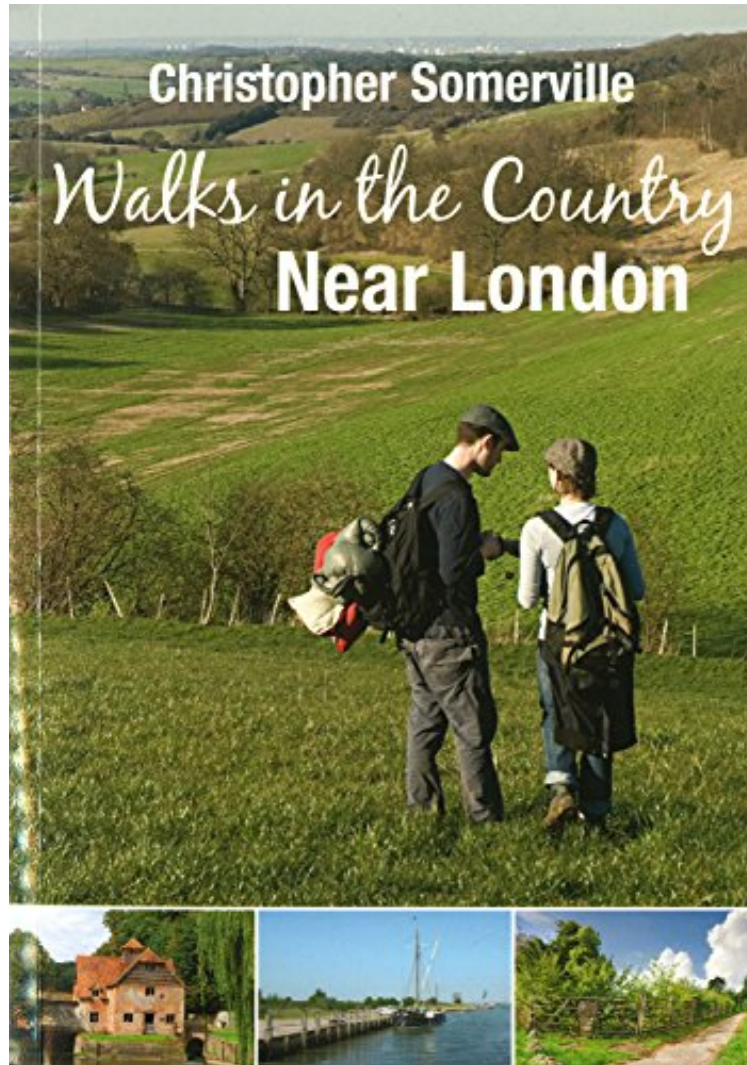


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In 25 carefully planned walks, Walks in the Country Near London reveals the myriad treasures that lie just beyond London's urban sprawl. From easy rambles through apple orchards and lush pastures in Kent to more exhilarating rambles along Sharpenhoe Clappers' chalk escarpments in Bedfordshire, there is a walk here for everyone. Full-color

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About the Author Christopher Somerville is one of Britain's most respected travel writers and a popular television and radio presenter, with a special interest in walking and countryside matters. He has written regular walking columns for both *The Times* and *The Telegraph* for many years and presented a number of TV and radio series, including Anglia TV's *Somerville's Walks*.