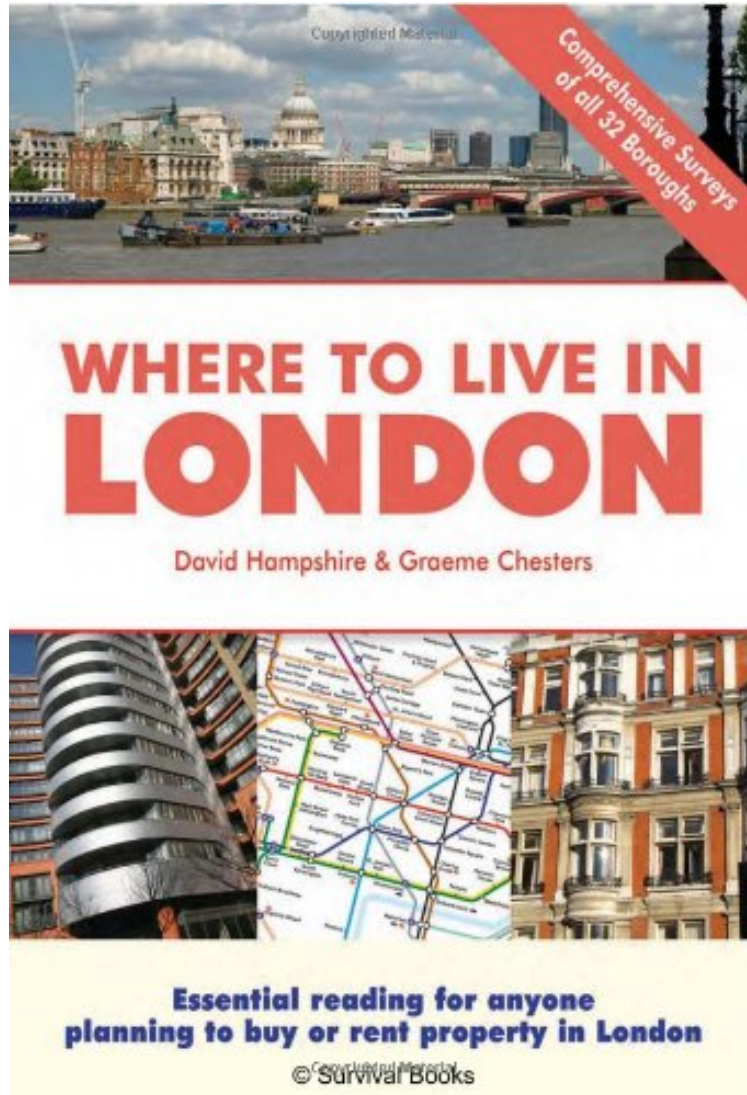


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leaseholds and commonholds), and separate chapters for each of London's 32 burroughs. You will also learn a lot about British culture, which is a good bonus. I read this book from cover to cover and learned so much about the UK. The only problem that I had with the book is that the maps at the beginning of each burrough chapter were not updated to include all of the available train and tube stops. This may not seem like a bad thing, but a flat's proximity to tube and train stops is essential knowledge for those planning on buying or renting property in London. I had to compare the book's maps with an up to date map from Transport for London's website and pencil in the additional tube and train stops in order to get a better idea of the transportation offered by each burrough. This book may have too much information! It is sometimes difficult to read since it pretty much just lists information rather than putting into some type of easy flowing narrative. But for a book like this, fluff really needs to be omitted so that it's not a thousand pages long. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Love this book. By British History Buff So much fun having information about the various boroughs in London. Information that as a tourist you might think about, but have no way to confirm. Even better, the authors purposely wrote (as they stated) in "England" English - not American English. As England's English is what you find in London, it serves very well. Okay, so there is much you may not care about since you aren't moving. But, even a short vacation is better served with more knowledge. And if you have been there enough to know your way around, it is pure pleasure reading text written as though you were more than a tourist. The phrasing feels like you are being advised by someone who acknowledges that you know something about the City and provides a basis for adding to your future trips. Like Barking residents were largely Ford Motor Company plant workers, but with production cut, the economy of the area managed to shift vs. becoming a slum. And no excuse was given for the name 'Barking'. For those of us who adventure outside the inner-city via the Tube, bus or Rail system, more information is definitely better. You can assess personal safety when you know more about the area, like be back into the city before dark vs. there is a lot of pedestrian traffic after dark, i.e., if Londoners feel safe, you could feel safe. So, for those of us who long to understand and be more informed - Love this book! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Customer Thanks

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