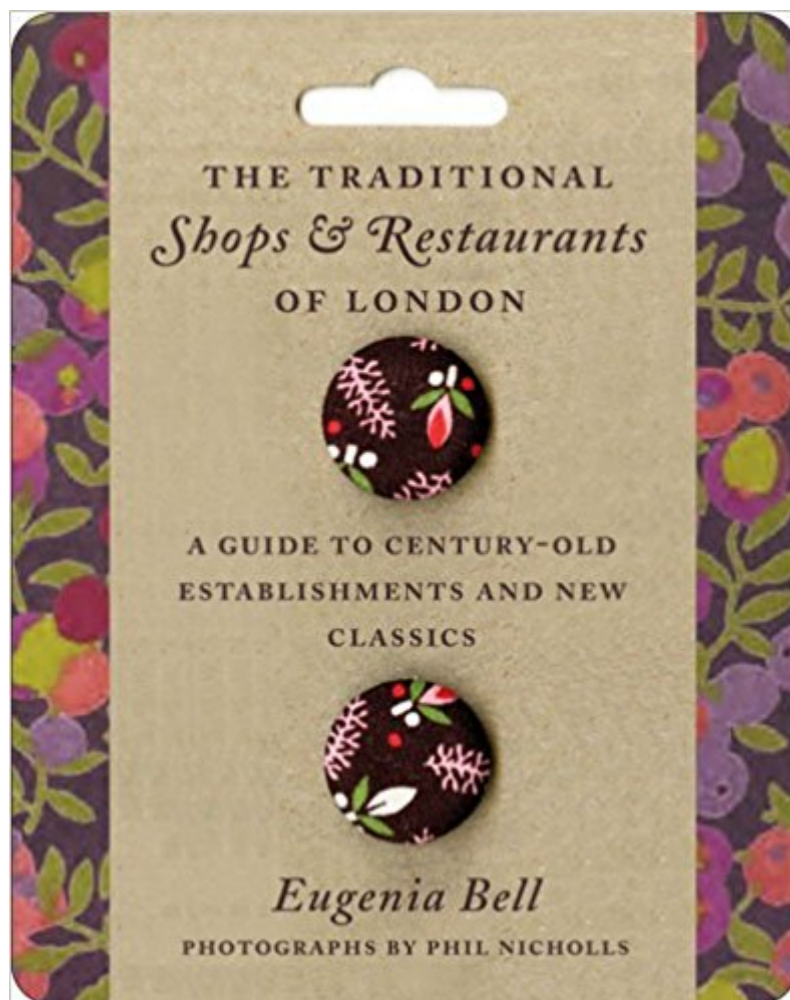




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# The Traditional Shops And Restaurants Of London: A Guide To Century-Old Establishments And New Classics



## Synopsis

From historic half-timbered pubs opened in the 1600s, to button shops, tea merchants, hatters, and toyshops from the Georgian and Victorian periods and chic specialty shops opened in the twenty-first century, the establishments profiled in *The Traditional Shops & Restaurants of London* embody the city's spirit and embrace its history and strong sense of tradition. The revised guide profiles and updates the descriptions, directions, website addresses, and phone numbers of:Â Â o more than 75 businesses including booksellers, home furnishing stores, clothiers, perfumers, umbrella shops, cheesemongers, and gourmet shops;o more than 40 places to eat and drink, including fine restaurants, cafes, pubs, and the best places for eel, pie and mash and fish-and-chipso the top historic street markets for food, antiques, bric-a-brac, and vintage clothesÂ Â And-a boon for armchair shoppers-the address, phone, tube stop, opening hours for each establishment, and websites for online shopping are included.

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A small and charming book about some of the many different shops and eateries of London. Fascinating information, especially the part about eel, pie, and mash shops. Jellied eel isn't something you hear about that often. The book has a nice feel to it, kind of like you can soak up some of the atmosphere of London. There is also a list of which businesses have a Royal Warrant to serve the Royal family. I very much liked this book, my only problem being the size of the print, it's way too small. I read everything with real bright light.

I'd visited London a dozen times before buying this book -- and I still found lots of new places to visit. The book groups stores and restaurants into chapters such as "Coffee Roasters and Tea Merchants" and "Purveyors of Specialty Foods" as well as more obscure categories such as "Umbrella Shops" (well, after all, this is London!) Each shop or restaurant has a page or two devoted to it, itemizing the address, phone number, website, nearest Tube stop, and hours of operation. There's also a brief history of each store as well as the best things to buy there (or order there, in the case of the restaurants and pubs.) The book ends with a quick roundup of the best street markets in London. This is a book for the discerning Anglophile. Its small size makes it easy to tuck into your carry-on bag.

A great guide to London. I used it more for shopping than eating. I used it mainly for finding traditional men's wear and shaving accessories. The postal codes included with each entry greatly helped finding each establishment in this HUGE city. All were easily reached via the Underground. The only negative thing about the book is it caused me to spend way too much money and resulted in much heavier baggage for the return trip.

This book is well worth the price. I was a little skeptical of it, but it turned out to be of good quality. The pages are small, but the book is thick. It is too thick to be able to leave open, even for a moment, so you will need a bookmark handy. I'm sure some of the information could be found googling, but it would take too long to do the work yourself. The book is efficient. The photographs are of a good quality. They keep me engaged and give me a sense of many of the businesses. The photographs are better than books of a similar style. I might not travel to London with the book. I am making my own list from the book of sites to see when I am there, and this is because of the weight.

Bought for a change of the usual guide books and it was well worth it. Fun to read before the trip and actually hit a couple of the shops on my trip. Good buy!

As above. There were some interesting dining tips however. You can't tell a book from its cover. No regrets. Will try again.

Excellent, any interested in unique old & interesting places in London should buy this book, loved it.

Every shop was mentioned in all of, or some of, or at least one of the seven other guidebooks on London I skimmed through. The paper is too thick and cumbersome. Yet, the book is too small a format (5 by 5 inches) to provide much in the nature of depth or illustrations. Is it supposed to be fluff, a coffee table book, a pretty, feel good book that gives you ideas about retail interior decor? Marketing? No, it's too small and unacademic for that. Is it supposed to be a take along travel guide? No, it's too bulky and too little information per page for that and lacks maps. It is an in between, ambiguous, compromised idea. Yet, some of the photos are pretty, and the author's curation is nice, so I give it a 4.

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