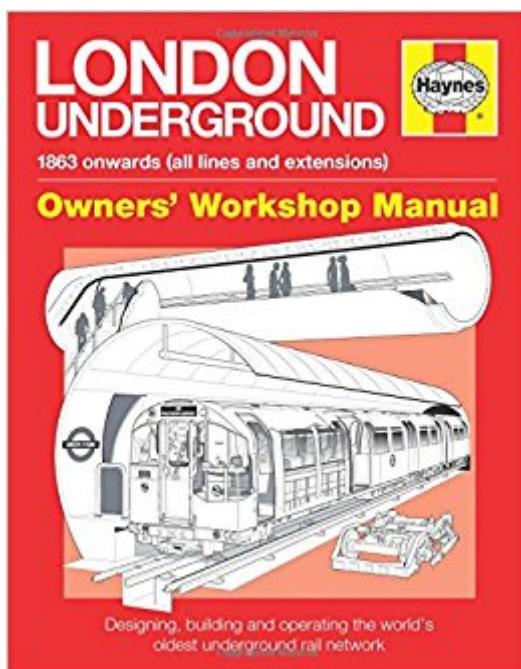


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Synopsis

The London Underground, or Tube, is an icon: it is the world's oldest underground rail network and remains one of its largest and busiest. The Haynes London Underground Owners' Workshop Manual provides a detailed insight into its design, construction, operation and maintenance, featuring fascinating photographs and drawings from the archives along with essential technical details and an engaging narrative. Lively presentation and an abundance of colour imagery make this book an essential read for all enthusiasts of the Underground, railways and, indeed, historic London.

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Customer Reviews

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First of all, I take some issue with the subtitle, since none of us is likely to ever directly own a rapid transit system or its equipment. Better that it should have been called an Operations Manual like its new counterpart on Heathrow Airport. Regardless, this volume falls well short on the technical details on how to run an urban railway. What it is is a pretty good chronological history of the system, broken down into time periods. There obviously is some technical detail of the changes and advancements in both the rail system and its equipment, but the only real "operations" detail of today's Underground is a mere three pages in the final chapter. It is also short of maps; with all of the many geographic details given, even Londoners may have some trouble following the chronology. I recommend having two additional books close at hand as you read this: "The London Underground: A Diagrammatic History" (last updated in 2007) and "The Spread of London's Underground" (last updated in 2011, but the prior edition was essentially identical). And you might want to stick an appropriate-size version of today's system map inside the book. It is certainly a worthwhile purchase if you want a good history of the development of the system, but the definitive operations guide for laymen has yet to be written. And as a native New Yorker, I'd like to see Haynes consider doing a companion volume (more operationally oriented this time, please) on the equally iconic New York City subway system (including the Elevateds that preceded it).

Great book of the history of the iconic London 'Tube' from its very beginnings, with all the financial wheeling and dealing, the building of the various lines, the evolution of the trains and stations, all down to the minutest details. The text is accompanied by a wonderful collection of pictures, many of them archival, that follow the narrative along, and added considerably to my enjoyment of the book. Highly recommended for anyone interested in the history of the origins and evolution of the system up to the present day.

I bought this so that I will be able to maintain the network after TfL gives it to me ... Haw!Haw! Seriously, as an ex-Londoner the network with its age span of 151 years to -3 years (Crossrail in 2018) is of great interest and this is a great addition to my tube library !!!

A very interesting book but in the end only a general overview of the subject, certainly not a complete guide as it purports to be. I expected to see a much more comprehensive book with more technical detail to match the title.

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