

THE RIVER THAMES: RECOMMENDED READINGS

*=Especially recommended

GUIDEBOOKS:

- *David Sharp and Tony Gowers, **Thames Path in the Country** (Official National Trail Guide, 2016)
- *Phoebe Clapham, **Thames Path in London** (Official National Trail Guide, 2016)....*essential for hiking the Path.*
- Ron Emmons, **Walks Along the Thames Path** (4th ed., 2012)....*very nice circular hikes touching on the river.*
- David Perrott, ed., **Ordnance Survey Guide to the River Thames** (6th ed., 1994)....*useful for boating.*
- Chris Cove-Smith. **The River Thames Book** (7th ed., 2016).....*very helpful for boating.*

GEOLOGY:

- *Richard Fortey, **The Hidden Landscape: A Journey into the Geological Past** (2nd ed., 2010)see Chapter 16, "Tertiary Times."
- A.E. Trueman, **Geology and Scenery in England and Wales** (rev. ed., 1972)see Chapters 4 ("The Chalklands") and 5 ("The London Basin").

NATURE:

- Richard Fortey, **The Wood for the Trees: One Man's Long View of Nature** (2016)....*an in-depth look at life in a patch of forest, two miles from the Thames at Henley.*
- *Richard Mayon-White and Wendy Yorke, **Exploring the Thames Wilderness: A guide to the natural Thames** (2013)

ARCHAEOLOGY:

- ***The Thames Through Time: The Archaeology of the Gravel Terraces of the Upper and Middle Thames**
 - A.Morigi, D.Schreve, and M. White, eds., **Early Prehistory to 1500 BC** (2011)
 - G.Lambrick, M.Robinson, and T.Allen, eds., **Late Prehistory: 1500 BC—AD 50** (2009)
 - P.Booth, A.Dodd, M.Robinson, and A.Smith, eds., **The Early Historical Period: AD 1—1000** (2007).

HISTORY AND CULTURE:

*Peter Ackroyd, **Thames: The Biography** (2007)

J. R. L. Anderson, **The Upper Thames** ("The Regions of Britain" series, 1970, rev. ed. 1974)

Hilaire Belloc, **The Historic Thames** (1907; reprinted with illustrations by A.R. Quinton, 1988)

Tom Chesshyre, **From Source to Sea: Notes from a 215-Mile Walk Along the River Thames** (2017)...*the travel correspondent of The Times hiked the Thames Path last year when I did, though not interviewing me.*

Rachel Lichtenstein, **Estuary: Out from London to the Sea** (2016)

*Jonathan Schneer, **The Thames** (2005)

Andrew Sargent, **The Story of the Thames** (2013)

*Mick Sinclair, **The Thames : A Cultural History** ("Landscapes of the Imagination" series, 2007)

*THACKER'S THAMES—AN INTIMATE PORTRAIT:

Fred S.Thacker, **The Stripling Thames** (1909)...*privately printed and almost impossible to find, but see website below for the complete work!*

Fred S.Thacker, **The Thames Highway**, volume I: **General History** (1914, reprinted 1968)

Fred S.Thacker, **The Thames Highway**, volume II: **Locks and Weirs** (1920, reprinted 1968)

WEBSITES:

RTS, the River Thames Society

<http://www.riverthamessociety.org.uk/>

Thames Path National Trail

<http://thames-path.org.uk/>

Fred Thacker, **The Stripling Thames** (1909)*a wonderfully prepared labor of love, arranged by Mr. John Eade.*

<http://thames.me.uk/OTST/index.htm>