London Buses: The Colourful Era 1985-2005

London buses are an iconic part of the capital's landscape. For over a century, they have carried millions of passengers around the city, helping to shape its unique character. The period from 1985 to 2005 was a particularly colourful era for London buses, as a variety of new and innovative designs were introduced.

This book takes a nostalgic look back at this period, featuring stunning photography and detailed descriptions of the iconic vehicles that graced the streets of London. From the classic Routemaster to the modern hybrid buses, each bus is celebrated in its own unique way.



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The Routemaster: A London Icon

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The Routemaster is perhaps the most iconic London bus of all time. It was first introduced in 1956 and quickly became a firm favourite with

passengers and enthusiasts alike. The Routemaster's distinctive design, with its open platform and curved roof, made it instantly recognisable.

The Routemaster was gradually phased out of service in the early 2000s, but a number of examples have been preserved and continue to operate on heritage routes around the city. Today, the Routemaster is seen as a symbol of London's rich transport history.



The Leyland Titan: A Workhorse of the Capital

The Leyland Titan was another popular bus in London during the 1980s and 1990s. It was a reliable and versatile vehicle that was used on a variety of routes across the city. The Titan was also exported to many other countries around the world.

The Leyland Titan was gradually replaced by newer buses in the early 2000s, but it remains a popular choice for heritage bus operators. Today, the Titan is often used on special events and charter services.



The Leyland Titan was a popular bus in London during the 1980s and 1990s.

The Dennis Trident: A Modern Classic

The Dennis Trident was introduced in 1996 and quickly became one of the most popular buses in London. It was a low-floor bus that was designed to be accessible to all passengers. The Trident was also very reliable and efficient, making it a favourite with operators.

The Dennis Trident is still in service today, and it remains one of the most popular buses in London. It is a versatile vehicle that can be used on a

variety of routes, from busy city centres to rural areas.



The Volvo B7TL: A Hybrid Pioneer

The Volvo B7TL was introduced in 2001 and was one of the first hybrid buses to be used in London. It was a diesel-electric hybrid that combined the power of a diesel engine with an electric motor to improve fuel efficiency and reduce emissions.

The Volvo B7TL was a successful bus and helped to pave the way for the of more hybrid and electric buses in London. Today, the B7TL is still in service on a number of routes across the city.



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The New Routemaster: A 21st Century Icon

The New Routemaster was introduced in 2012 and is the latest in a long line of iconic London buses. It is a modern interpretation of the classic Routemaster, with a distinctive design that is both stylish and functional.

The New Routemaster is a hybrid bus that is powered by a diesel engine and an electric motor. It is also equipped with a number of features that make it more accessible to passengers, such as a low-floor design and a wheelchair ramp. The New Routemaster is now in service on a number of routes across London. It is a popular bus with passengers and enthusiasts alike, and it is sure to become a future icon of the capital's transport system.



The period from 1985 to 2005 was a colourful era for London buses. A variety of new and innovative designs were introduced, and the city's streets were graced by some of the most iconic vehicles in transport history. This book takes a nostalgic look back at this period, featuring stunning photography and detailed descriptions of the buses that helped to shape the capital's unique character.

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