

## INTRODUCTION

The literature on the River Thames is indeed vast, and this work is an attempt to bring within the confines of a modest volume, some part of such material that may be useful to book collectors, antiquarian and second-hand booksellers and, hopefully, form a basis for anyone undertaking research on some aspect of the River. There is a fairly steady stream of publications on the Thames, and this first bibliographic attempt will require updating in future years. Although many aspects of the subject are recorded, there are gaps, e.g. Acts of Parliament, artists who have painted the scenes, the records of the Thames Commissioners and those of the Conservancy, but each one of these would require a large work in its own right.

Initially, having cruised the non-tidal river for many years, and having collected many antiquarian works, the intention was to limit one's efforts to this part of the Thames, but as the research proceeded, I found that, like the river itself, I could not stop at Teddington, and having, as it were, passed into the tide-way the subject veritably expanded. The problem then was what to leave out and how to keep the items strictly localised to the river, by no means a simple matter when one looks at a 17th or 18th century map of London. Necessarily, embankments had to be included.

The arrangement of the material into nineteen sections is a personal one, although it is loosely based on the Guildhall Library classification and I am sure that it will not please the purist. A degree of overlap seemed inevitable if one was to avoid too many sections. As far as possible, in each section the order is by author arranged alphabetically, but to avoid too many anon headings, in some instances, the insertion is by title if the author is unknown, excluding the definite or indefinite article. In line with this policy, I have brought together publications on a specific subject, especially, but not always, of a contemporary nature, e.g. the Princess Alice Disaster, certain Frost Fairs, St. Katherine's Dock, Hogarth's Peregrination and the various Panoramas.

The method of collation does not conform to conventional principles, and this is deliberate. As a book collector, I have found certain aspects of bibliographical description difficult to understand, and, if only to assist fellow collectors, I have tried to formulate a simpler description: this probably results from a lifelong professional habit of applying simplicity as a basic principle in surgical techniques. A period and colon separate each item, T.C. and B.C. indicate top and bottom covers; illustrations are listed and where appropriate, numbered. Measurements are in inches or part thereof, not in the metric mode as is the rule nowadays because I did not think that Father Thames would wish to be metricised. The title pages of many of the older books and guides are very wordy, and for historical interest I have tried to reproduce them with the original spelling. In addition, the title page provides a precis of the contents although the length of the precis is often in inverse proportion to the size or importance of the book.

In many general books on the river, quotations from three sources are common viz Spenser's 'Prothalamion', Peacock's 'Genius of the Thames' and Denham's 'Coopers Hill', and it seemed churlish to ignore them; their first editions are included. I have inserted the Thames map list from the British Library and some additional maps from the Map Departments of the Bodleian and Cambridge University Libraries as an appendix. This will be found at the end of the guides and maps section. The author would appreciate notice of errors.

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