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An intriguing 13 walks in London, featuring mystery writers and their detectives from Sherlock Holmes to Lord Peter Wimsey and Scotland Yard's Adam Dalgleish. An Ideal book for exploring London by foot or snug in your favorite armchair. Includes places of interest and restaurant suggestions.

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