

Read between the lines

Put some literary love into your commute with some of these transport-inspired reads in honour of World Book Day.

THIS selection of books are the perfect page-turners for you and your family to enjoy as you travel across the capital.

For adults

London by design, London Transport Museum

From the iconic Routemaster bus and sleek black cab to impressive Canary Wharf Underground station, London's transport network is abundant with original design. This beautiful book showcases the beloved transport designs that have shaped the city.

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A Street Cat Named Bob, James Bowen

When homeless London busker James nurses an injured cat to health, the two become unlikely friends. Bob starts to follow James everywhere he goes – when selling the big issue, playing guitar and even on a London bus, to the great amusement of his fellow travellers. This inspiring true story follows James as he overcomes addictions to heroin and methadone.

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What's in a Street Name?, Antony Badsey-Ellis

Have you ever wondered where the capital's historic streets got their names? This book looks at the origins of the most intriguing names of central London's streets, squares and alleyways such as Birdcage Walk,

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The girl on the train, Paula Jenkins

Every day, Rachel travels into the city and becomes fascinated by a 'perfect' couple, who she names Jess and Jason, she watches from the train.

Until one day she sees something shocking and everything changes. This London-based psychological thriller is now a Hollywood hit starring Emily Blunt.

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For children

Wind-up Train, published by Usborne

A toy and book all in one! This fun board book comes with a wind-up toy steam train. The colourful pages pop out and the

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Whizzy Wheels: London Bus, Marion Billet

This book comes with added wheels so young children can take it on a real journey by pushing it along the floor. Inside the book the red bus travels around the streets of London to see



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Mr. Men in London, Adam Hargreaves

Join the Mr. Men and the Little Misses as they travel by Tube, bus and a boat on a very busy tour of the sights of London. But will they get into a tangle on the Tube and what will Mr Uppity make of it all?

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Boxing champ inspires riders

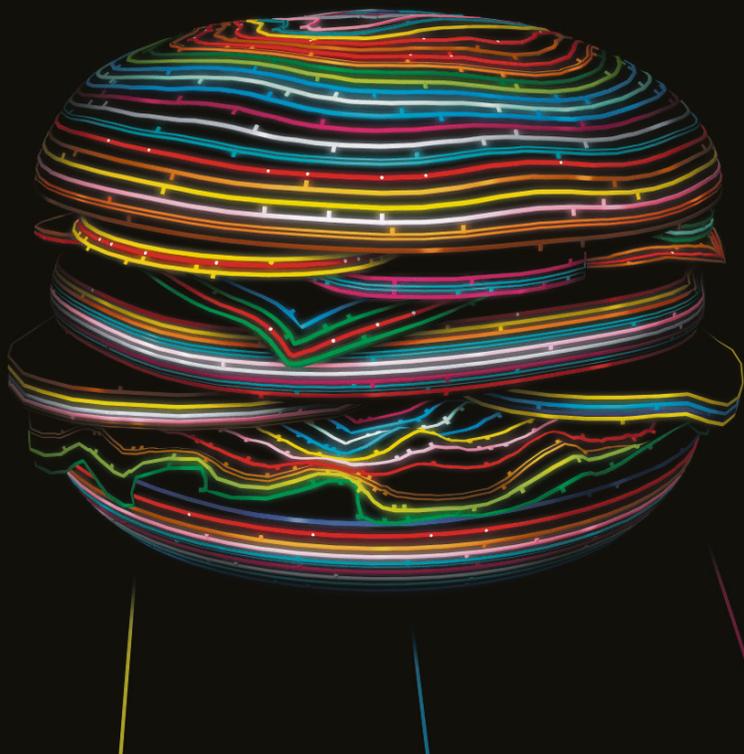
TWO-TIME Olympic gold medallist Nicola Adams OBE joined young riders at Lee Valley VeloPark for the launch of RideLondon yesterday. Adams is taking on the challenge of cycling the 46-mile ride on Sunday July 30 and will mentor students and teachers from schools all over the UK as they prepare for RideLondon.

The route will take them from Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, through the capital into Surrey and back to London for a spectacular finish on The Mall.

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