

# THE WOOD THAT BUILT LONDON

A HUMAN HISTORY OF THE GREAT NORTH WOOD

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From the author of *Along the Amber Route*, Shortlisted for the Stanford Dolman Travel Book of the Year 2021

## ABOUT THIS BOOK

Standing in the busy streets of South London today, it is hard to imagine that much of this suburban townscape was once a vast wood, stretching unbroken for almost seven miles from Croydon to the Thames at Deptford.

This compelling narrative history charts the fortunes of the North Wood from the earliest times: its ecology, ownership, management, and its gradual encroachment by the expanding metropolis.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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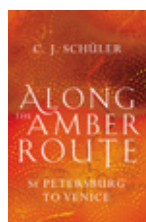
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