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The enormous popularity of recent British dramas such as *Downton Abbey*, *Mr. Selfridge*, and *Sherlock*, has led to vast interest in the real-life stories and history of the icons of Great Britain. Each episode of this series visits a famous British building or institution to explore its past and present, meeting a wide range of experts and historians along the way.

Secrets of The Tower of London

Standing guard over the city of London for nearly 1000 years, this formidable fortress has been a royal castle, a prison, a place of execution and torture, an armory, and the Royal Mint. Over the centuries it has gone from a symbol of imperialism and tyranny to a national treasure. *Secrets of The Tower of London* goes behind the Tower's ancient walls to expose its secrets and stories.

Secrets of Selfridges

Two words are synonymous with Selfridges: luxury and London. However, Selfridges was the brain child of an American—Mr. Harry Gordon Selfridge. Selfridge brought about a complete revolution in the way that Londoners shopped, introducing a new American retail model that made shopping a luxurious adventure. *Secrets of Selfridges* reveals the grandiose store's hidden stories and explores just how the mammoth retail operation works today.

Secrets of Scotland Yard

From Charles Dickens to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle—no police institution in the world has caught the public imagination in quite the same way as Scotland Yard. The officers and “Bobbies” can be seen on the news standing beside the Royal Family or other officials in their role as protectors. Discover the grim and grisly details of Scotland Yard's past and meet modern-day sleuths to uncover the secrets of what it takes to become a contemporary Sherlock.

Secrets of Her Majesty's Secret Service

Ian Fleming's James Bond uses high-tech weapons and gadgets on his mission to protect Queen and country in his top-secret world of spies and secrets. But what is the real British Secret Service like? *Secrets of Her Majesty's Secret Service* delves into the details of some of the world's most calculated and delicately executed operations.

***Secrets of Underground London* (working title)**

On the surface, London is a buzzing, modern metropolis, but underneath lies a secret, hidden world, all but forgotten by the millions of people above. *Secrets of Underground London* uncovers 2,000 years of subterranean history—a world of ancient caves, perfectly preserved Roman remains, mysterious rivers, gruesome plague pits, impenetrable vaults, and top-secret bunkers.

***Secrets of Westminster* (working title)**

One of the world's most famous churches, Westminster Abbey is steeped in Anglo-Saxon myth and legend, royal extortion, and . . . dead people. The architectural masterpiece which dates back to the 11th century houses more than 500 corpses—including those of King Edward I, Queen Elizabeth I, Charles Darwin, and Isaac Newton. Sixteen royal weddings have been hosted here—including those of Elizabeth II to Prince Phillip and Prince William to Kate Middleton. *Secrets of Westminster* also explores the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben, the emblems of British Democracy and history.

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