

**A Dictionary of Victorian London**

An A-Z of the Great Metropolis

Lee Jackson

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Readership: A fantastically compelling compendium for anyone interested in the history of London in general or the Victorian era in particular.

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