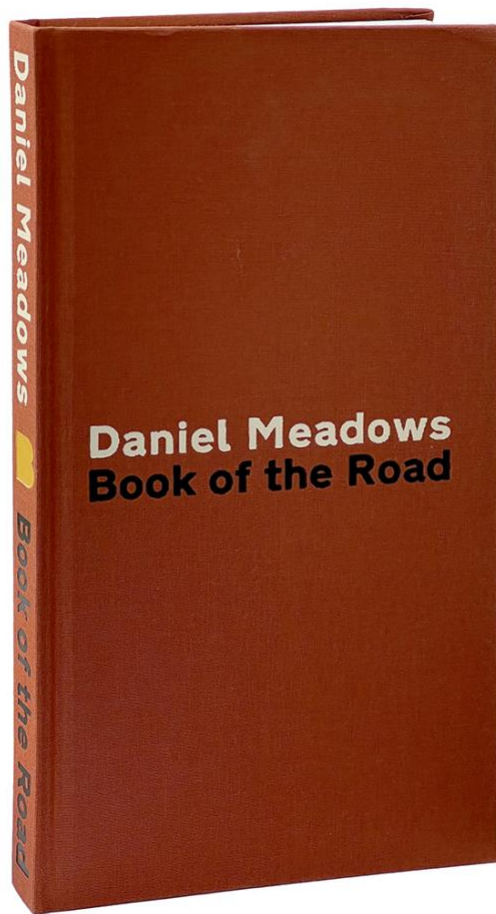


Best and Favourite Photography Books of 2023

from online lists



Book of the Road by Daniel Meadows

£45, Bluecoat Press, Flexibound hardcover, 220 pages, ISBN: 9781908457783

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Amateur Photographer (also [in print](#))

[Amy Davies](#)

Fifty years ago, renowned British documentary photographer Daniel Meadows set off in his free photographic omnibus and captured a portrait of our nation that is still widely considered to be a masterpiece of documentary photography. Aged just 21 at the time, Daniel travelled over 10,000 miles in a double-decker bus mapping the length and breadth of England, photographing a total of 958 people and offering a free print to each of his subjects. The characters he encountered along the way – or at least some of them – are featured in this half-century anniversary of the famous project, which has been styled and shaped to emulate the old AA Book of the Road. A wonderful project, a wonderful read, and the perfect choice for anybody interested in the history of British documentary photography when it was perhaps at its peak.

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[Matt Stuart](#)

A redo of Meadows amazing bus portrait journey. Designed like the old fashioned *AA Book of the Road* road atlas. Book of the Road celebrates the 50th anniversary of Daniel Meadows' pioneering 1970s documentary project Free Photographic Omnibus. Driving over 10,000 miles in a double-decker bus, the wild-haired young Meadows spent 14 months mapping the length and breadth of England. Beautifully designed by Tom Booth Woodger who is singlehandedly turning Blue Coat around the right corner.

[Alys Tomlinson](#)

Cleverly designed by Tom Booth Woodger to replicate the size and shape of an old AA road atlas, the book offers an insight into Daniel's process and the political and social climate of Britain in the 1970s. I'm a big fan of Daniel Meadows and this book celebrates the 50th anniversary of his Free Photographic Omnibus, a highly original project where he travelled the length and breadth of England in a double decker bus, allowing photography to reach the everyday person on the street and creating cultural collaborations

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LensCulture

[Russ O'Connell](#)

Fifty years ago, Daniel Meadows began a unique photographic project; he set off in a repurposed 1948 double-decker bus on a 10,000-mile trip around England. For 14 months he lived and worked on the bus, photographing 958 people in 22 towns and cities across the land. Processing & printing the images on his bus, he offered his subjects free prints in exchange for taking their photos. The book is designed in a unique format, which is an ode to the original *Readers Digest AA Book of The Road*. It's full of images of wonderful characters interspersed with reportage from the areas Meadows visited, giving the reader an insight in to the diversity of life in England in the 1970's.