

A photograph of a canal in Amsterdam. In the foreground, a duck with brown and white feathers stands on a dark wooden post. The canal water is calm, reflecting the scene. In the background, a stone bridge with arches spans the canal, and a large wooden windmill structure is visible. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting sunrise or sunset. The overall mood is serene and atmospheric.

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FOREWORD

A HEARTFELT HOMAGE

Amsterdam – a city that has been a muse for artists for centuries – continues to inspire photographers much as it did when Jacob Olie first pioneered the craft.

With his keen eye, Gosse Bouma proves that the city's allure is ever-renewing. This beautiful photo book reflects his unique take on Amsterdam, a city that both he and I deeply cherish, capturing the city's organic moments and casting them in a new light.

Join Bouma on a visual odyssey that will take you through Amsterdam's diverse atmospheres, from the historic centre shrouded in mist, to the first light casting its rays onto the capital's splendid parks.

A tapestry of images unfolds, featuring iconic buildings, deserted metro stations and atmospheric canals, woven together with first-hand snapshots of street life. Each photograph is a revelation, portraying an Amsterdam that is tranquil and, at times, tinged with a touch of melancholy.

As Amsterdam celebrates its 750th anniversary, Bouma's *A New Light on Amsterdam* emerges as a heartfelt homage to the city's storied past and vibrant present. —







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“I work very intuitively. I wander and respond. The patterns and motifs that manifest themselves in my photographs are discovered in retrospect. Initially unintentionally, they develop into visual triggers.”









“One early morning,
I found the city
cloaked in a thick
mist. There was
a tranquillity, an
intimacy almost, that
one hardly comes
across in a busy city
like Amsterdam.”



















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In *A New Light on Amsterdam*, Dutch artist Gosse Bouma shares his unique views of Amsterdam. Working solely under natural light, the award-winning photographer paints a one-of-a-kind and powerful portrait of the city he loves so much – and which is celebrating its 750th anniversary in 2025.

In this first book, Bouma embarks on a visual journey through the capital of the Netherlands, creating serene cityscapes with a touch of melancholy – from the cobblestoned bridges and diverse facades, to the quaint quays and narrow alleyways.

His work reflects a deep reverence for the city's past and present, a dialogue between glow and gloom, history and modernity – a city in a new light.

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