

A NEW LIGHT ON  
**AMSTERDAM**

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TERRA



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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.”



















