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### PARIS, PORTRAIT OF A CITY

Jean Claude Gautrand, Taschen £44.99



**AS ONE OF** the heaviest books we've come across, this Taschen tome certainly offers value for money. It is groaning with pictures, charting how the capital of France has evolved over the period 1830 to 2011.

Buildings go up and get torn down, horse drawn carriages turn into motor cars and hats become obsolete. Images are black and white, big and small. Famous works by Robert Doisneau appear alongside lesser-known but equally fascinating photographs.

See the sights as never before, when the Eiffel Tower was but half-finished, when there were windmills on the top of Montmartre, when leeks were being grown in the Louvre gardens and when it was not uncommon to come across a herd of goats in the street.

As well as architectural shots and scenes from real-life, there are historical events captured within the pages of this book: the first international exhibition of air transport at the Grand Palais; fireworks to mark the bicentenary of the Revolution. A visual feast!