

Staff Picks



International Travel Tales

Whether you're traveling a few miles or embarking on a trip around the world travel is almost always an adventure. This list features humorous, insightful and inspiring stories about international travel. Let it be your passport for many adventures.

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A Cook's Tour: In Search of the Perfect Meal

Anthony Bourdain 641.013 Bo

A year of travel around the world in search good food, lots of alcohol and intriguing characters, add a dash of danger and lots of humor, and you have the recipe for Bourdain's fast paced travel memoir.

Around the World in 80 Days with Michael Palin

Michael Palin 910.41 Pa

Palin keeps a diary as he follows Phineas Fogg's 1872 fictional trip while being filmed by the BBC. He sets a light tone as he travels by train, boat and camel to visit exotic settings such as Italy, Egypt and China.



Fresh Air Fiend: Travel Writings, 1985-2000

Paul Theroux 910.4 Th

Theroux offers both a humorous tone and insight into the human condition of his characters as he travels through such locations as the Yangtze River in China, Uganda and his home in the Eastern U.S.



Frost on My Moustache: The Arctic Exploits of a Lord and Loafer

Tim Moore 919.8 Mo

Lord Dufferin's 19th-century best selling travel memoir of his trip to Iceland inspired Moore to try and retrace the journey. Moore's sarcastic writing style enlivens this fast paced travel diary as he uses boats and a motorcycle while traveling thorough Iceland and Norway.



Geography of Bliss: One Grump's Search for the Happiest Place in the World

Eric Weiner 910.4 Wei

Weiner travels to diverse settings around the world from India to Bhutan to Asheville, North Carolina in search of happiness. The author combines travel, psychology and science in a book that has a light and humorous tone as he looks at where happiness is.



In a Sunburned Country

Bill Bryson 919.4 Bry

Interesting facts and weird characters abound as Bryson tells of his travels through Australia. He uses a light tone as he explores the most poisonous snakes and spiders as well as the beauty of the land and people he encounters.



Not So funny When it Happened: The Best of Travel Humor and Misadventure

Tim Cahill 910 No

This humorous collection of travel essays from authors such as Dave Barry and Bill Bryson remind us why being an armchair traveler can be a good thing. This book is fast paced, with fun (and not so fun) characters and takes us to unusual settings all over the world.



Pass the Butterworms, Remote Journeys Oddly Rendered

Tim Cahill 910.4 Ca

Cahill shares his insights of interesting characters and remote settings throughout the world. His humorous essays on riding with natives across Mongolia and befriending children in Honduras give a real feel for the places he visits.



The Sex Lives of Cannibals: Adrift in the Equatorial Pacific

J. Maarten Troost 306.0996 Tro

Two years on a remote South Pacific Island sounds romantic but the author found this was not always the case as he recounts his misadventures with unusual characters in this humorously written book.
