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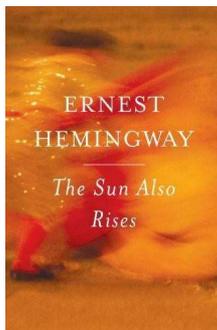
For more than 64 years, we at Thomas Travel have celebrated curiosity for the wondrous world around us. We are wanderers and wayfarers, packers and partakers, explorers and adventure seekers! With “Let’s Go” as our mantra, the current stop sign in front of us is unnaturally settling.

But what we must remember is that before we were travelers, we were dreamers, imagining all of the places in the world we could – and would – go. Although travel has come to a necessary standstill, nothing can stop us from letting our hearts and minds wander.

We may have been temporarily relegated to armchair travelers, but we are all still travelers! Until the day comes when we can again resume the joy of traveling and freely roam the earth again, we can keep dreaming.

For the next few months, instead of our monthly flyer we will be offering other ideas to inspire future trips!

Below are recommendations from Ker & Downey of the best travel books to feed your wanderlust until you can take your next adventure. From harrowing journeys to tales of whimsy, these selections are bursting at the seams with inspiration for a future trip. Happy Reading!

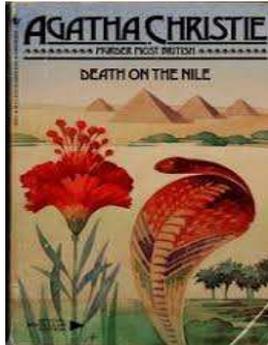
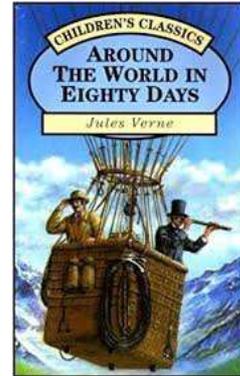


[The Sun Also Rises](#) by Ernest Hemingway

With *The Sun Also Rises*, Hemingway became the voice of the Lost Generation. Drawing from his life in Paris and his annual trip to Spain to watch the running of the bulls and the bullfights, this novel about life post-World War I is one of Hemingway’s greatest works.

[Around the World in 80 Days](#) by Jules Verne

Take a spin around the globe in this Jules Verne story about Phileas Fogg's bet with his friends that he can circumnavigate the world in 80 days. If it inspires your next journey, check out some of these [destinations](#) pulled straight from the story.



[Death on the Nile](#) by Agatha Christie

Follow detective Hercule Poirot to uncover a mystery on the Nile River in one of Agatha Christie's most famous works. Travel to where Christie penned the Sofitel Legend Old Cataract Aswan Hotel novel and see where the scenes unfold along the Nile River.

[The Alchemist](#) by Paulo Coelho

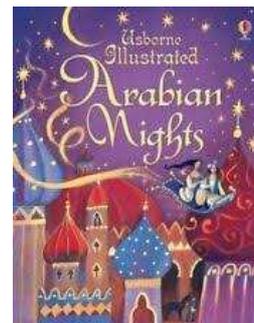
One of the best travel books that show us life is about the journey. In this international bestseller, Santiago, an Andalusian shepherd boy, desires to travel in search of treasure. Through his adventures, he finds himself instead.

[Treasure Island](#) by Robert Louis Stevenson

A swashbuckling adventure on the high seas where buccaneers search for buried gold in Spanish America.

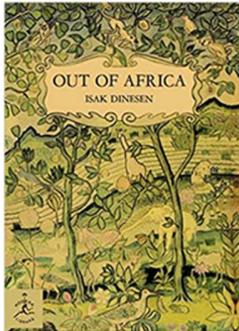
[One Thousand and One Nights](#)

A collection of classics with magical tales of genies, villains, beautiful princesses, and adventurous heroes spanning many countries from India to Egypt.



[Lands of Lost Borders: A Journey on the Silk Road](#) by Kate Harris

Is there any place left to discover or have all the roads been traveled before? In her memoir about a year spent cycling the Silk Road, Kate Harris contemplates these questions.



[Out of Africa](#) by Isak Denisen

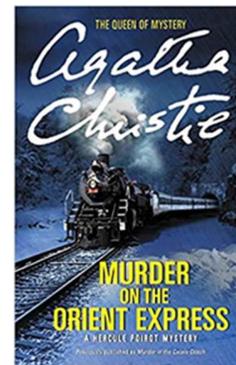
Out of Africa, penned by Karen Blixen under the name Isak Denisen, is ranked as one of the best nonfiction books of all-time. Her memoir of time spent on a coffee plantation at the foot of the Ngong Hills in Kenya portrays life as it was over 100 years ago. It became an Oscar-winning movie in the mid-eighties starring Meryl Streep and Robert Redford. After reading the book, head to Angama Mara where some of the scenes from the movie were filmed.

[The Living Mountain](#) by Nan Shepherd

Nan Shepherd spent her life exploring the majestic beauty of Scotland's Cairngorms mountains. The manuscript for this masterpiece of nature writing was composed during World War II. It wasn't published until thirty years later.

[Murder on the Orient Express](#) by Agatha Christie

For a quick read, indulge in this classic Poirot mystery novel from the world's best-selling author. The page-turner, set on the famed Orient Express, will leave you guessing the whole time.

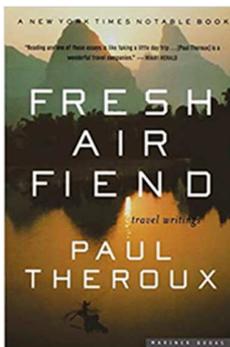


[Travels with Charley: In Search of America](#) by John Steinbeck

In 1960 at the age of 58, American author John Steinbeck set out in a camper truck with his companion, a standard poodle named Charley, and a desire to see America. Steinbeck's great American road trip is engaging and reads more like a novel than nonfiction.

[The Lost City of Z](#) by David Grann

Journalist David Grann weaves his journey into the Amazon jungle with stories from British Explorer Percy Fawcett's quest to find a fabled civilization. This narrative nonfiction seeks to unravel the mystery of what happened to Fawcett, who never returned from his 1925 journey to "Z".

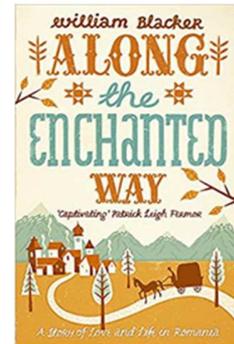


[Fresh Air Fiend](#) by Paul Theroux

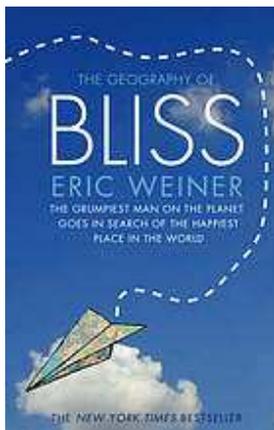
For those that want to take a quick adventure somewhere new, pick up *Fresh Air Fiend*, a collection of travel essays from Paul Theroux. His stories and the destinations he travels to span five continents from the islands of Nantucket to the Zambezi.

[Bruno, Chief of Police: A Novel of the French Countryside](#) by Martin Walker
The slow rhythms and small pleasures of southern France mix vividly with a classic whodunnit mystery. The chief character, Benoît Courrèges — aka Bruno — solves crimes while also making time for the finer things in French life, such as drinking wine, shopping at the local market, and cooking up delectable slow-food dishes.

[Along the Enchanted Way](#) by William Blacker
This charming read transports you to the magical, untouched world of rural Romania. William Blacker still owns a house in Transylvania, in the village where he fell in love with a gypsy woman, after discovering the magic of people and traditions in Maramures.



[At Home: A Short History of Private Life](#) by Bill Bryson
Could there be a more appropriate selection for best travel books in this era of homebound-ness that we all find ourselves in? Bryson's travel memoirs of Australia, the United Kingdom, and the Appalachian Trail are really insightful and hilarious. This book is completely different though still insightful in its own way. In the novel, Bryson takes us on a trip through his own home. He researches every aspect of the rooms we live in, from why they exist to what they looked like hundreds of years ago.



[The Geography of Bliss: One Grump's Search for the Happiest Places in the World](#) – by Eric Weiner

The title alone makes us want to dig into this book that has been described as part travel memoir, part humor, and part twisted self-help guide. Travel across the world with Eric Weiner as he attempts to answer where happiness lies.