

Crook County Library

Ultimate Staycation: Travel the World from Your Armchair!

Books

Baird, John

The Explorers Guild: A Passage to Shambhala (2015)

A clandestine group of adventurers, the aim of The Explorers Guild is to discover the mysteries that lie beyond the boundaries of the known world. Set against the backdrop of World War I, with Western Civilization on the edge of calamity, the Guild's quest to find the golden city of Buddhist myth leads them from the Polar North to the Mongolian deserts, through underground canals of Asia to the Himalayan deep. *(Adventure, Suspense)* SF

Berwin, Margot

Hothouse Flower and the 9 Plants of Desire (2009)

Newly divorced Lila travels to the Yucatan in search of the nine plants of desire, which legend says will cause her wildest dreams and wishes to come true. Discover the story of a legendary garden of nine rare plants hidden in an old laundromat in New York City, and the distance one woman must travel—from the cold, harsh streets of Manhattan to the lush jungles of the Yucatan Peninsula—to claim what is hers. *(Fiction, Wilderness Trek)* SF

Buck, Rinker

The Oregon Trail: A New American Journey (2015)

Buck's epic account of traveling the length of the Oregon Trail the old-fashioned way--in a covered wagon with a team of mules, an audacious journey that hasn't been attempted in a century--tells the rich history of the trail, the people who made the migration, and its significance to the country. *(Nonfiction, Memoir)* MR

Davies, Pete

American Road (2002)

Moving into Meditation is a practical yet fresh guide to integrating mindful yoga and embodied meditation, in a 12-week format. One week at a time, Moving into Meditation lays out a plan for exploring body-based practices to get you more in tune with not only your limbs and core but your mind and heart. *(History/Non-Fiction)* JK

Denizet- Lewis, Benoit

Travels with Casey (2014)

Over four months, thirty-two states, and 13,000 miles in a rented motor home, Denizet-Lewis and his canine companion attempt to pay tribute to the most powerful interspecies bond there is, in the country with the highest rate of dog ownership in the world. On the way, Denizet-Lewis-- known for his deeply reported dispatches from far corners of American life-- meets an irresistible cast of dogs and dog-obsessed humans. *(Nonfiction, Biography)* MR

Duncan, Dayton

Horatio's Drive: America's First Road Trip (2003)

In 1903, Horatio Nelson Jackson, a 31-year-old doctor from Vermont, made a bet that he could drive a car from San Francisco to New York. At the time, there were only 150 miles of paved roads and most Americans had never seen a car. Gas stations and road maps were practically nonexistent. Still Jackson (along with his mechanic pal, Sewall Crocker, and, later, a goggles-wearing bulldog named Bud) succeeded in completing the nation's first cross-country road trip in just over two months. (*Nonfiction, Biography*) MR

George, Don (Editor)

An Innocent Abroad: Life-changing Trips from 35 Great Writers (2014)

More than 20 well-known writers and celebrities share the travel experiences that shaped their personalities and changed their lives. (*Travel Writing*) AS

Grann, David

The Lost City of Z: A Tale of Deadly Obsession in the Amazon (2009)

After stumbling upon a hidden trove of diaries, acclaimed *New Yorker* writer David Grann set out to solve "the greatest exploration mystery of the twentieth century": What happened to the British explorer Percy Fawcett and his quest for the Lost City of Z? (*Adventure Writing*) AS

Houston, Pam

Contents May Have Shifted (2012)

Stuck in a dead-end relationship, Pam leaves her metaphorical baggage behind and finds a comfort zone in the air, "feeling safest with one plane ticket in her hand and another in her underwear drawer." She flies around the world, finding reasons to love life in dozens of far-flung places from Alaska to Bhutan. Along the way she weathers unplanned losses of altitude, air pressure, and landing gear, and learns to sort truth from self-deception, self-involvement from self-possession. (*Fiction, Short Essays*) SF

Kerouac, Jack

On the Road (1957)

The anarchic quest for meaning and purpose takes place on the road as Sal Paradise, Dean Moriarty and their young friends traverse the North American continent, back and forth, up and down, in cars stolen and borrowed, in buses, planes, or by thumb. (*Classics; Autobiographical Fiction*) JFS

LeLord, Francois

Hector and the Search for Happiness (2010)

Hector is good at treating patients but he can't do much for those simply dissatisfied with life, and that is starting to depress him. When told he needs to take a vacation, Hector takes a trip around the world to learn what makes people happy—and sad. As he travels from Paris to China to Africa to the U.S., he lists his observations about the people he meets. Is there a secret to happiness, and will Hector find it? (*Fiction, World Trip*) SF

Lonely Planet

Discover France (2010)

Experience the best of France with this travel guide written by authors who have actually visited the sites they are writing about. Plan your trip to Louvre, Provence's lavender fields and Monet's Garden today! Lonely Planet authors never accept freebies for positive coverage so you can rely on their reviews. (*Non-Fiction, Travel*) JK

McArthur, Lewis A.

Oregon Geographic Names, 4th ed. (1974)

From Antelope to Zigzag., Oregon Geographic Names explains the quirky and fascinating origins of Oregon place names. Don't go on an Oregon road trip without it! (*Reference*) JFS

O'Rourke, P.J.

Holidays in Heck (2011)

A celebrated humorist, P.J. embarks on supposedly comfortable and allegedly less dangerous travels--often with family in tow--which mostly leave him wishing he were under artillery fire. Beginning at the National Mall in Washington, we follow him as he takes his family on a ski vacation at the Aspen of the Midwest—Ohio, to a harrowing horseback ride across the mountains of Kyrgyzstan. The result is a hilarious and often moving portrait of life in the fast lane as a husband and father. (*Travel Essays*) SF

Scott Wilson, William

Walking the Kiso Road: A Modern-Day Exploration of Old Japan (2009)

Step back into old Japan in this fascinating travelogue of the famous Kiso Road, an ancient route used by samurai and warlords, which remains much the same today as it did hundreds of years ago. (*Travel Writing*) AS

Smith, Daniel

100 Places You Will Never Visit: The World's Most Secret Locations (2014)

Ever wondered what it takes to get into Fort Knox? Fancied a peek inside the Coca-Cola Safety Deposit Box? The world is full of secret places that we either don't know about, or couldn't visit even if we wanted to. This fascinating guide book takes a look at 100 places around the world that are either so hard to reach, so closely guarded, or so secret that they are virtually impossible to visit any other way. (*Travel Writing*) SF

Steinbeck, John

Travels with Charley: In Search of America (1962)

In September 1960, John Steinbeck embarked on a journey across America. He felt that he might have lost touch with the country, with its speech, the smell of its grass and trees, its color and quality of light, the pulse of its people. To reassure himself, he set out on a voyage of rediscovery of the American identity, accompanied by a distinguished French poodle named Charley; and driving a three-quarter-ton pickup truck named Rocinante (named for Don Quixote's horse). (*Classics, Non-Fiction*) JK

Straub, Emma

The Vacationers (2014)

For the Posts, a two-week trip to the island of Mallorca with family and friends is a time of celebration. The sunlit island, its mountains and beaches, its tapas and tennis courts, also promise an escape from the tensions simmering at home in Manhattan. But all does not go according to plan. Secrets come to light, old and new humiliations are experienced, childhood rivalries resurface, and ancient wounds are exacerbated. (*Fiction, European Island Vacation*) SF

Strayed, Cheryl

Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail (2012)

Following her mother's death, her family and marriage were destroyed. With nothing else to lose, Cheryl made the impulsive decision to hike along the Pacific Crest Trail, a trip spanning over 1,000 miles from the Mojave Desert to Washington- and she would do it alone. Discover what broke down a young woman reeling from catastrophe and built her back up again. (*Non-fiction, Memoir*) SF

Tan, Amy

Saving Fish from Drowning (2005)

San Francisco art patron Bibi Chen has planned a journey of the senses along the famed Burma Road for eleven lucky friends. But following her mysterious death, Bibi watches aghast from her ghostly perch as the travelers veer off her itinerary and embark on a trail paved with cultural gaffes and tribal curses, Buddhist illusions and romantic desires. Then, one morning, the tourists cross a misty lake at sunrise and disappear. (*Fiction, Mystery*) SF

Theroux, Paul

Deep South: Four Seasons on Back Roads (2015)

For the first time in his long career, travel writer Theroux explores a piece of America – the Deep South. He finds there a paradoxical place, full of incomparable music, unparalleled cuisine, and yet also some of the nation's worst schools, housing, and unemployment rates. It's these parts of the South, so often ignored, that have caught Theroux's keen traveler's eye. (*Travel Writing*) JFS

Theroux, Paul

The Mosquito Coast (1982)

In a breathtaking adventure story, the paranoid and brilliant inventor Allie Fox takes his family to live in the Honduran jungle, determined to build a civilization better than the one they've left. Fleeing from an America he sees as mired in materialism and conformity, he hopes to rediscover a purer life. But his utopian experiment takes a dark turn when his obsessions lead the family toward unimaginable danger. (*Fiction, Adventure*) SF

Troost, J. Maarten

The Sex Lives of Cannibals: Adrift in the Equatorial Pacific (1982)

At the age of twenty-six, aimless Maarten Troost decided to pack up his flip-flops and move to Tarawa, a remote South Pacific island in the Republic of Kiribati. Falling into one amusing misadventure after another, he discovers that Tarawa is no island paradise, struggling for two years through heat, deadly bacteria, polluted seas, toxic fish—all in a country where the only music to be heard is “La Macarena.” (*Non-fiction, Adventure*) SF

Movies

Leap Year (2010)

When Anna's four-year anniversary to her boyfriend passes without an engagement ring, she decides to take matters into her own hands. Inspired by an Irish tradition that allows women to propose to men on Leap Day, Anna follows Jeremy to Dublin to propose. But after landing on the wrong side of Ireland, she must enlist the help of the handsome and carefree local, Declan, to get her across the country. Along the way, they discover that the road to love can take you to very unexpected places. (*Romantic Comedy*) JK

Life of Pi (2012)

After deciding to sell their zoo in India and move to Canada, Santosh and Gita Patel board a freighter with their sons and a few remaining animals. Tragedy strikes when a terrible storm sinks the ship, leaving the Patels' teenage son, Pi (Suraj Sharma), as the only human survivor. However, Pi is not alone; a fearsome Bengal tiger has also found refuge aboard the lifeboat. (*Drama; Adventure; Award Winners*) JFS

National Lampoon's Vacation (1983)

Clark Griswold (Chevy Chase), his wife, Ellen (Beverly D'Angelo), and their kids are driving from Illinois to Wally World in California. As Clark increasingly fixates on a beautiful woman driving a sports car, the Griswolds deal with car problems, petty criminals, and dead relatives. (*Comedy*) JFS

Nebraska (2013)

Cantankerous old buzzard Woody Grant (Bruce Dern) can barely walk down the street of his home in Billings without stopping for a drink. So when Woody receives a sweepstakes notice in the mail and insists on making a 750-mile trip to Lincoln, Nebraska to collect his prize, it falls to baffled son David (Will Forte) to accompany him. (*Comedy/Drama*) JFS

Planes, Trains and Automobiles (1987)

Trying to get home to Chicago to spend Thanksgiving with his wife and kids, Neal Page (Steve Martin) is rerouted to a distant city in Kansas because of a freak snowstorm, and his sanity begins to fray. Worse yet, he is forced to bunk up with talkative Del Griffith (John Candy), whom he finds extremely annoying. Together they must overcome the insanity of holiday travel to reach their intended destination. (*Comedy*) JFS

The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (2013)

A compulsive daydreamer, Walter escapes his boring life by disappearing into heroic, romantic, and action-filled fantasies. When his job is threatened, Walter takes action in the real world, taking a global journey that turns into an adventure more extraordinary than anything he could have imagined. (*Adventure, Drama, Comedy*) SF

The Terminal (2004)

Viktor is a simple man on a mission who finds himself trapped in JFK airport after the accidental loss of his country to villainous coup. Slowly he encounters airport workers- Gupta the hilarious Indian custodian; Enrique who transports food; Torres the security clerk and the stewardess who has spent her life waiting for the right man to come along. (*Romantic Comedy*) JK

The Trip to Bountiful (1985)

Carrie Watts (Geraldine Page) may be old, but she suffers no shortage of spirit. When her carping daughter-in-law and overprotective son forbid her to travel alone from Houston to her childhood home in Bountiful, she strikes out anyway. Learning that trains no longer stop there, she takes a bus instead and en route meets a young woman (Rebecca De Mornay) with whom she shares both secrets and memories. (*Drama; Historical*) JFS

Wild Hogs (2007)

A group of suburban middle-aged biker wannabes looking for adventure hit the open road, but get more than they bargained for when they encounter a New Mexico gang called the Del Fuegos. (*Comedy*) MR