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books read

Rick is a reader. He aspires to read — or listen to books on MP3 — an hour a day.

At the top of this page are some of Rick's most *important* books. They have stood the test of time.

Scrolling further down this page will lead you to Rick's (partial) life list, good and bad.

The internet intrudes into reading time increasingly. The best strategy — if you *want* to read — is to give away your TV.

Rick aspires to shun commercial TV, instead downloading select movies & television shows, commercial free.

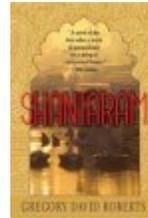
Since 1991 Rick has been reading primarily travel books. You will see a scattering of other genres but popular best-sellers are infrequent.

Favourite authors include Robertson Davies

- **Robertson Davies**
- **W. Somerset Maugham**
- **Travarian**
- **Isaac Asimov**
- **Tim Ward**
- **Robertson Davies**
- **John Irving**
- **Anthony Daniels**
- **Peter Mathiessen**
- **John Le Carre**
- **Paul Theroux**
- **V.S. Naipaul**
- **Russell Banks**
- **Bill Bryson**
- **Graham Greene**
- **James Claval**
- **Kurt Vonnegut**

Hmm. No female authors. Does that mean women are lousy authors? Or does it say something about me?

all-time favourites



Shantaram

Gregory David Roberts

2005. Rick's favourite book ever.

Read [Rick's review](#).



Ulysses

James Joyce

1922. Formerly Rick's favourite book

Read [Rick's review](#).



Catch-22

Joseph Heller

1961.



The Snow Leopard

Peter Matthiessen

1978.



OK, my favourite author who purports to be female is an Irish drinker / travel writer:

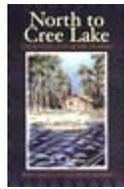
- **Dervla Murphy**

Rick is a huge fan of Lonely Planet travel guidebooks, an Australian company which revolutionized & popularized travel in the way Apple revolutionized & popularized digital music.

If you have **comments** on this book page, **e-mail Rick**.



The Power and the Glory
Graham Greene
1940



North to Cree Lake

A. L. Karras

1970. A Canadian *classic*, almost unknown.



Gulliver's Travels

Jonathan Swift

1726.



Shibumi

Trevanian

1979.

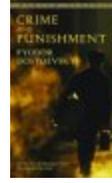


Time Enough For Love

Arabian Sands

Wilfred Thesiger

1954.



Crime and Punishment

Fyodor Dostoevsky

1866.



The Hobbit

J.R.R. Tolkien

1937.



Rebel Angels

Robertson Davies

1981.



The Razor's Edge

W. Somerset Maugham

1944.



The Summing-up

W. Somerset Maugham

1938.



A Prayer for Owen Meany

John Irving

1989.

Robert Heinlein
1973.



Arrow of the Blue-skinned God

Jonah Blank
1992. India.



Cider House Rules

John Irving
1985.



A Minor Apocalypse

Tadeouz Konwicki

1983. A Rockin' Ronnie recommendation.

on the bookshelf, waiting

Stephen Colbert - Alpha Squad 7: Lady Nocturne: A Tek Jansen Adventure.

Wayne Johnston - Colony of Unrequited Dreams.
Recommended by Bev and Stacey.

Derek Lundy - Godforsaken Sea. Recommended by Warren.

Tim Cahill - Road Fever.

Tony Hawks - Playing the Moldavans at Tennis.

Khaled Hosseini - A Thousand Splendid Suns. MP3.

Cormac McCarthy - All the Pretty Horses. MP3.

recently read books

Michael Palin - Himalaya. Superb, as usual. MP3.

Robert Sawyer - Starplex. Good, but not his best work.

Kathy Reichs - Cross Bones. Hmm. OK.

Michael Crichton - NEXT. Not great.

John Hodgman - The Areas of My Expertise. [Read Rick's blog post.](#) Superb.

Alison Arnold - [Scream And Run Naked.](#)

Nicholas Shakespeare - In Tasmania. [Read Rick's blog post.](#)

Peter Austen - Narrow Escapes.

Eric Hansen - Motoring with Mohammed - Journeys to Yemen and the Red Sea.

Ben Bova - Mercury. (CD) Not great. A giant tower was built from Ecuador into space.

Terry Pratchett - Mort. (MP3) Recommended by Warren. Excellent. A Diskworld novel. Mort is Death's apprentice.

Kelly Tyler-Lewis, Lost Men. (MP3) The astounding neglected story of Shackleton's *other* ship. The Ross Sea party. Only 7 of those 10 men survived while all of Shackleton's group lived. [Read Rick's blog post.](#)

Bjorn Lomborg - The Skeptical Environmentalist: Measuring the Real State of the World. [Read Rick's blog post.](#) Superb. Lomborg is the one man environmentalists do not want you to read. Passed it on to Brian after skimming the diagrams.

Chris Townsend - Crossing Arizona. [Read Rick's review.](#) My favourite hiking author's 800mi trek from Mexico to the Grand Canyon.

Mark Hudson - Our Grandmothers' Drums. [Read Rick's review.](#) Excellent.

The Lazarus Vendetta (MP3) by Patrick Larkin under the name Robert Ludlum, 2004. Not great.

Dave Barry - Dave Barry's Greatest Hits. [Read Rick's review.](#) Fantastic visionary.

John Le Carre - The Tailor of Panama. Could not finish it. [Read Rick's review.](#)

Robert Bannon - West Coast Trail - One Step at a Time. [Read Rick's review.](#)

Michael Crichton - Congo.

Thomas Friedman - The World is Flat. [Read Rick's review.](#) Fantastic visionary.

Daniel Wilson - How to Survive a Robot Uprising. [Read Rick's review.](#) Comedy.

Alan Paton - Cry The Beloved Country.

Dan Brown - Angels and Demons. Great, as always. Every Dan Brown is the same book.

John Grogan - Marley and Me. [Read Rick's review.](#)

Bruce Kirkby - The Dolphin's Tooth. [Read Rick's review.](#) Canadian adventurer.

Nora Roberts - Northern Lights.

Valerie Hemmingway - Running with the Bulls, My Years with the Hemmingways. Valerie was a personal assistant. An interesting perspective on the great man.

PD James - Cover Her Face, 1962. This early Adam Dalgliesh mystery is good but a bit simplistic. Still, I guessed wrong as to who was the murderer.

Robyn Davidson - Tracks, 1980. I had long wanted to read this account of a woman's camel travels across 17,000mi of Australia. It is good. But I felt she spent too much time on her inner journey & not enough describing the adventure. Won the Thomas Cook Travel Book Award.

Kahled Hosseini - The Kite Runner. 2003. Books set in Afghanistan are hot in 2006. This critically acclaimed example is a great eye-opener for those who do not know that part of the world, like myself. It is intense. Painful to read. It reminded me of **A Separate Peace**, by Knowles. By the last page, however, I was disappointed. Far too cliché and predictable. It is lame in the way formulaic TV movies are lame.

Len Deighton - Mexico Set. OK. But Deighton is no Le Carre.

Michael Crichton - Swarm.

Jane Smiley - Moo. A superb comic book set in a Midwest *Cow College*. I hung out at a real agricultural school (University of Saskatchewan) for 10 years enhancing it even more for me. Highly recommended!

PD James - A Certain Justice, 1997. Another superb Adam Dalgliesh who-done-it. PD James is the best mystery writer working today.

Isaac Bashevis Singer - Enemies, A Love Story. Ouch. Could not finish it. Too much Jewish angst.

Karen Blixen (Isak Dinesen) - Out of Africa, 1937. A charmingly written insight into Colonial Africa.

Russell Hoban - Pilgermann, 1983. By the author of **Ridley Walker**, the weird favourite book of a couple of friends of mine. Me? I never did finish Ridley Walker. And I could not finish Pilgermann.

Paul Theroux - Mosquito Coast, 1982. Superb. One of Paul's best. Made into a movie starring Harrison Ford.

Apsley Cherry-Girard - The Worst Journey in the World, 1922. Antarctica. Oft listed one of the great travelogues of all time.

Joe Bennett - A Land of Two Halves, 2004. New Zealand. [Read Rick's review.](#)

Ann-Marie MacDonald - Fall On Your Knees, 1996. [Read Rick's review.](#)

Rusty Young - Marching Powder, 2003. The inside poop on an astonishingly lax Bolivian prison in La Paz. Backpackers bribe guards to stay the night inside & do drugs!

Anthony Daniels - Coups & Cocaine, Two Journeys in South America, 1988.

Anthony Daniels - Sweet Waist of America, Journeys Around Guatemala, 1990.

Anthony Daniels - Monrovia Mon Amour, A Visit to Liberia, 1993. Articulate Brit travel writer. Makes me laugh out loud almost every page.

John Updike - The Coup, 1979. Africa. Updike was already a superb wordsmith & storyteller.

Rudyard Kipling - Kim, 1901. India & Pakistan. The classic. If you read just one Kipling book, this is it.

Dan Brown - Davinci Code, 2003. Excellent page turner, though formulaic.

Yann Martel - Life of Pi, 2003. Wow! Powerful, original book.

Peter Carey - True History of the Kelly Gang, 2000. Terrific. Australia.

Jack London - Sea Wolf, 1904. Loved it.

Isabel Allende - My Invented Country, 2003. Chile.

Song of the Ax

Matthew Parris - Inca-kola, 1990. Peru. Comic travelogue.

John Le Carre - Night Manager, 1993.

Ernesto Che Guevara, Cintio Vitier, Aleida Guevara - Motorcycle Diaries.

Patrick Symmes - Chasing Che, 2003. Far better & more accurate than the Motorcycle Diaries.

Michael Palin - Full Circle, 2003. Many Python alumni travels the full circle of the Pacific Ocean.

Joe Simpson - Touching the Void, 1988. Superb movie & book. Read it twice.

Jennifer Leo (editor) - Sand in My Bra and Other Misadventures: Funny Women Write from the Road.

Joe Kane - Running the Amazon, 1989. One of the best adventures ever.

Brian Keenan - Between Extremes, 1999. Travels in Patagonia.

John Irving - The Fourth Hand. Irving's books continue to get worse. Too bad.

Paul Theroux - Black Star Safari. Paul revisits Africa where he cut his teeth as a writer. Excellent.

Robert Sawyer - Illegal Alien, 1998. My favourite Canadian Sci-Fi

writer.

Andrew Stevenson - Kiwi Tracks: A New Zealand Journey, 1999. I met Stevenson at a reading in Nepal. Bit of an arrogant prick, I thought. But the book is alright.

Tony Horwitz - Into the Blue, 2003. Recounting the voyages of Captain Cook.

Eric Hansen - The Traveler, An American Odyssey in the Himalayas, 1993.

Bill Bryson - In a Sunburned Country, 2001. Travel Australia.

Lennard Bickel - Mawson's Will

Clint Willis (Editor) - High - Stories of Survival from Everest and K2

Richard Sale, John Cleare - Climbing the World's 14 Highest Mountains

Alvah Simon - North to the Night

Habegger & O'Reilly (Editors) - Danger - True Stories of Trouble and Survival

Dave Barry - Dave Barry is Not Making This Up, 1992. Articulate Brit travel writer. Makes me laugh out loud almost every page.

Steve Martin - Pure Drivel

Anthony Daniels - Tigers in the Snow

Tony Hawks - Round Ireland with a Fridge, 1992. Very funny.

Ronald Wright - On Fiji Islands

Paul Theroux - The Kingdom by the Sea

Weber & Malakhov - Polar Attack

Jon Turk - Cold Oceans. Adventures in Kayak, Rowboat, and Dogsled.

Paul Theroux - Sunrise with Seamonsters

John Long - Long on Adventure

Paul Theroux - The Great Books

Jon Waterman - Arctic Crossing

Jamie Clarke - Everest to Arabia. A Calgarian tries to cross the Empty Quarter as if he were Thesiger.

Paul Theroux - Kowloon Tong

Thomas Harris - Hannibal

Matt Dickinson - The Other Side of Everest

Dave Barry - Dave Barry in Cyberspace

Paul Theroux - No Way Home

Paul Theroux - Sir Vida's Shadow. Excellent. A spiteful book about why Theroux's fallen friend and mentor would never win the Nobel Prize for Literature. Later VS Naipaul did, in fact, win it.

Lamar Underwood - Greatest Survival Stories Ever Told

Jack London - To Build a Fire

Stephen Crane - The Open Boat

Herzog - Annapurna, 1950 something, Nepal. Certainly one of the finest mountain climbing books ever written.

Shackleton - The Boat Journey

Farley Mowat - Walk Well, My Brother

Jon Waterman - Kayaking the Vermilion Sea

Terry Goodkind - Debt of Bones

Kirstie McLellan and Liba Dolejs - No Remorse. Liba is a friend of mine. Her children were kidnapped & killed by her estranged husband. This book was part of her effort to ensure the murderer would never be released by the Canadian prison system. Fortunately the killer died in 2005, behind bars.

Gary Shandling - Confessions of a Late Night Talk Show Host. Autobiography of Larry Sanders.

Wilbur Smith - Cry Wolf

Chris Bonnington - Quest for Adventure

Thor Heyerdahl - Kon-Tiki. I loved this book.

Dan Simmons - Hyperion trilogy. A superb science fiction series recommended to me by Warren Long.

George B. Schaller - Stones of Silence - Journeys in the Himalaya

Sebastian Junger - The Perfect Storm

Nelson Mandela - Long Walk to Freedom. Autobiography.

Hyperion - Moa's Ark

Sara Wheeler - Terra Incognita - Travels in Antarctica

Dervla Murphy - Cameroun with Egbert

Reinhold Messner - Free Spirit, A Climber's Life. Autobiography.

Sara Wheeler - Travel's in a Thin Country, A Journey Through Chile

Callahan & Kindred - Around the World in 18 Holes

Jostein Gaarder - Sophie's World. Interesting but over-rated.

Bruce Chatwin - What Am I Doing Here?

Bruce Chatwin & Paul Theroux - Nowhere is a Place, Travels in Patagonia

Lonely Planet Unpacked Again (Travel Disaster Stories)

Paul Theroux - Fresh Air Fiend. Travel writing 1985-2000. A sequel to Sunrise with Seamonsters.

Joe Simpson - This Game of Ghosts. Climbing.

Thurston Clark - Searching for Crusoe

J.C. Simmons - Castaway in Paradise

Wilbur Smith - A Falcon Flies

Lawrence Millman - An Evening Among the Headhunters

Scott Buchanan - Rock n Roll, The Famous Lyrics

*Dear Sir or Madam will you read my book?
It took me years to write it will you take a look*

Paperback Writer, Lennon & McCartney

Nicholas Crane - Clear Waters Rising, A Mountain Walk Across Europe

Graeme Dingle - Dangerous Journeys

Terry Pratchett - Thief of Time

Frank McCourt - Angela's Ashes

Russell Banks - The Angel on the Roof. Short stories.

Bryce Courteney - The Potato Factory. Part 1 of the Australian trilogy.

Laurie Gough - Kite Strings of the Southern Cross. A simple, memorable book by a backpacker.

Kathleen Norris - The Cloister Walk. Insightful look at a religious life.

Carl Hiaasen - Sick Puppy. One of the best funny authors working today.

Tim Severin - Seeking Robinson Crusoe

Nicholas Diadem - Beyond Risk, Conversations with Climbers

Eric Duthie (ed.) - Wild Company

Tim Cahill - Remote Journeys Oddly Rendered

Sarah Lloyd - An Indian Attachment

Elisabeth Gilbert - The Last American Man. A book you won't easily forget.

Anthony Bourdain - A Cook's Tour

Bill Bryson - Neither Here Nor There

Bill Bryson - The Lost Continent

Robert Elegant - Manchu

Tim Severin - The Sindbad Voyages

John Updike - Bech: A Book

Robert Sawyer - Flash Forward. Sci-Fi.

Robert Sawyer - Starplex. Sci-Fi.

Carl Hiaasen - Kick Ass

Robert Sawyer - Humans. Sci-Fi.

Nancy Kress - Probability Space

Robert Sawyer - End of an Era. Sci-Fi.

Chris Townsend - High Summer. The first semi-successful trek of the continental divide of the Canadian Rockies. Townsend is a hiking hero of mine.

Larry Niven - Fallen Angel

Roberta Allen - Amazon Dream

Ryel Kestenbaum - The Ultralight Backpacker

Allen Steele - Coyote

Angela & Duffy Ballard - A Blistered Kind of Love (One Couple's Trial by Trail)

Larry Rice - Baja to Patagonia

Luis Sepulveda - Full Circle, A South American Journey

Andrew Jennings - The Great Olympic Swindle. Third book in the series exposing Olympic corruption.

Murphy - The Kingdom of Shivas Irons

Murphy - Golf in the Kingdom

Scott Adams - The Joy of Work

Bill Bryson - Notes from a Big Country, 1998. Jots on America.

David Shenk - Data Smog

Traveler's Tales Hong Kong

Peter Hopkirk - Foreign Devils on the Silk Road

Danziger - Danziger's Travels

Singh - Delhi

Royina Grewal - In Rajasthan. India.

Styles - Moated Mountain

Coburn - Nepali Aama

Chris Bonnington - Everest the Hard Way

Maugham - Catalina

Sun - The Art of War

Walter Miller - A Canticle of Leibowitz

William Golding - Lord of the Flies

Asimov - Foundations. A Sci-Fi series.

Agatha Christie - Ten Little Indians

Forsyth - The Day of the Jackel

Steinbeck - The Grapes of Wrath

Tolkien - The Lord of the Rings

Chaim Potek - The Promise

Hesse - Siddartha

John Irving - The World According to Garp

Patrick Dennis - Auntie Mame

Richard Adams - Watership Down

Irving Stone - The Agony and the Ecstasy

Frank Herbert - Dune. I read most of the excellent series. Might have missed "Grandson of Dune".

George Orwell - 1984

Puzo - The Godfather

Becket - Waiting for Godot. The only Becket I could ever get through.

Huxley - Brave New World

Burgess - Clockword Orange

Donaldson - Thomas Covenant the Unbeliever. A superb sci-fi

fantasy series.

Ayn Rand - Atlas Shrugged

Ayn Rand - The Fountainhead

Mary Stuart - The Wicked Day

Richard Bach - Illusions

Jenny Pearce - Under the Eagle

Hunter S Thompson - The Great Shark Hunt

Hunter S Thompson - Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas

Hunter S Thompson - Hell's Angels

Le Carre - The Spy Who Came in from the Cold

Napoleon Hill - Think and Grow Rich

Ken Dryden - The Game

White - The Once and Future King

Will Durant - The Story of Philosophy. I read this book, recommended by Ron, twice. "Philosophy's Greatest Hits".

Richler - The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz

JD Salinger - Catcher in the Rye

Pynchon - Gravity's Rainbow

Atwood - The Handmaid's Tale

P.J. O'Rourke - Holidays in Hell

Voltaire - Candide

Victor Milan - Cybernetic Samurai

Asimov - Opus 100

Asimov - Opus 200

Michener - Sayonara

Claval - King Rat

Claval - Shogun

Ruskin - Sesame and Lilies

Michner - Rascals in Paradise

Asimov - Chronology of the World

Postman - Teaching as a subversive Activity

Conrad - Heart of Darkness

George Jonas - Vengeance

Graham Greene - Our Man in Havana

Archer - As The Crow Flies

Thomas Berger - Being Invisible

Ralph Ellison - The Invisible Man

Chekhov - Lady With The Little Dog

Riverside Anthology of Literature

Bloomsbury Good Reading Guide. A big influence on my reading choices & in starting this life list.

Marquez - One Hundred Years of Solitude

Maugham - Of Human Bondage

Dickens - David Copperfield

A Midwife's Tale

Stephen Vizinczey - In Praise of Older Women

Gibson - Neuromancer

McWilliams - Life 101

Richler - Joshua Then and Now

Richler - Kicking Tomorrow

Hofstadter - Godel, Escher, Bach

Robertson Davies - Fifth Business, (Cornish trilogy)

Robertson Davies - The Manicore, (Cornish trilogy)

Robertson Davies - World of Wonders, (Cornish trilogy)

C.S. Lewis - Screwtape Letters

Edith Hamilton - Mythology

Pat Conroy - Prince of Tides

Fulgham - All I needed to know I learned in Kindergarden

Fulgham - It was on fire when I lay down on it

Crichton - Rising Sun

William Shakespeare - Hamlet

Robertson Davies - Rebel Angels

Robertson Davies - What's Bred in the Bone

Robertson Davies - The Lyre of Orpheus

Winokur - The Portable Curmudgeon

Cringley - Accidental Empires

Sennett - Laughing in the Dark

Norman MacLean - A River Runs Through It

Bronte - Wuthering Heights

Hesse - Rosshalde

Maugham - Liza of Lambeth

Maugham - Cakes and Ale

Maugham - For My Pleasure

Robin Maugham - Conversations with Willie

Thomas Mann - The Magic Mountain. One of the most over-rated of the over-rated classics. What's the German word for *verbose*?

George Fraser - Royal Flash

Robert Graves - Claudius the God

Robert Graves - I Claudius

Isaac Asimov - Opus 300

Isaac Asimov - Familiar Poems Annotated

Isaac Asimov - In the Beginning

Isaac Asimov - Asimov's Guide to the Bible

Yourcenar - Memoirs of Hadrian

Renault - Fire From Heaven

Renault - Funeral Games

Llosa - Captain Pantoja & the Special Service. The most memorable of the *magic realism* South American novels I have read.

Asimov - Chronology of Science & Discovery

Gabriel García Márquez - Love in the Time of Cholera

Robertson Davies - Tempest Tost

Robertson Davies - Leaven of Malice

Robertson Davies - A Mixture of Frailties

Maugham - Quartet

Rand - For the New Intellectual

Michner - The Novel

Benayoun - The Films of Woody Allen

Ted Morgan - Maugham

Bly - Iron John

Milne - The Sacred Earth

Knowles - A Separate Peace. A wonderful, important book. I really should have listed it as one of my favourites.

Robertson Davies - Murther and Walking Spirits. A weak book for Davies, I thought.

Cervantes - Don Quixote (part 1)

Asimov - Asimov's Annotated Paradise Lost

Rabelais - Gargantua

Hesse - Stephenwolf

Malcolm Little - Autobiography of Malcolm X

Asimov - Asimov's Guide to Shakespeare

Gibson - Mona Lisa Overdrive

Nye - Falstaff

Gustave Flaubert - Madame Bovary. Very good!

name - Lords of the Rings, 19xx. A book.

Clavel - Gai-Jin

Asimov - The Greeks, A Great Adventure

Maugham - Ten Great Novelists A wonderous book. Maugham *trashes* the 10 best books he can find.

Maugham - Rain

Jean Auel - Clan of the Cave Bear. Excellent. Too bad the many sequels could not match this one.

Douglas Adams - Dirk Gently Holist Detective Agency

Boorstin - Creators. Superb.

Hunter S. Thompson - Songs of the Doomed

Harper Lee - To Kill a Mockingbird

Balzac - Old Man Goriot

Leonard Krishtalka - Dinosaur Plots

Coover - Universal Baseball Association

Dostoyevski - The Idiot

Behr - The Last Emperor

Camus - The Myth of Sisyphus

Joyce - Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man

Eco - The Name of the Rose

Dostoyevski - Notes From the Underground

Twain - A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court

Greene - Monsieur Quixote

Hesse - Siddhartha

Michener - The Source

Winston Churchill - My Early Life

Robertson Davies - Reading and Writing

Monsarrat - The Master Mariner - Book 2 - Darken Ship

Monsarrat - The Master Mariner - Book 1 - Running Proud

Bowden - One Crowded Hour. Asia.

Dostoyevski - The Brothers Karamazov

Helprin - Elice Island

Bronte - Jane Eyre

LeGuin - The Left Hand of Darkness. One of my favourite Sci-Fi books.

Michener - Mexico

Wilbur Smith - River God

Banks - The Sweet Hereafter

Peter Mathiessen - At Play in the Fields of the Lord

Ondaatje - The English Patient

Randy McCharles - The Mastren. My brother's unpublished novel.

Helprin - A Soldier of the Great War

Helprin - Refiner's Fire

Blaylock - The Coin

Clancey - Debt of Honour

Fowles - The Magus

Lucretius - On the Nature of the Universe

Shaw - Arms and the Man

Shaw - Major Barbara

Kafka - Metamorphosis

Le Carre - The Little Drummer Girl

Hesse - The Prodigy

Mafouz - Midaq Alley. Muslim Egypt.

Friedman - Beirut to Jerusalem

Hooker - M.A.S.H.

Nabokov - Baghdad without a Map

Michner - Journey

Ryan - Little Girls in Pretty Boxes

McNabb - Bravo Two Zero

Forsyth - The Devil's Alternative

Dave Barry - All the Troubles in the World

Piers Paul Read - Alive

Joyce - Dubliners

Shelley - Frankenstein

Walton - Beyond Winning

Fitzgerald - The Great Gatsby

John Irving - The Hotel New Hampshire

Donaldson - The Real Story

John Clifford Mortimer - Rumpole

Hemingway - Snows of Kilimanjaro. My favourite Hemmingway story.

A. E. Hotchner - Papa Hemmingway

Colleen McCullough - Thornbirds

Crichton - Sphere

Pat Conroy - Beach Music

Williams - A Streetcar Named Desire

Hulsker - Vincent and Theo Van Gogh

Pollock & Orton - Vincent Van Gogh

Robert Heinlein - Starship Troopers

Ondaatje - Coming Through Slaughter

Waitman - Playing Through

Russell Banks - Rule of the Bone

Michner - Space

Wilbur Smith - The Seventh Scroll. Historical Egypt.

Karoli & ghost - Feel No Fear

Conroy - Body and Soul

Rittenburg - The Man Who Stayed Behind

Hughes - The Fatal Shore

Chang - Wild Swans

Roberts - River in the Desert

Traveller's Tales Thailand

Maugham - A Gentleman in the Parlour

Hemingway - A Moveable Feast. Paris.

Buruma - God's Dust

Roger Rapoport, Marguerita Castanera (Editor) - I Should Have Stayed Home

Sesser - Lands of Charm and Cruelty

Pat Riley - The Winner Within

Tim Ward - What the Buddha Never Taught

Nabokov - Pnin

Theroux - The Imperial Way

Robert Hunter - On the Sky, Zen & the Art of International Freeloading

Pat Conroy - The Great Santini

Pete Dexter - Paris Trout

Traveller's Tales India

Prissig - Lila

Nugent - The Search for the Pink-headed Duck. India.

Iyer - Videonight in Kathmandu. Nepal.

Nichol - Borderlines

John Hubner, Lindsey Gruson - Monkey on a Stick. On radical Hari Krishnas.

Coupland - Microserfs

Elis - Less Than Zero

Zukav - Dancing Wu Li Masters

Neville - The Eight

Updike - Roger's Version

Diehl - Thai Horse

Bosse - The Warlord

Bosse - Fire in Heaven

Monsarrat - The White Rajah

Naipaul - India; A Wounded Civilization

Davidson - A Long Way to Shiloh

Greene - The Quiet American

Shand - Travels on my Elephant

Koch - The Year of Living Dangerously

Bowman - The Ascent of Rum Doodle. A brilliant mountain climbing spoof.

Segaller - Thai Ways

Jeff Greenwald - Shopping for Buddhas

Thera Nyanaponika - The Power of Mindfulness. Buddhism.

K. Sri Dhammananda - Meditation, The Only Way. Buddhism.

Anuradha Seneviratna - The Buddha Sakyamuni. Buddhism.

Eric Newby - A short Walk in the Hindu Kush

Eric Newby - Slowly Down the Ganges

Tim Page - Sri Lanka

PD James - An Unsuitable Job for a Woman

Dorothy Parker - Big Blonde and other stories

Rooney - My War

Bantock - Griffin and Sabine

Lowry - The Giver

Hemingway - The Old Man and the Sea

Christopher Ondaatji - The man-eater of Punanai

Roberts - Journey of the Magi

de Silva - Taj. India.

David Roberts - Empire of the Soul

Naipaul - India, A Million Mutinies Now.

Somerville-Large - To the Navel of the World

Heller - Closing Time. A really, really bad opportunistic sequel to Catch-22. If Heller was not already dead, I would shoot him for this drivel.

Robert Palmer - Rock'n'Roll, An Unruly History

Lustbader - White Ninja

Steinbeck - The Pearl

Winokur - A Curmudgeon's Garden of Love

Larry Rice - Frieze

Karras - Face the North Wind

Mehta - Raj

Larry Rice - A Good Walk, Spoiled. Golf.

Coupland - Polaroids from the Dead

Thurbron - The Silk Road

Tim Severin - In Search of Genghis Khan

Gedge - House of Dreams

Thesiger - The Last Nomad

Krista Quiner & Kim Zmeskal - Determination to Win

SJ Perelman - Westward Ha!

Robert Harris - Fatherland

William Gibson - Virtual Light

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