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Reading Challenge for Adults

January 2020

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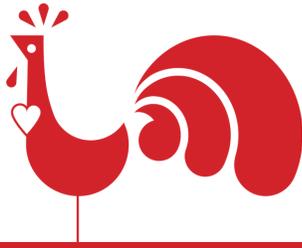
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Looking for a fun goal to chew on throughout 2020?

Join our year-long reading challenge for adults. You can earn monthly rewards and a chance to win the year-end raffle!

Pick up a reading log at the Circulation or Reference desks, and commit to reading one book related to the theme of the month. (Audiobooks & ebooks count too!)

Your challenge for January is to read a travel book! Read about places you have always wanted to visit or a place that is close to your heart. Once you've finished, bring your log in to the library and pick up your reward!



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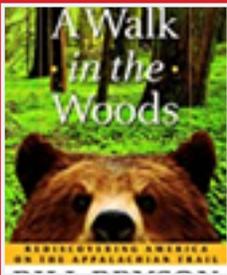
Suggested Reading List*

** This list is for ideas only. Chosen book should fit the theme, but no specific titles are required to participate in the reading challenge. Please enjoy!*

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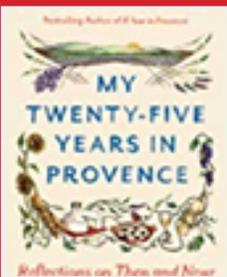
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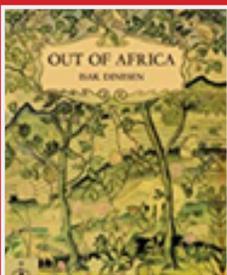
A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson

Back in America after twenty years in Britain, Bill Bryson decided to acquaint himself with his native country by walking the 2,100-mile Appalachian Trail. The AT offers an astonishing landscape of silent forests and sparkling lakes—and to a writer with the comic genius of Bill Bryson, it also provides endless opportunities to witness the majestic silliness of his fellow human beings.



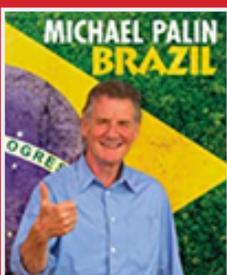
My Twenty Five Years in Provence by Peter Mayle

A celebration of twenty-five years of living in Provence. Peter Mayle has crafted a lasting love letter to his adopted home, marked by his signature warmth, wit and humor. This is his final book.



Out of Africa by Isak Dinesen

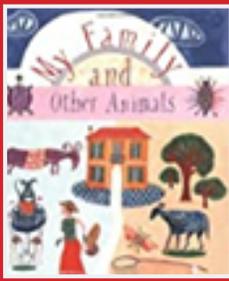
Isak Dinesen gives a true account of her life on her plantation in Kenya. She tells with classic simplicity of the ways of the country, the people who lived there, the beauty of the Ngong Hills, coffee trees in blossom and of the big game that were her neighbors.



Brazil by Michael Palin

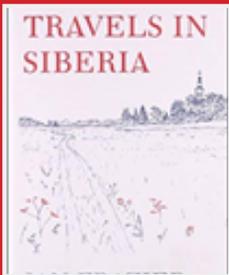
From the beaches of Rio de Janeiro to the bustling metropolis of São Paulo, Michael Palin explores the diverse country of Brazil.

Annotations adapted from publisher, Amazon.com, BookRags.com, BN.com, Publisher's Weekly, & NY Times Book Review.



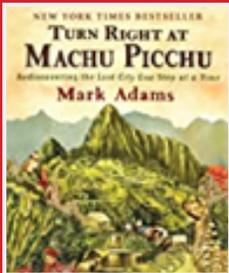
My Family and Other Animals by Gerald Durrell

This is Gerald Durrell's hilarious account of five years in his childhood spent living with his family on the island of Corfu. This richly detailed, informative and riotously funny memoir of eccentric family life is a twentieth-century classic.



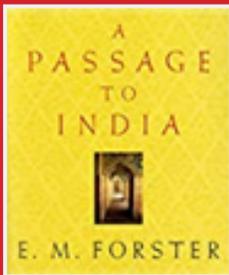
Travel in Siberia by Ian Frazier

Ian Frazier trains his perceptive, generous eye on Siberia. With passion and enthusiasm, he reveals Siberia's role in history and tells the stories of its most famous exiles, such as Dostoyevsky, Lenin and Stalin. Frazier draws a unique portrait of Russia since the end of the Soviet Union, and gives a personal account of adventure among Russian friends and acquaintances.



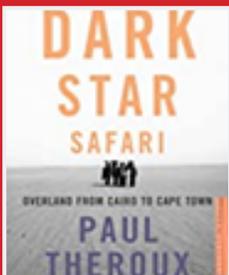
Turn Right at Machu Picchu by Mark Adams

In 1911, Hiram Bingham III climbed into the Andes Mountains of Peru and "discovered" Machu Picchu. While history has recast Bingham as a villain who stole both priceless artifacts and credit for finding the great archeological site, Mark Adams set out to retrace the explorer's perilous path in search of the truth.



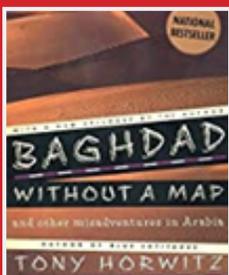
A Passage to India by E.M. Forster

At the peak of the British colonial era a visiting English schoolteacher and her travelling companion express a desire to see a more authentic side of India. One of their new friends, a young Muslim doctor, arranges a trip to the Marabar Caves. The trip ends in disaster with the schoolteacher accusing the doctor of attempted rape. His arrest and trial divide an already troubled Indian community and bring racial tensions to a boil.



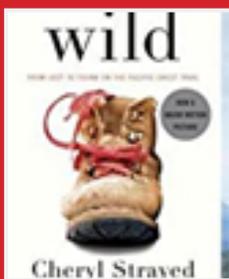
Dark Star Safari by Paul Theroux

The master travel writer provides an insightful account of his odyssey down the length of Africa, from Cairo to South Africa. As he travels aboard a dilapidated bus, an ancient train, and a rusty steamer he describes the bad food, many delays, discomforts and dangers of his trip along with the colorful people and places of the real Africa.



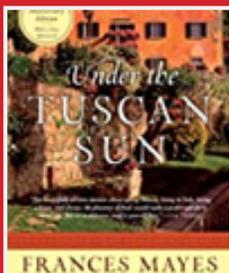
Baghdad Without a Map by Tony Horwitz

With razor-sharp wit and insight, journalist Tony Horwitz gets beyond solemn newspaper headlines and romantic myths of Arabia to offer startling closeups of a volatile region few Westerners understand.



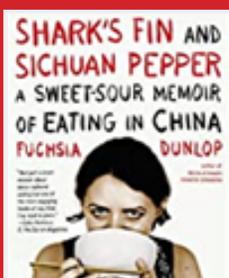
Wild by Cheryl Strayed

At 22, Cheryl Strayed thought she had lost everything. In the wake of her mother's death, her family scattered and her own marriage was soon destroyed. Four years later, with nothing more to lose, she made the most impulsive decision of her life: to hike the Pacific Crest Trail from the Mojave Desert through California and Oregon to Washington State and do it alone.



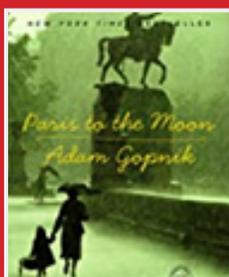
Under the Tuscan Sun by Frances Mayes

Frances Mayes opens the door to a wonderful new world when she buys and restores an abandoned villa in the Tuscan countryside. In evocative language, she brings the reader along as she discovers the beauty and simplicity of life in Italy.



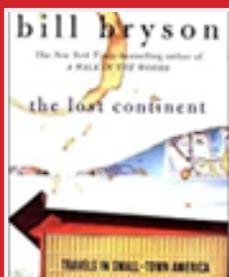
Shark's Fin and Sichuan Pepper by Fuchsia Dunlop

From the vibrant markets of Sichuan to the bleached landscape of northern Gansu Province and beyond this unique and evocative account of Chinese culinary culture is set to become a much talked about travel narrative.



Paris to the Moon by Adam Gopnik

With singular wit and insight, Gopnik weaves the magical with the mundane in a wholly delightful, often hilarious look at what it was to be an American family man in Paris at the end of the twentieth century.



Lost Continent by Bill Bryson

After ten years in England, Bill Bryson returned to the land of his youth. The Lost Continent is a classic of travel literature and the book that first staked Bill Bryson's claim as the most beloved writer of his generation.



My Life in France by Julia Child

When Julia Child first arrived in France in 1948 with her husband she spoke no French and knew nothing about the country itself. As she dove into French culture, buying food at local markets and taking classes at the Cordon Bleu, her life changed forever with her newfound passion for cooking and teaching.