



Armchair Traveling

China

Dai, Sijie. *Mr. Muo's Traveling Couch* (2005)

FIC DAI – A Chinese man returns to his country after studying psychotherapy in France and sets off on a quest to free his imprisoned sweetheart from prison.

DeWoskin, Rachel. *Foreign Babes in Beijing* (2005)

951.156 DeWoskin – Memoir of an American woman who moved to Beijing and ended up starring on a Chinese soap opera.

Japan

Bird, Sarah. *The Yokota Officers' Club* (2001)

FIC Bird, AD FIC Bird – An Air Force brat discovers family secrets when she returns to the Japanese Air Force base she grew up on.

Golden, Arthur. *Memoirs of a Geisha* (1999)

FIC Golden – Engrossing historical novel in which a former Japanese geisha tells the story of her life.

Vietnam

Duong, Thu Huong. *No Man's Land* (2005)

FIC Duong – Heart-wrenching novel about a happily married Vietnamese woman whose first husband, long believed dead, reappears to reunite with her.

India

Bajwa, Rupa. *The Sari Shop* (2004)

FIC BAJWA – A clerk in a sari shop in India tries to cross class divides when he attracts the attentions of a wealthy young client.

Mehta, Suketu. *Maximum City* (2004)

954.79205 Mehta – Returning to Mumbai after a 21-year absence, the author describes the lives of several people in the "the biggest, fastest, richest city in India".

Korea

Jin, Ha. *War Trash* (2004)

FIC Jin – A Chinese man volunteers to fight with the Communists in the Korean War and ends up in an American POW camp.

Italy

Mayes, Frances. *Under the Tuscan Sun: at home in Italy* (1996)

LP 945.5 Mayes – This is the book that the Diane Lane movie was based on. Frances Mayes describes her beautiful sun-drenched life in Tuscany with her new love.

Iran

Nafisi, Azar. *Reading Lolita in Tehran* (2003)

B Nafisi, LP B Nafisi – Non-fiction about an Iranian woman who started a book group to discuss great literature banned by the government.

Iraq

Feuer, Alan. *Over There: from the Bronx to Baghdad: Two months in the life of a reluctant reporter* (2005)

956.7044 Feuer – Memoir of an American reporter sent to Iraq to cover the war.

Rjverbend. *Baghdad Burning: Girl blog from Iraq* (2005)

956.7044 Rjverbend – A young Iraqi woman writes a nonfiction account of what life is like in occupied Iraq.

Afghanistan

Hosseini, Khaled. *The Kite Runner* (2004)

FIC Hosseini – An Afghan-American man returns to his homeland to rescue the son of his childhood friend who was murdered by the Taliban.

Botswana

McCall Smith, Alexander. *In the Company of Cheerful Ladies* (2004)

MYS McCall – Latest in the series of mystery novels set in the only all-female detective agency in Botswana.

Kenya

Dineson, Isak. *Out of Africa* (first published 1937)

967.62 Dineson – The author's memoir of life on a Kenyan coffee plantation from 1914 – 1931.

Rwanda

Hatzfeld, Jean. *Machete Season: the killers in Rwanda speak* (2005)

967.571 Hatzfeld – Ten participants in the Rwandan genocide tell their stories.

France

Johnson, Diane. *L'Affaire* (2003)

FIC Johnson – A rich American vacationing in the French Alps becomes embroiled in a French-English family's feud over inheritance.

Mayle, Peter. *A Year in Provence* (1991)

944.920838 Mayle – American Peter Mayle describes his first year after moving to Provence, France.

Truong, Monique T.D. *The Book of Salt* (2004)

FIC Truong – Gertrude Stein's Vietnamese cook is the main character of this story, set in Paris.

New Zealand

Gunn, Robin Jane. *Sisterchicks Down Under* (2005)

FIC Gunn – Inspirational chick lit about a woman who goes on a three-month trip to New Zealand with her husband.

Other Lands and Times

Niffenegger, Audrey. *The Time Traveler's Wife* (2004)

FIC Niffenegger – This thought-provoking and original novel is the story of Henry, a librarian with "Chrono Displacement Disorder" – he randomly disappears and finds himself in another time – and his loyal wife, Clare.

Swift, Jonathan. *Gulliver's Travels* (first published 1726)

YP FIC Swift, J FIC Swift – Swift's satire is still funny over 300 years later. The intrepid Gulliver travels the far reaches of the earth, encountering the likes of the Lilliputians, the Brobdingnagians and others.

Travelogues

Fuller, Alexandra. *Scribbling the Cat* (2004)

968.94042 Fuller – The author takes a road trip through Rhodesia, Zimbabwe and Zambia with an old soldier. She gives fascinating asides about the land, people and politics of Africa.

Orlean, Susan. *My Kind of Place: travel stories from the woman who's been everywhere* (2004).

910.4 Orlean – A collection of subtly humorous travel essays by the author of *The Orchid Thief*.

Steinbach, Alice. *Educating Alice: the adventures of a curious woman* (2005).

B Steinbach – Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Steinbach explores the nooks and crannies of Europe in this quirky account of her unique travels.

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