

Recent Travel Books

A selection of travel books added to Isle of Wight Library stock in March 2007

Around London with kids 914.21

Written by city parents, for parents, the guidebooks in this series offer ideas for family holidays all year round. They includes fun facts about the destinations, the ins and outs for a hassle-free day and recommendations for children's meals.

Out around London 914.21

'Out Around' is a series of travel guides for the gay traveller. Each title is written by a gay journalist and features their recommendations for sightseeing, eating out, shopping and nightlife.

Paris 914.4361

This is a guide to Paris for the gay traveller. It features recommendations for places to stay, sightseeing, eating out, shopping and nightlife. The city is divided into areas to discover, with day planners to focus the reader's explorations.

Sydney 919.4410

This volume on Sydney is part of the 'Out Around' series of guides aimed at the gay traveller. It looks at the gay background of the destination and contains practical sections on gay life in the city including local gay groups and resources.

San Francisco 917.946

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Out around Barcelona and Sitges 914.672

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New York 917.4710

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Amsterdam 914.9235

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Pole dance: the story of the record-breaking British expedition to the bottom of the world / Tom Avery 919.89

On the 28th December 2002, 27-year-old Tom Avery became the youngest Briton ever to reach the South Pole, having completed his trek from the Hercules inlet in a world-record time. This is his story of an adventure traversing the most inhospitable terrain on earth.

Ireland / by Eric and Ruth Bailey 914.1505

This vast series is full of information from walks to tours, dining and shopping options to travel tips. The re-launched series includes extensive hotel and restaurant listings and weblinks to tourist sites and places of interest.

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A cook's tour: in search of the perfect meal / Anthony Bourdain 910.41

Anthony Bourdain, cook and bestselling author of 'Kitchen Confidential', sets off to eat his way around the world. On his travels, he eats the heart of a live cobra in Saigon, dines with Russian gangsters, and attends a medieval pig slaughter.

Barcelona / Sue Bryant 914.672

This volume is packed with useful information, tips and recommendations, accompanied by colour photographs, charts and maps for the first-time traveller who wants to experience the major highlights that Barcelona has to offer.

The road to Oxiana / Robert Byron 915.604

In 1933, Robert Byron set out on a journey through the Middle East via Beirut, Jerusalem, Baghdad and Teheran to Oxiana - the country of the Oxus, the ancient name for the river Amu Darya which forms part of the border between Afghanistan and the Soviet Union. Here he recounts his adventures.

Tunisia 916.11

This series is aimed at family groups, couples and singles taking a holiday to the popular 'Sun' destinations worldwide. It is packed with practical information allowing readers to get comfortable with their chosen resort in the shortest possible time whilst providing details for local attractions too.

In Patagonia / Bruce Chatwin 918.27

In Patagonia is a quest of a wonder voyage. It is about wandering and exile. Chatwin travels to a remote country in search of a strange beast and, as he goes along, he describes his encounters with other people whose stories delay him

The worst journey in the world: Antarctica 1910-13 / Apsley Cherry-Garrard 919.89

This is the story of Scott's last expedition to the Antarctic. The author, the youngest member of Scott's British Antarctic Expedition, relates the expedition's departure from England in 1910 to its arrival in New Zealand in 1913.

My 'dam life: three years in Holland 914.923

Sean is back and funnier than ever, this time exploring the strange habits of the Dutch. He also keeps a watchful and wonderfully self-deprecating eye on the whole strange business of writing about yourself doing, well, nothing much, in this post-modern age.

Attention all shipping: a journey round the shipping forecast / Charlie Connelly 910.45

Familiar though the sea areas are by name, few people give much thought to where they are or what they contain. Charlie Connelly wittily explores the places behind the voice on the radio, those mysterious regions whose names seem often to bear no relation to conventional geography.

Around the world in 80 dates / Jennifer Cox 910.4

Jennifer Cox presents her tale of a global dating tour - could she find the man of her dreams? From the UK to Thailand, India to Australia, and many countries in between, Jennifer sets up dates with the bachelors of Batchelor, the speed daters of New York, the most sought-after men in Rome and many more.

In Xanadu: a quest 915.044

This is an account of the quest which took William Dalrymple and his companions across the width of Asia, along dusty, forgotten roads, through villages and cities full of unexpected hospitality and wildly improbable escapades

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- Rat Scabies and the Holy Grail / Christopher Dawes** 914.404
Giving the Grail legend the punk rock treatment, Chris Dawes' book chronicles his involvement in an unlikely quest for the Holy Grail instigated by his neighbour Rat Scabies, former drummer with The Damned.
- Sydney / Darroch Donald** 919.441
This pocket guide is full of ideas and suggestions for exploring Sydney. It covers museums and art galleries, top class restaurants, beaches, festivals and cultural events, 24-hour entertainments and other activities.
- Beauty tips from Moose Jaw: excursions in the great weird north / Will Ferguson** 917.104
Delving into the history and landscape of Canada, Will Ferguson travels the land in search of the people who reflect the character and nature of the country.
- Travels with Macy: one man and his dog take a journey through North America in search of home / Bruce Fogle** 917.304
In 'Travels With Macy', Bruce Fogle recounts his epic search for the North America of his childhood, following in the footsteps of John Steinbeck with his young dog Macy as his travelling companion.
- Globetrotter Peru / Robin Gauldie** 918.504
Packed with useful tips and recommendations on where to stay, eat, shop and relax this travel book also provides the visitor with a useful introduction to Peru by highlighting the country's 'must see' areas.
- Theatre of fish: travels through Newfoundland and Labrador / John Gimlette** 917.18
John Gimlette's journey across the coast of Newfoundland and Labrador broadly mirrors that of Dr Eliot Curwen, his great-grandfather, in 1893. Using Curwen's frank journal John Gimlette revisits the places Curwen encountered and along the way explores his own links with this brutal land.
- Top 10 Orlando / Richard Gula, Jim & Cynthia Tunstall** 917.592
Whether you are travelling first class or on a limited budget, this guide leads you to the best Orlando has to offer. Dozens of top ten lists - from the top ten family-friendly theme parks to the top ten restaurants, hotels and museums - provide insider knowledge. Included are detailed maps.
- From paella to porridge: a farewell to Mallorca and a Scottish adventure / Peter Kerr** 914.11
The Kerr family say goodbye to their farm in Mallorca after three years of hard work and return to Scotland. Their adventure begins with Peter exploring Scotland with fresh eyes, visiting such places as the 'Biarritz of the North', and giving us an insider's view of the Edinburgh Military Tattoo.
- Madrid / main contributor, Michael Leapman** 914.6410
Located in the very heart of Spain, Madrid is a bustling centre combining culture, cuisine and striking scenery. Navigate your way using this guide which includes 3D models and cutaways. It also includes detailed factfiles on fiestas, tapas, the best hotels and beautiful galleries.

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Sand in my bra and other misadventures: funny women write from the road 910.409
/ edited by Jennifer L. Leo

'Sand in My Bra' presents accounts by 29 women contributors who have all found travel to be filled with comical, bizarre & unforgettable adventures.

The light garden of the angel king / Peter Levi 915.81

In 1970 Peter Levi, classical scholar, archaeologist and poet, set off with Bruce Chatwin to find the classical heritage of Afghanistan. This classic of travel writing is now reissued with fresh photographs from the Chatwin archives.

Hong Kong / Emma Levine 915.125

This 'Footprint' guide to the booming city of Hong Kong also covers the New Territories, Kowloon, the outlying islands and Macau. It is packed with the kind of practical information that visitors require, be they long-stay or short-stay tourists, or merely passing through.

The magic spring: my year learning to be English / Richard Lewis 914.204

'The Magic Spring' not only dispels some myths about English traditions, but tells the story of their creation, and examines why they persist and how they connect to the modern land.

The chains of heaven: an Ethiopian romance / Philip Marsden 916.304

Philip Marsden returns to Ethiopia, the remote, fiercely beautiful land whose powerful mythic appeal has fascinated him all his life, to explore its legacy of independence, civil war and brutal repression.

The snow leopard / Peter Matthiessen 915.404

In 1973 Peter Matthiessen teamed up with George Schaller, a field biologist, for an expedition to Crystal Mountain in the Himalayas. This book presents Matthiessen's record of the journey.

Croatia / Robin and Jenny McKelvie 914.972

This guide is tailor-made for the first-time visitor, describing only the really worthwhile sights and places of interest to visit. It advises on where to stay, eat and shop and suggests enjoyable excursions.

Berserk in the Antarctic / David Mercy 910.916

This is David Mercy's story of his journey to Antarctica in a 27-foot sailing boat named 'Berserk'. He recounts their experience of the endless pounding of wind and waves, the bleak darkness, and the delicate balance of personalities where mutiny was always in the air.

The river of doubt / by Candice Millard 918.11

In 'The River of Doubt' Candice Millard chronicles the heroic attempt by US President Teddy Roosevelt to chart one of the largest and most dangerous tributaries of the Amazon - an attempt that would ultimately shorten his life.

Lear's Italy: in the footsteps of Edward Lear / compiled and edited by Michael Montgomery 914.504

Montgomery's lifelong love of Italy was sparked many years ago by a chance sighting of Lear's lithographs of Italian mountain villages. This text offers an insight both into the life and character of a truly remarkable writer and artist, as well as into a critical period in the history of Italy, Edward Lear's adopted country.

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Do not pass go: from the Old Kent Road to Mayfair / Tim Moore 914.21

In the world of Monopoly it still only costs 50 to buy a house in Islington, you can move around London with the shake of a dice and even park your car for free. In this work, Tim Moore fearlessly tackles the real thing and along the way tells the story of a game and the city that frames it.

Spanish steps: travels with my donkey / Tim Moore 914.604

This text recounts Tim Moore's pilgrimage along the ancient five-hundred-mile route from St Jean Pied-de-Port on the French side of the Pyrenees to the cathedral at Santiago de Compostela in Spain, housing the remains of Spain's patron saint. His companion on the walk is a donkey called Shinto.

Full tilt: from Dublin to Delhi with a bicycle / Dervla Murphy 910.41

Shortly after her tenth birthday, inspired by an atlas she was given, Dervla Murphy decided that she would one day cycle to India. Almost twenty years later she set out to achieve her ambition on her bicycle, Roz. Here she describes her journey and experiences.

A small place in Italy / Eric Newby 914.5505

Inca-kola: a traveller's tale of Peru / Matthew Parris 918.504

Inca-Kola is the funny, absorbing account of Parris's fourth trip to Peru, on a bizarre holiday which takes him among riots, peasants, prostitutes and bandits. He and his three companions seem to head into trouble, and he describes their adventures.

Amsterdam / main contributors, Robin Pascoe, Christopher Catling 914.9235

This visual guide leads you step-by-step around the colourful city of Amsterdam. Meander through canal lined streets, visit atmospheric cafes and see the real 'Sunflowers' at the Vincent Van Gogh museum. This book includes 3D aerial views and unique cutaway maps.

Florida, the Keys / Don Philpott 917.594

This title is part of a new series of guides to individual countries of the Caribbean and adjacent areas. It has an emphasis on practical information to enable readers to make the most of their stay.

Drive around Portugal: the best of Portugal's sophisticated cities and rural backwaters, from lively Lisbon and the fishing villages of the Atlantic coast to the castles and mountains of the Minho and Tras-os-Montes / Barbara Radcliffe Rogers and Stillman D. Rogers 914.69

This title combines a guidebook and route map containing everything a self-drive traveller needs to know to tour a region. It also features the top sights to visit, places to stay and restaurant recommendations.

The hike / Don Shaw 914.251

Structured in twelve chapters covering the months of the year, 'The Hike' follows the adventures of three retired friends as they undertake a weekly hike of at least ten miles, engaging in verbal sparring and bickering all the way.

Caribbean cruising / by Emma Stanford 917.29

This guidebook to Caribbean cruising covers the essential highlights of the Caribbean. Concise coverage of more than 30 Caribbean islands including Antigua, Barbados, Jamaica, Martinique, St Lucia, and Trinidad and Tobago is included.

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Travels with Charley in search of America / John Steinbeck / with an introduction by Jay Parini 917.3049

At 60 years of age, John Steinbeck set off in search of America. Accompanied by Charley, his dog he travelled in a truck named Rocinante. From coast to coast and through almost 40 states, this is a first hand account of their discoveries.

Adventure guide to Dominica & St Lucia / Lynne M. Sullivan 917.298

Dominica is unique in that it was never farmed over; it remains jungled-covered and mountainous. St Lucia is more developed, but is breathtaking in its beauty. Comprehensive background information - history, culture, geography and climate - gives the reader a solid knowledge of each destination and its people.

The great railway bazaar / Paul Theroux 915.044

Fired by a fascination with trains that stemmed from childhood, Paul Theroux set out one day with the intention of boarding every train from Victoria Station in London to Tokyo Central. This book tells his story.

Antwerp & Ghent / Clare Thomson 914.932

This is a pocket-sized guide to Antwerp & Ghent. Clare Thomson provides reviews of hotels, restaurants, bars and shops, with 'ten of the best' recommendations. Suggested itineraries are given for flying visits, weekend breaks or longer trips.

India in slow motion / Mark Tully and Gillian Wright 915.4045

In this work, Mark Tully delves further than ever before into the country of India, attempting to unravel a culture and a land that resists unravelling. Topics covered include Hindu extremism, bonded child labour, Sufi mysticism, the problem of Kashmir and the crisis in agriculture.

Tales of the country / Brian Viner 914.2

Full of hilarious anecdotes and wonderful characters, this volume is a chronicle of the pleasures and pitfalls that await a family from the city chasing a rural idyll.

Yes man: the amazing tale of what happens when you decide to say - yes / Danny Wallace 910.4

Danny Wallace had been staying in far too much. Having been dumped by his girlfriend he was avoiding people. That is until that one fateful day when a mystery man on a late-night bus told him to 'say yes more'. These words changed Danny's life forever. This is the story of what happened when Danny decided to say yes to everything.

Chile: travels in a thin country / Sara Wheeler 918.304

In this book, Sara Wheeler tells of her six-month journey through Chile. The country is 2600 miles long and never more than 110 miles wide, and contains a variety of landscapes. This volume contains a new introduction.