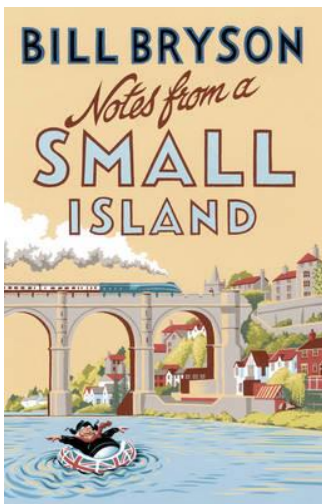
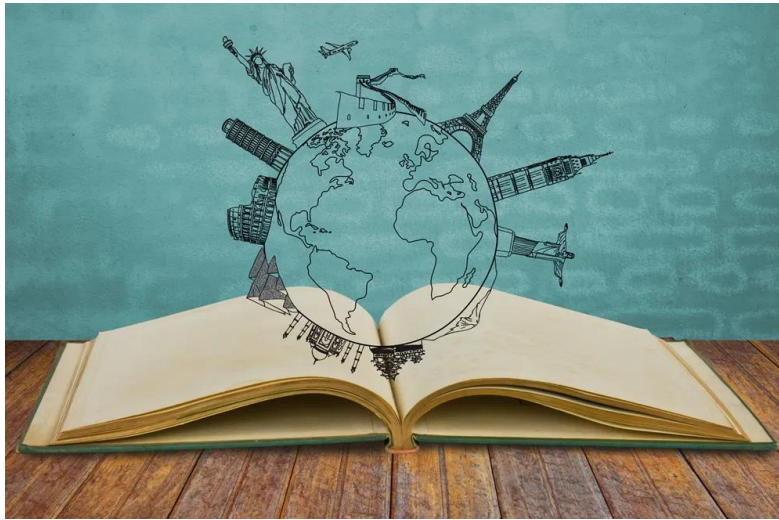


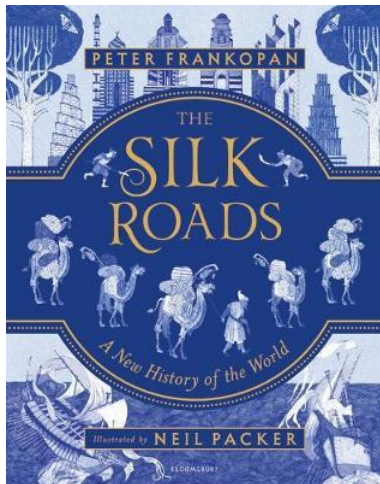
TRAVEL WRITING



Bill Bryson: Notes from a Small Island

Bill Bryson was born in American but has lived in England for much of his life. He mainly writes about the English language and Science and has received praise for making science more widely accessible.

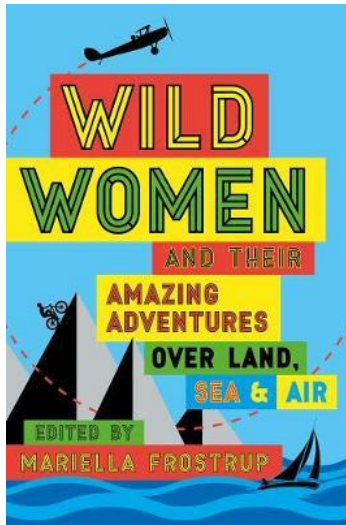
In 1995, before leaving his much-loved home in North Yorkshire to move back to the States for a few years with his family, Bill Bryson insisted on taking one last trip around Britain, a sort of valedictory tour of the green and kindly island that had so long been his home.



Peter Frankopan: The Silk Roads

Peter Frankopan is a British historian and writer

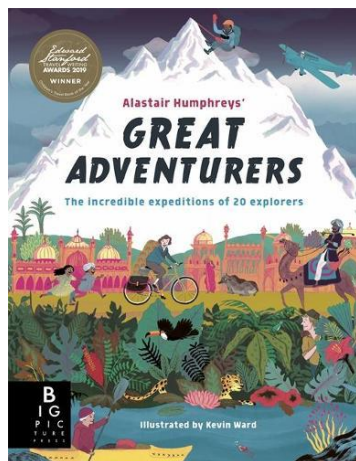
Set your sails east with this stunningly original new history of the world. Peter Frankopan explores the connections made by people, trade, disease, war, religion, adventure, science and technology in this extraordinary book about how the east married the west with a remarkable voyage at its heart - the journey along the Silk Roads.



Mariella Frostrup (ed.): Wild Women and their amazing adventures over land, sea & air

Mariella Frostrup is a broadcaster, writer and traveller

From Constantinople to Crimea; from Antarctica to the Andes. Throughout history adventurous women have made epic, record-breaking journeys under perilous circumstances. Whether escaping constricted societies back home or propelled by a desire for independence, footloose females have ventured to the four corners of the earth and recorded their exploits for posterity.



Alastair Humphreys' Great Adventurers: The incredible expeditions of 20 explorers [551.432 HUM]

Alastair Humphreys was named a National Geographic Adventurer of the Year. He has cycled the world, rowed the Atlantic Ocean and is also a speaker and author.

Meet the World's Greatest Explorers

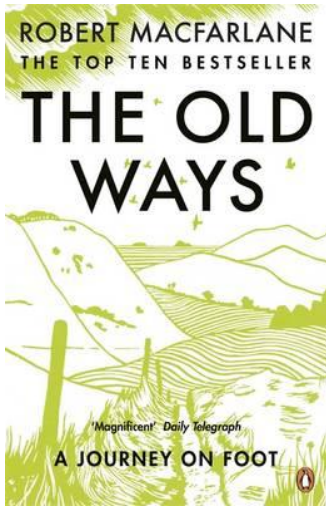
Hand-picked by adventurer Alastair Humphreys, this compilation retells the extraordinary journeys undertaken by his personal heroes. These men and women have ventured into space, oceans, deserts and jungles and inspired Alastair's own adventures. They may do the same for you, too.



Mary Kingsley: Travels in West Africa

Mary Kingsley was an English scientific writer, and explorer whose travels throughout West Africa and resulting work helped shape European perceptions of African cultures and British imperialism. She wasn't given a formal education, as it was deemed unnecessary for girls at the time, she did, however, have access to her father's vast library and was an avid reader. After her parents died, she used her inheritance to travel and wrote about her experiences.

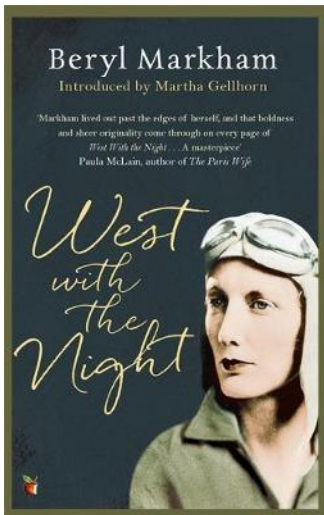
Travels in West Africa is her journey. In 1893, defying convention of the time, she set off alone to collect specimens of plants and flowers. She had local tour guides and quite often was the first western European and woman to visit these places. Along the way she fought off crocodiles with a paddle and hit a leopard over the head with a pot. When she fell into a trap lined with sharp sticks, she was saved by her skirt--for she always dressed like a lady.



Robert Macfarlane: The Old Ways [914.104 MAC]

Robert Macfarlane is a British writer and Fellow of Emmanuel College, Cambridge. He is best known for his books on landscape, nature, place, people and language, which include The Old Ways, Landmarks, The Lost Words and Underland.

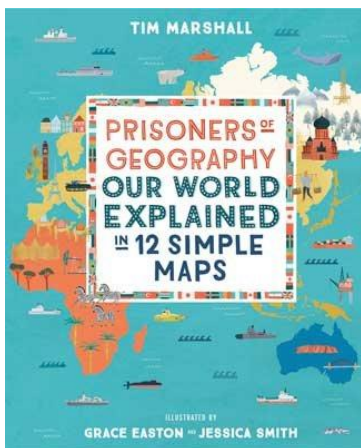
The genre-defining book by acclaimed nature writer Robert Macfarlane. Travel Britain's ancient paths and discover the secrets of this beautiful, underappreciated landscape. Following the tracks, holloways, drove-roads and sea paths that form part of a vast ancient network of routes criss-crossing the British Isles and beyond, Robert Macfarlane discovers a lost world - a landscape of the feet and the mind, of pilgrimage and ritual, of stories and ghosts; above all of the places and journeys which inspire and inhabit our imaginations.



Beryl Markham: West with the Night

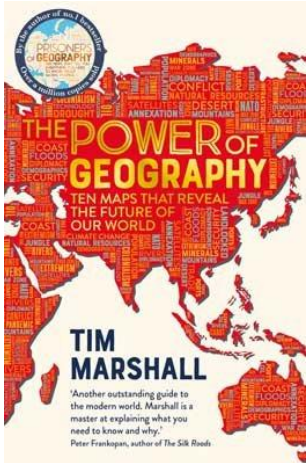
Beryl Markham was quite a woman! She was a bush pilot who also bred and trained racehorses in colonial Africa, and in September of 1936, she was the first pilot to fly solo non-stop from Europe to North America.

West with the Night is her memoir and the tale of her life in Kenya in the 1920s and 1930s. She was determined to fly solo across the Atlantic but she took the more difficult route of England to America. Despite good reviews, the book did not sell very well and quickly went out of print. It wasn't until 1982, when some letters of Ernest Hemingway were found in which he praised the book so highly that a publishing house was convinced that they should re-release it.



Tim Marshall: Prisoners of Geography – Our World explained in 12 simple Maps [320.12 MAR]

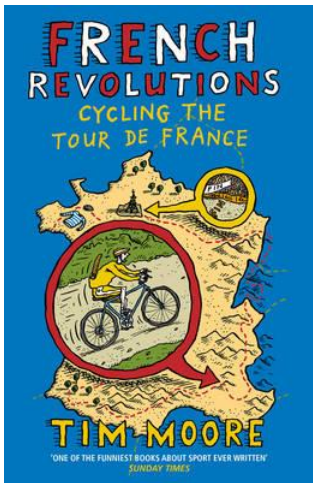
How did the USA become a superpower? Why do people go to war? And why are some countries rich while others are so poor? Find the answers to these questions and many more in this eye-opening book, which uses maps to explain how geography has shaped the history of our world.



Tim Marshall: The Power of Geography: Ten maps that reveal the future of our world [320.12 MAR]

Tim Marshall's global bestseller *Prisoners of Geography* showed how every nation's choices are limited by mountains, rivers, seas and concrete. Since then, the geography hasn't changed. But the world has.

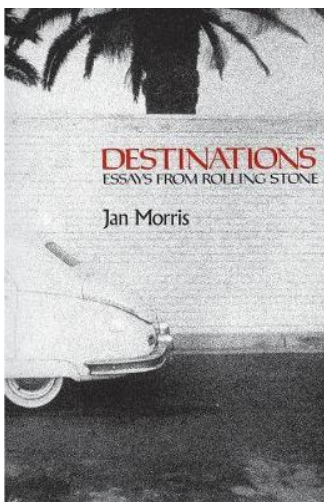
In this revelatory new book, Marshall explores ten regions that are set to shape global politics in a new age of great-power rivalry: Australia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, the UK, Greece, Turkey, the Sahel, Ethiopia, Spain and Space.



Tim Moore: French Revolutions

Tim Moore is a British writer and travel journalist.

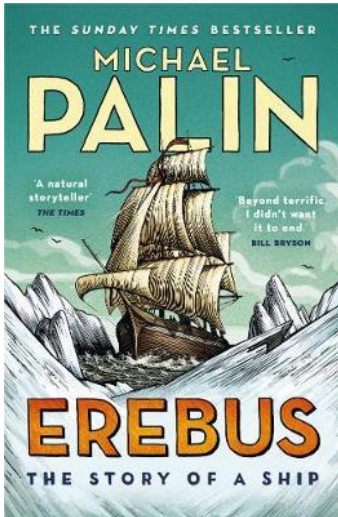
A few weeks before the actual Tour de France, British writer Tim Moore sets out to cycle the course and offers a laugh-out-loud funny and highly entertaining account of how the great ride would feel when embarked on by an amateur.



Jan Morris: Destinations

Jan Morris is a journalist and writer. She was the reporter who broke the news that Hillary and party had reached the summit of Everest. Her writing has taken her all over the world. Now, over 90 years old, she lives in a cottage in a small village in North Wales and continues to write.

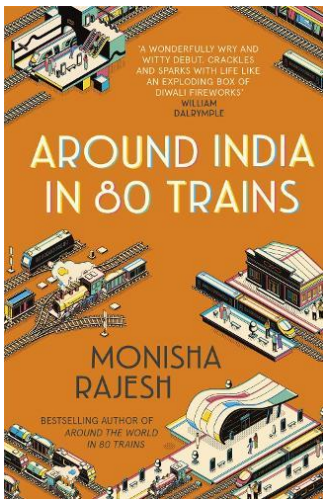
Destinations gives a flavour of her writing as she captures various places she has travelled to. She also reports on key points in history, for example, one essay is about Washington just after Watergate, another about Panama on the eve of the U.S. treaty debate, another on Cairo at the time of the Israeli-Egyptian peace talks. If you enjoy this dip into Jan Morris' writing you could then go on to read one of her other works.



Michael Palin: Erebus: The Story of a Ship

Sir Michael Palin is an English comedian, actor, writer and television presenter. He was a member of the comedy group Monty Python. Since 1980 he has made a number of travel documentaries.

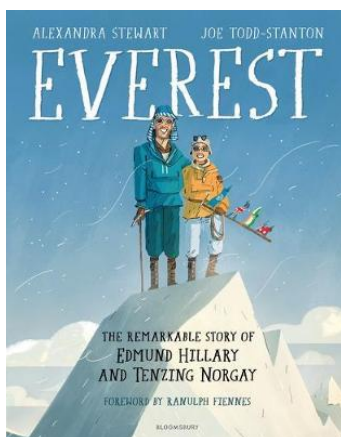
In September 2014 the wreck of a sailing vessel was discovered at the bottom of the sea in the frozen wastes of the Canadian arctic. It was broken at the stern and covered in a woolly coat of underwater vegetation. Its whereabouts had been a mystery for over a century and a half. Its name was HMS Erebus. Now Michael Palin brings this extraordinary ship back to life, following it from it's launch in 1826 to the epic voyages of discovery that led to glory in the Antarctic and to ultimate catastrophe in the Arctic.



Monisha Rajesh: Around India in 80 trains [915.40 RAJ]

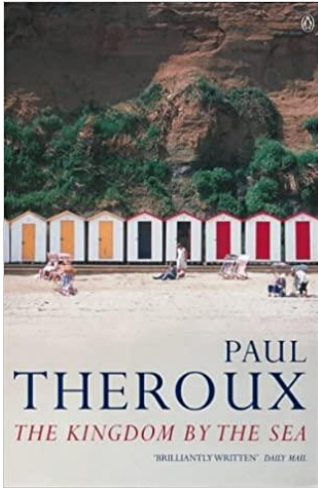
When she was a child, Monisha Rajesh's family uprooted to Madras in the hope of making India their home, but soon returned to England with a bitter taste in their mouths. Two decades on, Rajesh turns to a map of the India Railways and takes a page out of Jules Verne's classic tale, embarking on an adventure around India in 80 trains, covering 40,000 km – the circumference of the Earth.

Her journey takes her on toy trains, luxury trains, Mumbai's infamous commuter trains and even a hospital on wheels. Along the way she meets a kaleidoscope of characters and discovers why the railways are considered the lifeline that keeps the country's heart beating. Most of all, she hopes that these 80 train journeys will lift the veil on a country that has become a stranger to her.



Alexandra Stewart and Joe Todd-Stanton: Everest: The Remarkable story of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay [551.432 STE]

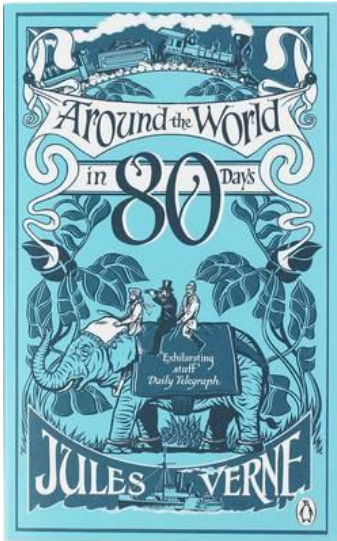
This is the breathtaking story of how two very different, yet equally determined men battled below-freezing temperatures, tumbling ice rocks, powerful winds and death-defying ridges to reach the top of the world's highest mountain. Find out how the coming together of a small-town beekeeper and former yak herder turned them into two global heroes, as well as the impact made by hundreds of men and women who helped them achieve their goal.



Paul Theroux: The Kingdom by the Sea

Paul Theroux is an American travel writer. After graduating, he started to travel. He went first to Italy and then on to Africa. He lectured at a university in Uganda before working at the School of English in Singapore. He lived in England for 17 years and wrote many books and pieces whilst here.

After eleven years living as an American in London, Paul Theroux set out to travel clockwise round the coast and find out what Britain and the British are really like. It was 1982, the summer of the Falklands War, the ideal time, he found, to surprise the British into talking about themselves. The result makes superbly vivid and engaging reading.



Jules Verne: Around the World in Eighty Days

Jules Verne was a French novelist, poet, and playwright. He was born in the seaport of Nantes, where he was trained to follow in his father's footsteps as a lawyer, but quit the profession early in life to write for magazines and the stage.

One night in the reform club, Phileas Fogg bets his companions that he can travel across the globe in just eighty days. Breaking the well-established routine of his daily life, he immediately sets off for Dover with his astonished valet Passepartout. Passing through exotic lands and dangerous locations, they seize whatever transportation is at hand - whether train or elephant - overcoming set-backs and always racing against the clock.