

## **Book Buzz**

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*Bringing you the buzz on new, popular and good books available at your neighborhood library.*

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### **BOOKS TO INSPIRE AND INFORM TRAVEL – July 8, 2009 Column**

Travel writers since Homer Travel memoirs But what about that book you read that inspired the trip to Provence or the Pocos Or the perfect books to read while on a trip to Tuscany or Tuscaloosa? Or even the travel memoirs we like to read to arm chair travel? These are travel books that both inspire and inform travel. The Book Buzz list this week features a few new purposeful reads for before and after the trip Whether a explorer extraordinaire or a arm chair chariot.

Artful Librarian.

Evocative of place

Happy Reading!

Homer Jack London, Mark Twain, Isabella Bird, Ernest Shackleton

Flame Trees of Thicket, Daniel Boone

#### **No Reservations:**

##### **Around the World on an Empty Stomach**

By Anthony Bourdain

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Planes, trains, hotels, longboats, jungle lodges, helicopters...and the many wonderful places in between. Chef and TV host Bourdain has crisscrossed the globe in search of adventure and great food. This illustrated journal features story-telling pictures and commentary on his world tour of food and mayhem in exotic places. An opinionated guide to the best and worst places to visit and to eat.

#### **Walking the Gobi:**

##### **A 1600-Mile Trek Across a Desert of Hope and Despair**

By Helen Thayer

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Adventurers

#### **Angry Wind:**

##### **Through Muslim Black Africa by Truck, Bus, Boat, and Camel**

By Jeffrey Tayler.

## **Twenty Chickens for a Saddle:**

### **The Story of an African Childhood**

By Robyn Scott

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Memories of an African Childhood by Elspeth Huxley or Isak Denisen I Had a Farm in Africa.

The Lady in the Palazzo:

At Home in Umbria

By Marlena De Blasi

A third sumptuous volume about the author's quest to find a home in Italy...

About Food with recipes

## **A Camera, Two Kids, and a Camel**

### **My Journey in Photographs**

By Annie Griffiths Belt

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Travels with My Chicken:

A Man and His Companion Take to the Road

By Martin Gurdon

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The Geography of Bliss:

One Grump's Search for the Happiest Places in the World

By Eric Weiner

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Into Thick Air:

Biking to the Bellybutton of Six Continents

By Jim Malusa

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Falling Off the Map:

Some Lonely Places of the World

By Pico Iyer

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Lois on the Loose:

One Woman, One Motorcycle, 20,000 Miles Across the Americas

By Lois Pryce

This bright, funny travelogue will charm anyone who longs for adventure and a stretch of the open road. I ain' the destinations so much as the ride book.

## **Eat Pray Love:**

## **One Woman's Search for Everything Across Italy, India and Indonesia**

By Elizabeth Gilbert

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Elizabeth Gilbert had everything a modern American woman was supposed to want yet she felt consumed by panic and confusion. This wise and rapturous book is the story of how she left it all behind and what she found in their place. She set out to examine three different aspects of her nature, set against the backdrop of three different cultures: pleasure in Italy, devotion in India, and on the island of Bali, a balance between worldly enjoyment and divine transcendence.

Delicious, reverent, and insightful. In search of self.

The trip as life journey ala Zen and the Art of Motorcycle maintenance: An Inquiry into Values by Robert m. Pirsig.

## **Bhutan:**

### **Hidden Lands of Happiness**

By John Wehrheim

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## **Blood River**

### **A Journey to Africa's Broken Heart**

By Tim Butcher

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## **Born to Run:**

### **A Hidden Tribe, Superathletes, and the Greatest Race the World has Never Seen**

By Christopher McDougall

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## **Ghost Train to the Eastern Star:**

**On the Tracks of the Great Railway Bazaar**

By Paul Theroux  
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**The Great Wall:  
From Beginning to End**

Photography by Michael Yamashita  
Text by Michael Yamashita and William Linsesay  
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**Island at the End of the World**

The Turbulent History of Easter Island  
By Steven Roger Fischer  
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**Palestinian Walks:  
Forays into a Vanishing Landscape**

By Raja Shehadeh  
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**Previous Convictions:  
Assignments from Here and There**

By AA Gill  
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**The Ridiculous Race**

**26,000 Miles. 2 Guys. 1 Globe. No Airplanes.**

Steve Hely and Vali Chandrasekaran

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**That Summer in Sicily:**

**A Love Story**

By Marlena De Blasi

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FDR's Inner circle and the Hundred Days that Created Modern America

By Adam Cohen

**Venice is a Fish:**

**A Sensual Guide**

By Tiziano Scarpa

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**American Lion**

**Andrew Jackson in the White House**

By Jon Meacham

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There is not a lot of new information in this biography of the seventh U.S. president. But the author garnered a Pulitzer Prize for the book. He brings a writer's flair to the well-known story leaving out the ideology and position-taking that disfigure more scholarly studies of Jackson.

**We Hold These Truths...**  
**And Other Words That Made America**  
By Paul Aron

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