

Geography Wider Reading List

AMERICA

- Snow Falling on Cedars – David Guterson
Migration/discrimination – Japanese in post-WW2 America
- The Painted House – John Grisham
Migration/flooding/poverty in southern USA cotton belt
- The Grapes of Wrath – John Steinbeck
Desertification in the Dust Bowl of Oklahoma

AFGHANISTAN

- The Book Seller of Kabul – Asne Seierstad
Life of a book seller under the Taleban regime
- The Kite Runner – Khaled Hosseini
Growing up in Afghanistan/migration to the USA
- A Thousand Splendid Suns – Khaled Hosseini
Life of 3 women in Kabul, before, during and after the Taleban regime

ANTARCTICA

- The Birthday Boys – Beryl Bainbridge
The story of Captain Robert Scott's 1910-13 expedition to Antarctica.

AFRICA

- African Diary – Bill Bryson
A trip taken by the author to Kenya in 2002

CHINA

- Wild Swans – Jung Chang
Three generations of women growing up under communist rule in China

IRELAND

- Angela's Ashes – Frank McCourt
Growing up in poverty in Limerick

ITALY

- Pompeii – Robert Harris
The eruption of Pompeii in A.D. 79

GLOBAL ISSUES

John Berger - Lilac and Flag

Tim Butcher - Blood River

Joseph Conrad - Heart of Darkness

Ma Jian - Red Dust

Patrick French - India. A Portrait

Ma Jian - Beijing Coma

Eric Schlosser - Fast Food Nation: What the All American Meal is Doing to the World

Duncan Hewitt - Getting Rich First

Jung Chiang - Wild Swans

Tony Parsons - My Favourite Wife

Dave Gorman - America Unchained

P D James - Children of Men

Jonathan Watts - When a Billion Chinese Jump

Joe Bennett - Where Underpants Come From: From Checkout to Cotton Field – Travels Through the New China

John Le Carre - The Constant Gardener

Mark Edwards - Hard Rain

Richard Wrangham - Catching Fire: How Cooking Made Us Human

Fred Pearce - Confessions of an Eco Sinner: Travels to Where My Stuff Comes From

Fred Pearce - When the Rivers Run Dry: What happens When Our Water Runs Out?

Fred Pearce - Mass Migration, Ageing nations and the Coming Population Crash

Mike Berners-Lee - How Bad Are Bananas? The Carbon Footprint of Everything

Charles Clover - The End of the Line. How Overfishing is Changing The World and What We Eat

Michael Braungart - Cradle to Cradle

Stewart Lee Allen - In the Devil's Garden: A Sinful History of Forbidden Food

Richard Girling - Rubbish! Dirt on Our Hands and Crisis Ahead

Mark Kurlansky - The Last Fish Tale

Nicolas Stern - A Blueprint for a Safer Planet

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENTS

Whitley Strieber - The Day after Tomorrow

Joe Simpson - Touching the Void

Douglas Brinkley - The great deluge – Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans and the Mississippi Gulf Coast

Sebastian Junger - The Perfect Storm: A True Story of Men Against the Sea

Erich Krauss - Wave of Destruction: One Thai Village and its Battle with the Tsunami

Mike Davis - Ecology of Fear –

James Lovelock - Gaia, a new look at life on Earth – OUP; [2006]: The Revenge of Gaia

James Lovelock - The Vanishing Face of Gaia; A final warning

Al Gore - An Inconvenient Truth

David Alexander - Natural Disasters

Tim Flannery - The Weather Makers

Stanley Williams -Surviving Galeras

Richard Girling - Sea Change: Britain's Coastal Catastrophe

Simon Winchester - Krakatoa: The Day the World Exploded: August 27, 1883

Simon Winchester - A Crack in the Edge of the World: The Great American Earthquake of 1906

Mark Lynas - Six Degrees: Our Future on a Hotter Planet

George Monbiot - Heat: How We Can Stop the Planet Burning

Bjorn Lomborg - The Skeptical Environmentalist
Bjorn Lomborg - Cool it: The sceptical environmentalist's guide to global warming
Gavin Pretor Pinney - The Cloudspotter's Guide
Craig Leland Childs - The Desert Cries
David McCollough - The Johnstown Flood
Brice Hiscock - The Big Storm
Ian Stewart & John Lynch - Earth – The Power of the Planet
Ian Stewart - Journeys from the Centre of the Earth
Dave Eggers - Zeitoun
David King & Gabrielle Walker The Hot Topic: How to Tackle Global Warming.....
Elizabeth Kolbert - Field Notes from a Catastrophe: Man, Nature, and Climate Change
Martin Rees - Our Final Century Will Civilisation Survive the Twenty First Century?
James Hansen - Storms of My Grandchildren: The Truth About the Coming Climate Catastrophe
Elizabeth Kolbert - Field Notes From a Catastrophe A Frontline Report on Climate Change
Mark Lynas - High Tide News from a Warming World
Robert Does - Extreme Floods A History in a Changing Climate
Stephen Halliday - Water A Turbulent History
Brian M Fagan - The Little Ice Age: How Climate made History 1300-1850

REBRANDING PLACES

Ken Coates and Richard Silbur - Poverty: the Forgotten Englishmen
Phillip K Dick - Blade Runner
Bill Bryson - Notes from a small island
George Orwell - The Road to Wigan Pier
Dave Haslam - Manchester, England
Ronald Blythe - Akenfield
Joe Bennett - Hello Dubai: Skiing, Sand, and Shopping in the World's Weirdest City

HUMAN ENVIRONMENTS

Bee Wilson - Swindled: From Poison Sweets to Counterfeit Coffee
Jared Diamond - Guns, Germs and Steel
Dambisa Moyo - Dead Aid: Why aid is not working and how there is another way for Africa
Naomi Klein - No Logo
Naomi Klein - The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism
William Easterly - The White Man's Burden: Why the West's Efforts to Aid the Rest etc.....
Paul Collier - The Bottom Billion: Why the Poorest Countries are Failing and What Can Be Done About It
George Monbiot - Bring on the Apocalypse: Six Arguments for Global Justice
Ewan McGregor and Charley Boorman - Long Way Round
Charley Boorman - Race to Dakar
Paul Theroux - Ghost Train to the Eastern Star: On the tracks of 'The Great Railway Bazaar'
James Kyngé - China Shakes The World: The Rise of the Hungry Nation
Will Hutton - The Writing on the Wall: China and the West in the 21st Century
Amy Chua - World on Fire
Roger Boyes - Meltdown Iceland. How the Global Financial Crisis Bankrupted an Entire Country
John Lanchester - Whoops!: Why Everyone Owes Everyone and No One Can Pay

COASTS, LANDSCAPES, COUNTRYSIDE, GEOLOGY

Nicholas Crane - Great British Journeys
Nicholas Crane - Coast: Our Island Story: A Journey of Discovery Around Britain's Coastline
Alan Titchmarsh - British Isles: A Natural History
Alan Titchmarsh - The Nature of Britain
John Craven - John Craven's Countryfile Handbook
Ian Vince - The Lie of the land: The explosive story of how Britain was formed
Ian Vince - The Lie of the Land: An under the field guide to the British Isles
Richard Fortey - The Hidden landscape: A Journey into the Geological Past
Francis Pryor - The Making of the British Landscape: How we have transformed the land etc...
Clive Aslet - Villages of Britain: the Five Hundred Villages that made the Countryside
David McKie - McKie's Gazetteer: A Local History of Britain
David McKie - Great Bus Journeys: Travels Through Unfamous Places
Bill Bryson - Notes from a Small Island - John Murray
Joe Moran - On Roads: A Hidden History
Dorrik Stow - Vanished Ocean
Doug Macdougall - Frozen Earth: the One and Future Story of Ice Ages
David Beerling - The Emerald Planet: How plants changed Earth's history
Jan Zalasiewicz - The Planet in a Pebble: A journey into Earth's deep history

MAPS, CARTOGRAPHY, EXPLORATION

Nicholas Crane - Mercator; The Man Who Mapped the Planet
Andrew Taylor - The World of Gerald Mercator: the Mapmaker Who Revolutionised Geography
Simon Winchester - The Map that Changed the World: A Tale of Rocks, Ruin and Redemption
Rachel Hewitt - Map of a Nation: a Biography of the Ordnance Survey
Mike Parker - Map Addict: A Tale of Obsession, Fudge & the Ordnance Survey
The British Library Publishing Division - Magnificent Maps: Power, Propaganda and Art
Peter Barber & Apri Carlucci - The Lie of the Land: The Secret Life of Maps
Caroline Alexander - The Endurance - Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition
Laurence Bergreen - Over the Edge of the World. Magellan's Terrifying Circumnavigation of the Globe
Giles Milton & Roland Phillips - White Gold: The Extraordinary Story of Thomas Pellow and North Africa's One Million European Slaves
David Sobel - Longitude: The True Story of a Lone Genius Who Solved the Greatest Scientific Problem of His Time
Christian Tirtirau - The Latitudes of Silence: A Voyage Across the Pacific Ocean
Giles Milton - Samurai William: The Adventurer Who Unlocked Japan
Giles Milton - Nathaniel's Nutmeg: How One Man's Courage Changed the Course of History
Giles Milton - Big Chief Elizabeth: How England's Adventurers Gambled and Won the New World
John Keay - The Great Arc: The Dramatic Tale of How India Was Mapped and Everest was Named
Roy Moxham - The Great Hedge of India
Ranulph Fiennes - Mind Over Matter
Chris Bonington - Quest For Adventure
Alice Albinia - Empires of the Indus. The Story of a River
Jon Ronson - Them: Adventures with Extremists
Mark Thomas - Belching Out the Devil: Global Adventures with Coca-Cola
Andrew Beattie - Cairo. A Cultural History
Simon Sebag Montefiore - Jerusalem: The Biography
Andrew Beattie - The Danube [Landscapes of the Imagination series]
Andrew Beattie - The Alps. A Cultural History
Peter Ackroyd - The Thames: A Biography
Simon Winchester - Atlantic: A Vast Ocean of a Million Stories

Tim MackintoshSmith - Travels with a Tangerine
Tim MackintoshSmith - Draw the Hall of a Thousand Columns
Eric Simons & Martin Yeoman - Darwin slept here
Ian Thompson - The Dead Yard. A Story of Modern Jamaica
Michael Palin - New Europe
Bill Bryson - Neither Here Nor There: Travels in Europe
Jonathan Dimbleby - Russia: a journey to the heart of a land and its people

THINGS URBAN

Mike Davis - Planet of Slums
Dead Cities -: City of Quartz
John Julius Norwich - The Great Cities in History
Douglas Franz & Catherine Collins - Celebration, U.S.A. : Living in Disney's Brave New Town
Jane Jacobs - The Life and Death of Great American Cities
Peter Hall - Cities of Tomorrow: An Intellectual History of Urban Planning and Design in the Twentieth Century
Greg Grandin - Fordlandia: The Rise and Fall of Henry Ford's Forgotten Jungle City
Andrew Ross - The Celebration Chronicles: Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Property Value in Disney's New Town
Orhan Pamuk - Istanbul: Memories of A City
Gavin Weightman & Steve Humphries - The Making of Modern London
Jeb Brugmann - Welcome to the Urban Revolution. How Cities are Changing the World
Jim Krane - Dubai: The History of the World's Fastest City
Raymond Barrett - Dubai Dreams: Inside the Kingdom of Bling
Syed Ali - Dubai: Gilded Cage
Joe Tatchell - A Diamond in the Desert: Behind the Scenes in the World's Richest City

TRADE AND GLOBALISATION

Alan Beattie - False Economy. A Surprising Economic History of the World
PJO Rourke - On the Wealth of Nations. Adam Smith's Book that Changed the World
Kelsey Timmerman - Where am I Wearing ? A Global Tour to the Counties, Factories, and People that Make Our Clothes
Piertra Rivoli - The Travels of a T-Shirt in the Global Economy: An Economist Examines the Markets, Power, and Politics of World Trade
Eduardo Galeano - The World Upside Down. A Primer for the Looking Glass World
Eduardo Galeano - Mirrors: Stories of Almost Everyone
William Bernstein - A Splendid Exchange: How Trade Shaped the World
Antony Wild - Black Gold: The Dark History of Coffee
Ian Gately - Drink: A Cultural History of Alcohol
Sophie D. Coe - The True History of Chocolate
Mathew Hart - Diamond. The History of a Cold Blooded Affair
Barbara Freese - Coal. A Human History
Stuart Lee Allen - The Devil's Cup Coffee, The Driving Force in History
Hattie Ellis - Planet Chicken. The Shameful Story of the Bird on Our Plate
Carol Helstosky - Pizza. A Global History
John Griffith - Tea: The Drink That Changed the World. Andre Deutsch
John Reader - The Untold Story of the Potato
Mark Kurlandsky - Salt. A World History
Mark Kurlansky - Cod. The Biography of the Fish that Changed the World
Elizabeth Abbott - Sugar: A Bittersweet History
Mark Kurlansky - The Big Oyster. History on the Half Shell
Andrew Simms - Tesco - how one shop came out on top and why it matters

Gavin Weightman - The Frozen Water Trade
Timothy Brooks - Vermeer's hat: the seventeenth century and the dawn of the world
John Darwin - After Tamerlane: the Rise and Fall of Global Empires, 1400-2000
Tom Standage - A History of the World in Six Glasses
Tom Standage - An Edible History of Humanity

CONFLICT AND MIS / UTOPIAS

Javier Cercas - Soldiers of Salamis
Aldous Huxley - Island
BF Skinner - Walden Two
Ernest Gallenbach - Ecotopia. The Notebooks and Reports of William Weston
Bruce Parry - Amazon
Christopher Somerville - Never Eat Shredded Wheat The Geography We've Lost and How to Find it Again
Ian Marchant - Parallel Lines Or Journeys on the Railway of Dreams
Julian Gagini - Welcome to Everytown A Journey into the English Mind
Julian Barnes - England, England
Charlotte Metcalf - Walking Away: A Filmmakers African Journal
Paul Kingsnorth: - Real England. The Battle against the Bland