



The Armchair Traveler Explores

Africa

Location	Title	Description
<i>Fiction</i>		
AKPAN	<i>Say You're One of Them</i>	Nigerian-born priest Akpan transports the reader into gritty scenes of chaos and fear in his collection of five stories set in war-torn Africa.
ACHEBE	<i>Things Fall Apart</i>	This novel traces the growing friction between village leaders and Europeans determined to save the heathen souls of Africa.
ADICHIE	<i>Half of a Yellow Sun</i>	Through the lives of several memorable characters, this novel recreates the 1960s struggle of Biafra to establish an independent republic in Nigeria.
COETZEE	<i>Disgrace</i>	In a novel set in post-apartheid South Africa, a fifty-two-year-old college professor who has lost his job for sleeping with a student tries to relate to his daughter.
EGGERS	<i>What is what: the Autobiography of Valentino Achak Deng</i>	This biographical novel traces the story of Valentino Achak Deng, who as a boy was separated from his family when his village in southern Sudan was attacked.
IWEALA	<i>Beasts of No Nation</i>	Recruited by a unit of guerrilla fighters after the brutal murder of his father by militants, a West African student falls under the spell of his dangerous commander.
KING-SOLVER	<i>The Poisonwood Bible</i>	The family of a fierce evangelical Baptist missionary unravels after they embark on a 1959 mission to the Belgian Congo, where they find their lives transformed.
MAHFOUZ	<i>Children of the Alley</i>	The story of an Egyptian family mirrors the spiritual history of humankind as a feudal lord disowns one son for diabolical pride and puts another son to the ultimate test.
MCALL-SMITH	<i>The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency</i>	Working in Botswana, Precious Ramotswe investigates local mysteries, including a search for a missing boy and the case of clinic doctor with a different personality for everyday of the week.
PATON	<i>Cry, the Beloved Country</i>	A Zulu country parson arrives in Johannesburg and finds that his sister has become a prostitute and his son a murderer.
<i>Non-Fiction</i>		
BIOG BEAH	<i>A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier</i>	This account by a young man who, as a boy of 12, gets swept up in Sierra Leone's civil war reveals the life and mind of a child abducted into the horrors of warfare.
BIOG RUS	<i>An Ordinary Man</i>	Former hotel manager Paul Rusesabagina saved 1,268 of his fellow countrymen during the 1994 genocide in Rwanda. His story inspired the movie Hotel Rwanda.
327.73 BEYOND	<i>Beyond Humanitarianism: What You Need to Know about Africa...</i>	A collection of essays on the full range of challenges that confront Africa and the world.
641.596 GRANT	<i>Taste of Africa: 70 Easy-to-cook Recipes</i>	Chef Rosamund Grant offers an introduction to African cuisine.
641.596 SAM	<i>The Soul of New Cuisine: A Discovery of the Foods and Flavors of Africa</i>	One of New York City's top chefs, Marcus Samuelsson has written an exotic yet accessible book featuring African fusion recipes.
709.6 GARL	<i>Early Art and Architecture of Africa</i>	This overview challenges centuries of misconceptions that have obscured the sophisticated nature of African art.
709.6 HAH	<i>African Masks</i>	This survey presents over 250 of the finest African masks from the incomparable Barbier-Mueller Collection.
731.75 LAND	<i>Land of the Flying Masks: Art and Culture in Burkina Faso</i>	This book features the intricate and brightly colored masks for which Burkina Faso is best known, and which are used throughout the country in traditional ceremonies.

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823.914 GORDIMER	Beethoven Was One-Sixteenth Black: and Other Stories	South African writer and Nobel Prize winner Nordine Gordimer's recent collection of short fiction addresses issues of race, identity, and politics.
916.04 AFRICA	The Africa Book: a Journey Through Every Country in the Continent	This inspirational book explores Africa in all its extremes and contrasts, delving into its incredible diversity of wildlife, landscapes, and cultures.
916.604 BERGEJIK	My Mercedes is Not for Sale: from Amsterdam to Ougadougou...	A journalist's intrepid endeavor to sell his used car abroad results in a high-spirited and revealing look at West Africa.
960.32 MEREDITH	The Fate of Africa: From the Hopes of Freedom to the Heart of Despair...	A narrative of the last fifty years which analyzes the factors behind the political chaos, financial troubles, and civil wars which prevail in many African countries today.
962.404 DENG	They Poured Fire On Us From the Sky	The Deng brothers were all under the age of seven when they left their home after terrifying attacks on their villages during the Sudanese civil war.
967.5103 MEALER	All Things Must Fight to Live: Stories of War and Deliverance in Congo	Describes the conflict in the Congo that seethed for 12 long years, claimed more lives than any since WWII and received little aid from the international community.
968 HUNTER	New News Out of Africa: Uncovering Africa's Renaissance	Journalist Charlayne Hunter-Gault offers a fresh and surprisingly optimistic assessment of Africa, revealing there's more to the continent than what's in the news.
<i>CD's & DVDs</i>		
CD-Folk/Ethnic PUTUMAYO	Acoustic Africa	A collection of music featuring many of Africa's best singer-songwriters performing beautiful songs with an acoustic flavor.
CD-Folk/Ethnic PUTUMAYO	Rough Guide to World Music: Africa & Middle East	From Afro-beat to Congolese Soukous, and from Tuareg music to Arabesque, this CD introduces some of the key African and Middle Eastern artists and styles.
Special Interest AFRICA	Africa: the Serengeti	Journey with more than two million wildebeest, zebra, and antelope in their annual five hundred mile trek across the Serengeti plains.
Drama CATCH	Catch a Fire	The true story of a South African hero's journey to freedom in the turbulent 1980s.
Drama CONSTANT	The Constant Gardner	Activist Tessa Quayle is found brutally murdered in a remote area of Kenya and all evidence points to a crime of passion.
Drama CRY	Cry Freedom	Set in South Africa in the mid-1970s, this film tells the story of Stephen Biko, a black political activist and Donald Biko, a liberal white newspaper editor.
Drama FLAME	Flame Trees of Thika	A young girl and her parents journey to the unspoiled wilderness of East Africa in 1913 where they struggle to transform a rugged plot of land into a farm.
Drama HOTEL	Hotel Rwanda	The true-life story of Paul Rusesabagina, a hotel manager who housed over a thousand Tutsi refugees during their struggle against the Hutu militia in Rwanda.
Drama IN	In My Country	A journalist and a poet become romantically involved as they come to terms with what they've learned at the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission hearings.
Drama LAST	The Last King of Scotland	Idi Amin's despotic reign of terror is viewed through the eyes of a Scottish doctor who arrives in Uganda in the early 1970s to serve as Amin's personal physician.
Foreign MOOLAADE	Moolaadé	When a woman shelters a group of girls from suffering female circumcision, she starts a conflict that tears her village apart.
Drama SOMETIMES	Sometimes in April	Based on the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, where an estimated 800,000 people were killed in a purge by Hutu nationalists against their Tutsi countrymen.
Drama OUT	Out of Africa	In 20th century colonial Kenya, a Danish baroness and plantation owner has a passionate but ultimately doomed love affair with a free-spirited big-game hunter.
Foreign NOWHERE	Nowhere in Africa	A Jewish family emigrates from Germany to Kenya shortly before the Second World War.
Drama SHAKA	Shaka Zulu	Shaka Zulu is a true story of tribal Africa during the turbulent 19th century. This critically acclaimed mini-series follows the life of Shaka, a Zulu leader.
New Media TSOTSIS	Tsotsi	In Johannesburg, the small time criminal Tsotsi is a teenager without feelings, hardened by his tough life until he finds a baby in his stolen car.