

The Armchair Traveler Explores Australia

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Fiction		
FICTION Carey	True History of the Kelly Gang Peter Carey	Ned Kelly, the nineteenth-century Australian folk-hero, describes how he, his brother, and two friends led authorities on a twenty-month manhunt before his capture and execution.
FICTION Grenville	The Idea of Perfection Kate Grenville	Serves up the story about an unlikely romance in the Australian bush between Douglas Cheesman, a shy and awkward engineer, and Harley Savage, a plain, large-boned woman who works as a museum curator.
FICTION Hazzard	Transit of Venus Shirley Hazzard	From the 1950s to the 1980s two beautiful Australian orphans make their ways in Sydney, London, New York, and Stockholm.
FICTION Kneale	English Passengers Matthew Kneale	While two Englishmen head for Tasmania on a confiscated pirate ship in search of Eden, the British continue their violent "civilization" of the Aboriginal natives in this "paradise".
FICTION McCullough	Morgan's Run Colleen McCullough	Richard Morgan is a roistering, charming, down-on-his-luck hero who makes the awful journey from England, survives, finds love, and makes his mark despite the odds against him.
FICTION McInerney	The Alphabet Sisters Monica McInerney	The once close relationship between three sisters has dissolved into estrangement until their grandmother, Lola, comes up with a scheme to reunite the sisters by summoning them all home to celebrate her eightieth birthday.
FICTION Morgan	Mutant Message Down Under Marlo Morgan	A fictional account of an American woman's four-month odyssey through the Australian Outback with the region's native people.
FICTION Shute	A Town Like Alice Nevil Shute	The story of a young woman who miraculously survived a Japanese "death march" in World War II and of the Australian soldier who offered to help her—even at the cost of his life.
FICTION Winton	Dirt Music Tim Winton	Despite her marriage to Jim, Georgie never become a part of his inbred fishing community, so she begins a love affair with Luther Fox, the local outcast.
MYSTERY Carver	Blood Junction Caroline Carver	A thriller set in the harsh Australian landscape follows journalist India Kane into the Outback to investigate several murders in a town with a horrible past.
Non-Fiction— Includes biography, history, politics, travel & more!		
BIOG Conway	Road From Coorain Jill Ker Conway	From the shelter of a protective family to the lessons of tragedy and independence, this is an indelible portrait of a harsh and beautiful country and the inspiring story of a remarkable woman.
NON-FIC 299.92 Arden	Dreamkeepers Harvey Arden	With beautiful photographs and vivid narrative, this book transports readers into the minds, hearts, and dreams of the Australian Aborigines, who maintain the oldest culture in the world.
NON-FIC 499 Lonely	Lonely Planet Australian Phrasebook Sue Butler	The average Aussie (<i>o-zee</i>) is welcoming, hospitable and has a great sense of humor—though you might just need this book to understand the jokes.
NON-FIC 910.92 Horwitz	Blue Latitudes Tony Horwitz	Two centuries after James Cook's epic voyages of discovery, Tony Horwitz takes readers on a wild ride across hemispheres and centuries to recapture the Captain's adventures and explore his embattled legacy.
NON-FIC 919.4 Australia	Australia	From the Globe Trekker television series, this two-disc DVD takes you on a wild and wooly tour of the Outback, Queensland, the Great Barrier Reef, Southeast Australia and Southwest Australia.

NON-FIC 994 Blackburn	Daisy Bates in the Desert Julia Blackburn	In 1913, at the age of 54, Daisy Bates went to live with Aborigines in the Australian desert and stayed for 30 years.
NON-FIC 994 Hughes	Fatal Shore Robert Hughes	An enthralling history covering the birth of Australia which came out of the suffering and brutality of England's infamous convict transportation system.
NON-FIC 994 Mattanza	Australia: The New Frontier Alessandra Mattanza	Filled with stunning photographs, this book takes readers on a splendid adventure through a remarkably diverse and beautiful country.
NON-FIC 994.4 Morris	Sydney Jan Morris	Jan Morris finds the ghosts of Sydney's rebellious founders in the vibrancy and pluck of today's populace.

Videos and DVDs

VIDEO COMEDY ADVENTURES	Adventures of Priscilla	Two drag-queens and a transsexual contract to perform a drag show at a resort in Alice Springs, a resort town in the remote Australian desert. They head west from Sydney aboard their lavender bus, Priscilla.
VIDEO DRAMA BREAKER	Breaker Morant	Three Australian lieutenants are court martialed for executing prisoners as a way of deflecting attention from war crimes committed by their superior officers.
VIDEO COMEDY DISH	The Dish	As Neil Armstrong set foot on the moon, the only communication link was a satellite dish in rural Australia with a few bugs. (And a few hundred sheep).
DVD DRAMA GALLIPOLI	Gallipoli	Two Australian sprinters face the brutal realities of war when they are sent to fight in the Gallipoli campaign in Turkey during World War I.
VIDEO DRAMA MAD	Mad Max	In an Australian dystopia of decaying order and violent highways, a police driver is drawn into a path of vengeance after a motorcycle gang targets him for the death of their former leader.
DVD/VIDEO CHILDREN MAN	Man From Snowy River	Jim Craig has lived his first 18 years in the mountains of Australia on his father's farm. The death of his father forces him to go to the low lands to earn enough money to get the farm back on its feet.
DVD DRAMA MY	My Brilliant Career	Sybylla Melvyn is a free spirited young writer who refuses to conform to society's expectations of how a "proper woman" should live her life.
DVD DRAMA ON	On the Beach	After a global nuclear war, the residents of Australia must come to terms with the fact that all life will be destroyed in a matter of months.
DVD DRAMA PICNIC	Picnic at Hanging Rock	Three students and a school teacher disappear on an excursion to Hanging Rock on Valentine's Day, 1900.
DVD DRAMA RABBIT-PROOF	Rabbit-Proof Fence	In 1931, three aboriginal girls escape after being plucked from their homes to be trained as domestic staff and set off on a trek across the Outback.
VIDEO COMEDY STRICTLY	Strictly Ballroom	Scott Hastings is a champion caliber ballroom dancer who believes in dancing "his own steps". Fran is a beginning dancer and a bit of an ugly duckling who wants to be Scott's partner. Together, these two misfits try to win the national championship.
DVD DRAMA THORN	The Thorn Birds	This mini series covers 60 years in the lives of the Cleary family. The story centers on their daughter and her love for the family's priest.
VIDEO DRAMA WALKABOUT	Walkabout	Stranded in the Australian outback, an English girl and her younger brother are rescued by an Aborigine boy on his "walkabout"—a tribal initiation into manhood.