

Geography Reading List

Here is a - not exhaustive - list of books, some fact and some fiction, which will help you get a feel for the places, issues and people we are studying. Some of the titles fit into several sections and the divisions made are purely arbitrary. You should use it as part of your extra reading. Wherever possible the most recent paperback version is recommended but you will find that there are various editions of many of the titles. For some titles there are audio versions and some of course have been made into films! Look these titles up on Amazon™ and you will find other related titles to add to your reading. You will not be tested on the material – it's just to give you some background.

GLOBAL ISSUES

- John Berger [2000]: Lilac and Flag – Bloomsbury Publishing [*and the others in the trilogy*]
Tim Butcher [2008]: Blood River - Vintage
Joseph Conrad [2007]: Heart of Darkness – Penguin
Ma Jian [2002]: Red Dust –Vintage
Patrick French [2011]: India. A Portrait - Allen Lane
Ma Jian [2009]: Beijing Coma - Vintage
Eric Schlosser [2002]: Fast Food Nation: What the All American Meal is Doing to the World - Penguin
Duncan Hewitt [2007]: Getting Rich First – Chatto & Windus
Jung Chiang [2004]: Wild Swans – Harper Perennial
Tony Parsons [2008]: My Favourite Wife – Harper
Dave Gorman [2008]: America Unchained – Ebury Press
P D James [2010]: Children of Men – Faber & Faber
Jonathan Watts [2010]: When a Billion Chinese Jump – Faber & Faber
Joe Bennett [2010]: Where Underpants Come From: From Checkout to Cotton Field – Travels Through the New China – Profile Books.
Khaled Hosseini [2008]: A Thousand Splendid Suns - Bloomsbury Press
Khaled Hosseini [2004]: The Kite Runner - Bloomsbury Press
John Le Carre [2006]: The Constant Gardener – Sceptre
Mark Edwards [2009]: Hard Rain – Hardrainproject
Richard Wrangham [2010]: Catching Fire: How Cooking Made Us Human – Profile Books
Fred Pearce [2009]: Confessions of an Eco Sinner: Travels to Where My Stuff Comes From – Eden Project Books
Fred Pearce [2007]: When the Rivers Run Dry: What happens When Our Water Runs Out? – Eden Project Books
Fred Pearce [2010] People Quake: Mass Migration, Ageing nations and the Coming Population Crash – Eden Project
Mike Berners-Lee [2010]: How Bad Are Bananas? The Carbon Footprint of Everything – Profile Books
Charles Clover [2005]: The End of the Line. How Overfishing is Changing The World and What We Eat - Ebury Press.
Michael Braungart [2009]: Cradle to Cradle – Vintage
Stewart Lee Allen [2003]: In the Devil's Garden: A Sinful History of Forbidden Food - Ballantine Books.
Richard Girling [2005]: Rubbish! Dirt on Our Hands and Crisis Ahead – Eden Project Books
Mark Kurlansky [2009]: The Last Fish Tale - Jonathan Cape
Nicolas Stern: [2009]: A Blueprint for a Safer Planet - Bodley Head

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENTS – and human / societal responses

Whitley Strieber [2004]: The Day after Tomorrow – Gollancz
Joe Simpson [1998]: Touching the Void – Vintage
Douglas Brinkley [2007]: The great deluge – Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans and the Mississippi Gulf Coast – Harper
Sebastian Junger [2006]: The Perfect Storm: A True Story of Men Against the Sea - Harper
Erich Krauss [2005]: Wave of Destruction: One Thai Village and its Battle with the Tsunami – VISION paperbacks
Mike Davis [1998]: Ecology of Fear – Vintage
James Lovelock [1979]: Gaia, a new look at life on Earth – OUP; [2006]: The Revenge of Gaia – Penguin
James Lovelock [2010]: The Vanishing Face of Gaia; A final warning - Basic Books
Al Gore [2006]: An Inconvenient Truth – Bloomsbury
David Alexander [1993]: Natural Disasters - CRC Press
Tim Flannery [2007]: The Weather Makers - Penguin
Stanley Williams [2001]: Surviving Galeras - Little, Brown and Company
Richard Girling [2008]: Sea Change: Britain's Coastal Catastrophe - Eden Project Books
Simon Winchester [2004]: Krakatoa: The Day the World Exploded: August 27, 1883
Simon Winchester [2006]: A Crack in the Edge of the World: The Great American Earthquake of 1906
Mark Lynas [2008]: Six Degrees: Our Future on a Hotter Planet
George Monbiot [2007]: Heat: How We Can Stop the Planet Burning
Bjorn Lomborg [2003]: The Skeptical Environmentalist - CUP
Bjorn Lomborg [2009]: Cool it: The sceptical environmentalist's guide to global warming
Gavin Pretor Pinney [2007]: The Cloudspotter's Guide
Craig Leland Childs [2002]: The Desert Cries
David McCollough [1984]: The Johnstown Flood - Touchstone Books
Brice Hiscock [2000]: The Big Storm - Aladdin Picture Books
Ian Stewart & John Lynch [2007]: Earth – The Power of the Planet - BBC Books
Ian Stewart [2004]: Journeys from the Centre of the Earth - Century
Dave Eggers [2009]: Zeitoun – Penguin
David King & Gabrielle Walker (2009): The Hot Topic: How to Tackle Global Warming..... - Bloomsbury.
Elizabeth Kolbert [2006]: Field Notes from a Catastrophe: Man, Nature, and Climate Change - Bloomsbury
Martin Rees [2003]: Our Final Century Will Civilisation Survive the Twenty First Century? - Arrow Books
James Hansen [2009]: Storms of My Grandchildren: The Truth About the Coming Climate Catastrophe - Bloomsbury
Elizabeth Kolbert [2007]: Field Notes From a Catastrophe A Frontline Report on Climate Change - Bloomsbury
Mark Lynas [2004]: High Tide News from a Warming World - Flamingo
Robert Does [2006]: Extreme Floods A History in a Changing Climate - Sutton Publishing
Stephen Halliday [2004]: Water A Turbulent History - The History Press
Brian M Fagan [2001]: The Little Ice Age: How Climate made History 1300-1850 – Basic Books

REBRANDING PLACES

Ken Coates and Richard Silbur [1973]: Poverty: the Forgotten Englishmen – Pelican
Phillip K Dick [1999]: Blade Runner – Gollancz
Bill Bryson [1996]: Notes from a small island – Blackswan Books *in fact anything by him*
George Orwell [2001]: The Road to Wigan Pier – Penguin
Dave Haslam [2010]: Manchester, England – Fourth Estate
Ronald Blythe [1973]: Akenfield – Penguin
Joe Bennett [2010]: Hello Dubai: Skiing, Sand, and Shopping in the World's Weirdest City – Simon & Schuster

HUMAN ENVIRONMENTS [See also Trade and Globalisation]

Bee Wilson [2009]: Swindled: From Poison Sweets to Counterfeit Coffee – John Murray
Jared Diamond [2005]: Guns, Germs and Steel - Vintage
Dambisa Moyo [2010]: Dead Aid: Why aid is not working and how there is another way for Africa - Penguin
Naomi Klein [2010]: No Logo - Fourth Estate
Naomi Klein [2008]: The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism - Penguin
William Easterly [2007]: The White Man's Burden: Why the West's Efforts to Aid the Rest etc.....- OUP
Paul Collier [2008]: The Bottom Billion: Why the Poorest Countries are Failing and What Can Be Done About It - OUP
George Monbiot [2008]: Bring on the Apocalypse: Six Arguments for Global Justice - Atlantic Books
Ewan McGregor and Charley Boorman [2005]: Long Way Round - Sphere
Charley Boorman [2007]: Race to Dakar - Sphere
Paul Theroux [2009]: Ghost Train to the Eastern Star: On the tracks of 'The Great Railway Bazaar' - Penguin
James Kynge [2009]: China Shakes The World: The Rise of the Hungry Nation - Phoenix
Will Hutton [2008]: The Writing on the Wall: China and the West in the 21st Century - Abacus
Amy Chua [2004]: World on Fire - Arrow Books
Roger Boyes [2009]: Meltdown Iceland. How the Global Financial Crisis Bankrupted an Entire Country – Bloomsbury
John Lanchester [2010]: Whoops!: Why Everyone Owes Everyone and No One Can Pay - Penguin

SOME RANDOM FICTION

Andrea Levy [2009]: Small Island - Headline Review
Chimamanda Ngozi [2007] : Half of a Yellow Sun - Harper
Marina Lewycka [2008]: Two Caravans - Penguin
Marina Lewycka [2008]: Strawberry Fields - Penguin
Marina Lewycka [2006]: A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian - Penguin
Zadie Smith [2007]: White Teeth - Penguin
Monica Ali [2004]: Brick Lane - Black Swan
Graham Greene [1998]: Brighton Rock – Penguin
Charlie Connelly [2005]: Attention all shipping - Abacus
Alex Garland [1997]: The Beach – Penguin
Arundhati Roy (2004): The Good of Small Things - Harper Perennial, new edition.
.....and a mass of other stuff too numerous to mention

COASTS, LANDSCAPES, COUNTRYSIDE, GEOLOGY

Nicholas Crane [2007]: Great British Journeys - Phoenix
Nicholas Crane [2010]: Coast: Our Island Story: A Journey of Discovery Around Britain's Coastline - BBC Books
Alan Titchmarsh [2004]: British Isles: A Natural History - BBC Books; Reprint edition
Alan Titchmarsh [2007]: The Nature of Britain - BBC Books
John Craven [2010]: John Craven's Countryfile Handbook - BBC Books
Ian Vince [2011]: The Lie of the land: The explosive story of how Britain was formed – Pan
Ian Vince [2010]: The Lie of the Land: An under the field guide to the British Isles - Boxtree
Richard Fortey [2010]: The Hidden landscape: A Journey into the Geological Past - Bodley Head
Francis Pryor [2010]: The Making of the British Landscape: How we have transformed the land etc... - Allen Lane
Clive Aslet [2010]: Villages of Britain: the Five Hundred Villages that made the Countryside - Bloomsbury
David McKie [2010]: McKie's Gazetteer: A Local History of Britain – Atlantic Books
David McKie [2007]: Great Bus Journeys: Travels Through Unfamous Places - Atlantic Books
Bill Bryson [2006]: Notes from a Small Island - John Murray; New edition

Joe Moran [2010]: *On Roads: A Hidden History* - Profile Books
Dorrik Stow [2010]: *Vanished Ocean* - OUP
Doug Macdougall [2006]: *Frozen Earth: the One and Future Story of Ice Ages* - University of California Press
David Beerling [2008]: *The Emerald Planet: How plants changed Earth's history* - OUP
Jan Zalasiewicz [2010]: *The Planet in a Pebble: A journey into Earth's deep history* – OUP

MAPS, CARTOGRAPHY, EXPLORATION

Nicholas Crane [2003]: *Mercator; The Man Who Mapped the Planet* - Phoenix New edition
Andrew Taylor [2005]: *The World of Gerald Mercator: the Mapmaker Who Revolutionised Geography* - Harper
Simon Winchester [2002]: *The Map that Changed the World: A Tale of Rocks, Ruin and Redemption* - Penguin
Rachel Hewitt [2010]: *Map of a Nation: a Biography of the Ordnance Survey* - Granta Books
Mike Parker [2010]: *Map Addict: A Tale of Obsession, Fudge & the Ordnance Survey* - Collins Reprint
The British Library Publishing Division [2010]: *Magnificent Maps: Power, Propaganda and Art* - British Library
Peter Barber & Apri Carlucci [2001]: *The Lie of the Land: The Secret Life of Maps* - British Library Publishing Division
Illustrated edition
Caroline Alexander [1999]: *The Endurance - Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition* - Bloomsbury Publishing
Laurence Bergreen [2010]: *Over the Edge of the World. Magellan's Terrifying Circumnavigation of the Globe* – Harper Perennial
Giles Milton & Roland Phillips [2005]: *White Gold: The Extraordinary Story of Thomas Pellow and North Africa's One Million European Slaves* - Sceptre
David Sobel [2005]: *Longitude: The True Story of a Lone Genius Who Solved the Greatest Scientific Problem of His Time* - Harper Perennial
Christian Tirtirau [2009]: *The Latitudes of Silence: A Voyage Across the Pacific Ocean* –Trafford Publishing
Giles Milton [2003]: *Samurai William: The Adventurer Who Unlocked Japan* - Sceptre
Giles Milton [2000]: *Nathaniel's Nutmeg: How One Man's Courage Changed the Course of History* - Sceptre
Giles Milton [2001]: *Big Chief Elizabeth: How England's Adventurers Gambled and Won the New World* – Sceptre
John Keay [2010]: *The Great Arc: The Dramatic Tale of How India Was Mapped and Everest was Named* – HarperCollins
Roy Moxham [2001]: *The Great Hedge of India* – Constable.
Ranulph Fiennes [1994]: *Mind Over Matter* - Mandarin
Chris Bonington [1991]: *Quest For Adventure* – Hodder & Stoughton
Alice Albinia [2008]: *Empires of the Indus. The Story of a River* - John Murray
Jon Ronson [2002] *Them: Adventures with Extremists* – Picador
Mark Thomas [2009]: *Belching Out the Devil: Global Adventures with Coca-Cola* – Ebury Press
Andrew Beattie [2005]: *Cairo. A Cultural History* - OUP
Simon Sebag Montefiore (2011): *Jerusalem: The Biography* - Weidenfeld & Nicholson.
Andrew Beattie [2011]: *The Danube [Landscapes of the Imagination series]:* - OUP
Andrew Beattie [2006]: *The Alps. A Cultural History* - OUP
Peter Ackroyd [2009]: *The Thames: A Biography*
Simon Winchester [2010] : *Atlantic: A Vast Ocean of a Million Stories* - HarperPress
Tim MackintoshSmith [2002]: *Travels with a Tangerine:* - Picador New edition
Tim MackintoshSmith [2006]: *Draw the Hall of a Thousand Columns* - John Murray New edition
Eric Simons & Martin Yeoman [2011]: *Darwin slept here* - Gerald Duckworth & Co
Ian Thompson [2009]: *The Dead Yard. A Story of Modern Jamaica* - Faber and Faber
Michael Palin [2008]: *New Europe* - Phoenix
Bill Bryson [1998]: *Neither Here NorThere: Travels in Europe* - Black Swan
Jonathan Dimbleby [2009]: *Russia: a journey to the heart of a land and its people* – BBC Books
Plenty of great travel books by: Michael Palin [Sahara, Himalaya, Round the world in 80 days], Benedict Allen; Dervla Murphy etc]: as well as Nicolas Crane [Clear Waters Rising]

THINGS URBAN

Mike Davis [2007]: Planet of Slums – Verso; [2004]: Dead Cities -The New Press; [1998]: City of Quartz - Pimlico
John Julius Norwich [ed][2009]: The Great Cities in History - Thames & Hudson
Douglas Franz & Catherine Collins [2000]: - Celebration, U.S.A. : Living in Disney's Brave New Town - Owl Books
Jane Jacobs [1997]: The Life and Death of Great American Cities – Random House
Peter Hall [2002]: Cities of Tomorrow: An Intellectual History of Urban Planning and Design in the Twentieth History – Blackwell
Greg Grandin [2010]: Fordlandia: The Rise and Fall of Henry Ford's Forgotten Jungle City – Icon Books
Andrew Ross [2000]: The Celebration Chronicles: Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Property Value in Disney's New Town - Verso Books
Orhan Pamuk [2006]: Istanbul: Memories of A City – Faber and Faber
Gavin Weightman & Steve Humphries [2007]: The Making of Modern London – Ebury Press
Jeb Brugmann [2010]: Welcome to the Urban Revolution. How Cities are Changing the World - Bloomsbury.
Jim Krane [2010]: Dubai: The History of the World's Fastest City – Atlantic Books
Raymond Barrett [2010]: Dubai Dreams: Inside the Kingdom of Bling – Nicholas Brealey Publishers
Syed Ali [2010]: Dubai: Gilded Cage – Yale University Press
Joe Tatchell [2010]; A Diamond in the Desert: Behind the Scenes in the World's Richest City – Sceptre

TRADE AND GLOBALISATION

Alan Beattie [2009]: False Economy. A Surprising Economic History of the World - Penguin
PJO Rouke [2008]: On the Wealth of Nations. Adam Smith's Book that Changed the World - Atlantic Books
Kelsey Timmerman [2010]: Where am I Wearing ? A Global Tour to the Counties, Factories, and People that Make Our Clothes – John Wiley & Sons
Piertra Rivoli [2009]: The Travels of a T-Shirt in the Global Economy: An Economist Examines the Markets, Power, and Politics of World Trade – John Wiley & Sons.
Eduardo Galeano [2001]: The World Upside Down. A Primer for the Looking Glass World - Picador
Eduardo Galeano [2009]: Mirrors: Stories of Almost Everyone - Nation Book
William Bernstein [2009]: A Splendid Exchange: How Trade Shaped the World – Atlantic Books.
Antony Wild [2010]: Black Gold: The Dark History of Coffee – Harper Perennial
Ian Gately [2009]: Drink: A Cultural History of Alcohol – Gotham Books
Sophie D. Coe [2003]: The True History of Chocolate – Thames & Hudson
Mathew Hart [2001]: Diamond. The History of a Cold Blooded Affair - Fourth Estate
Barbara Freese [2003]: Coal. A Human History - Arrow Books
Stuart Lee Allen [1999]: The Devil's Cup Coffee, The Driving Force in History - Canongate
Hattie Ellis [2007]: Planet Chicken. The Shameful Story of the Bird on Our Plate - Sceptre
Carol Helstosky [2008]: Pizza. A Global History - Reaktion Books
John Griffith [2007]: Tea: The Drink That Changed the World. Andre Deutsch
John Reader [2009]: The Untold Story of the Potato –Vintage.
Mark Kurlandsky [2003]: Salt. A World History - Penguin
Mark Kurlansky [1998]: Cod. The Biography of the Fish that Changed the World – Penguin
Elizabeth Abbott [2010]: Sugar: A Bittersweet History – Gerald Duckworth
Mark Kurlansky [2007]: The Big Oyster. History on the Half Shell - Random House
Andrew Simms [2007]: Tescopoly – how one shop came out on top and why it matters – Constable
Gavin Weightman [2010]: The Frozen Water Trade - Harper Collins.
Timothy Brooks [2009]: Vermeer's hat: the seventeenth century and the dawn of the world - Profile Books.
John Darwin [2008]: After Tamerlane: the Rise and Fall of Global Empires, 1400-2000 – Penguin
Tom Standage [2007]: A History of the World in Six Glasses - Atlantic Books
Tom Standage [2010]: An Edible History of Humanity - Atlantic Books.

Ken Auletta [2010]: Googled: The End of the World As We Know It – Virgin
Randall E. Stross [2010]: Planet Google: How One Company Is Changing Our Lives- Atlantic Books

CONFLICT AND MIS / UTOPIAS

Javier Cercas [2003]: Soldiers of Salamis - Bloomsbury
Aldous Huxley [2005]: Island - Vintage Classics [with an introduction by David Bradshaw]
BF Skinner 2005]: Walden Two - Hackett Publishing
Ernest Gallenbach [1975]: Ecotopia. The Notebooks and Reports of William Weston - Bantam Books
Bruce Parry [2009]: Amazon - Penguin
Christopher Somerville [2010]: Never Eat Shredded Wheat The Geography We've Lost and How to Find it Again -Hodder & Stoughton
Ian Marchant [2003]: Parallel Lines Or Journeys on the Railway of Dreams - Bloomsbury
Julian Gagini [2007]: Welcome to Everytown A Journey into the English Mind - Granta
Julian Barnes [1998]: England, England - Jonathan Cape
Charlotte Metcalf [2003]: Walking Away: A Filmmakers African Journal - Eye Books
Paul Kingsnorth: [2008]: Real England. The Battle against the Bland - Portobello