

## Novels to read: Australia

1. **In a Sunburned Country:** *by Bill Bryson*
  - a. TRAVEL NARRATIVE / 2001 / 307 PAGES / FAVORITE
  - b. The intrepid, ever-resourceful Bryson revels in Australia's eccentric characters, dangerous flora and fauna, and other oddities in this wildly funny, effortlessly informative travelogue. (AUS83, \$15.99)
  
2. **The Fatal Shore:** *by Robert Hughes*
  - a. HISTORY / 1988 / 752 PAGES / FAVORITE
  - b. In this celebrated social history, both scholarly and entertaining, Hughes traces the fate of those who were transported to the penal colonies of Australia between 1787 and 1868. It's an engaging popular account, drawn from the experiences of the colonists themselves. (AUS04, \$19.95)
  
3. **A Reef in Time:** *by J. E. N. Veron*
  - a. NATURAL HISTORY / 2009 / 304 PAGES
  - b. Veron draws on a lifetime of experience to present a fascinating geological history of the world's most famous coral reef, and also a plea for its protection against the dangers of global climate change. (AUS190, \$18.95)
  
4. **The Songlines:** *by Bruce Chatwin*
  - a. CULTURAL PORTRAIT / 1988 / 294 PAGES / FAVORITE
  - b. Chatwin transforms a journey through the Outback into an exhilarating, semi-fictional meditation on our place in the world. (AUS01, \$16.00)
  
5. **Aboriginal Australians, First Nations of an Ancient Continent:** *by Stephen Muecke*
  - a. CULTURAL PORTRAIT / 2004 / 127 PAGES
  - b. A lively illustrated overview of the culture, history and art of the Aborigines in the celebrated New Horizons series of authoritative shirt-pocket encyclopedias. (AUS230, \$15.95)
  
6. **One For the Road, An Outback Adventure:** *by Tony Horwitz*
  - a. TRAVEL NARRATIVE / 1999 / 211 PAGES
  - b. A classic travel adventure by favorite author Tony Horwitz. This time he's set loose among the Aborigines, exiled desert rats and other odd characters in the outback. (AUS79, \$14.00)
  
7. **Carnivorous Nights, On the Trail of the Tasmanian Tiger:** *by Margaret Mittelbach | Michael Crewdson | Alexis Rockman*
  - a. TRAVEL NARRATIVE / 2006 / 288 PAGES

- b. In this comic adventure, two Brooklyn naturalists and an artist friend head to Tasmania in search of the probably long-extinct Tasmanian Tiger. It's an entertaining travelogue, interweaving Tasmania's history, landscapes, fauna and people. (AUS164, \$14.95)
- 8. Australia, A Traveler's Literary Companion: by Robert Ross**
- a. ANTHOLOGY / 1998 / 256 PAGES
  - b. Arranged geographically, this collection of works by mostly local writers, including Patrick White, Peter Carey and other luminaries introduces the cultures, geography and mindset of Australia. (AUS38, \$13.95)
- 9. English Passengers: by Matthew Kneale**
- a. LITERATURE / 2001 / 446 PAGES
  - b. An accomplished novel, funny yet wrenchingly serious, of cultural collision and rebellion in Tasmania in the 19th century. (AUS109, \$15.95)
- 10. The Nutmeg of Consolation: by Patrick O'Brian**
- a. LITERATURE / 1993 / 315 PAGES
  - b. This 14th installment in the Aubrey/Maturin series finds Captain Aubrey and his crew shipwrecked and making their way to the penal colony at Botany Bay, the notorious first European settlement in Australia. (AUS17, \$14.99)
- 11. Culture Smart! Australia: by Barry Penney**
- a. GUIDEBOOK / 2008 / 168 PAGES
  - b. A concise, no-nonsense guide to local customs, etiquette and culture with a short overview of the land and people along with practical travel advice. (AUS189, \$9.95)
- 12. Fodor's Exploring Australia: by Michael Ivory**
- a. GUIDEBOOK / 2007 / 288 PAGES
  - b. An excellent overview of Australia and its many attractions, with maps, illustrations and solid information on features of cultural, historical and natural interest. (AUS29, \$22.00)