

# OUR FAVORITES

## Bookshop Santa Cruz In-Store Newsletter

### TRAVEL WRITING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OUR STAFF



***The Geography of Bliss*  
by Eric Weiner**

The mission is simple: find the happiest places on Earth. The execution is anything but. Weiner announces himself to the travel writing scene with this sublime story of a man in search of joy, wherever it may be hiding in the world. *The Geography of Bliss* is a literary pick-me-up and an inspired journey to find what's still right with the world. –Zack



***First Comes Love, Then Comes Malaria*  
by Eve Brown-Waite**

This incredibly authentic story of a young couple out to change the world has a good dose of humor and a very readable style. It contains enough reality to be slightly depressing, enough hope to be reasonably uplifting, and enough self-revelation to show what it's really like to transplant yourself in a third-world country. –Nici



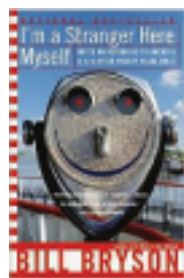
***Killing Yourself to Live*  
by Chuck Klosterman**

Follow Klosterman, "Tauntaun" and a musical playlist on a road trip across the country to the historic sites of rock and roll's greatest tragedies. Learn about these deadly landmarks from one of today's best music critics as he explores the significance of death and why he can't keep a girlfriend. Klosterman's self-deprecating wit will have you enjoying the ride. –Saraphine



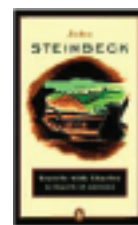
***The Art of Travel*  
by Alain de Botton**

The book that brought de Botton to my attention was *How Proust Can Change Your Life*, which is supposedly about Proust, but is really about living wisely and well. *The Art of Travel* is also literary in its connections, drawing on the travels of Flaubert and Wordsworth to talk about our own adventures. But don't worry, de Botton wears his learning so lightly that you won't feel any pain at all. –Seana Graham



***I'm a Stranger Here Myself*  
by Bill Bryson**

American-born writer Bill Bryson lived in England for 20 years before returning to New Hampshire. *I'm a Stranger Here Myself* is a unique memoir of a U.S. native whose extensive travels abroad have given him new eyes for his old homeland, and the result is hilarious, poignant, and surprising. A great summer read. –M.M.



***Travels with Charley*  
by John Steinbeck**

Have you ever been tempted to explore America with your canine companion? I invite you to live vicariously through John Steinbeck (who better?) and his charming poodle Charley. Steinbeck brings readers along through our country, utilizing his keen awareness of the details of everyday life to illuminate the distinguishing characteristics of each region. –Kate

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