

Princeton Public Library
Adult Summer Reading Club 2008



Inspirational Journeys

The Alchemist / Paulo Coelho, 2002

The story of a Spanish shepherd boy who leaves home to search for earthly treasure but acquires wisdom instead.

Fiction F Coe

Away / Amy Bloom, 2007

A young woman's quest for her lost child takes her from 1920's New York, to Chicago, Seattle and the Alaskan wilderness on her way back to Russia, from which she has immigrated.

New Books Fiction F Blo

Blue Highways: A Journey Into America / William Least Heat Moon, 1982

Job loss and a failed marriage send the author on a cross country trip on the back roads of the U.S. where he meets all kinds of interesting people in this one of a kind travelogue.

Non-Fiction, Non-F 917.3 Lea

Fear and loathing in Las Vegas : a savage journey to the heart of the American dream / Hunter S. Thompson, 1972

The author and his sidekick, Dr. Gonzo, chase the American dream to Las Vegas in a wicked, funny, hallucinatory, drug-besotted journey.

Non-Fiction Non-F B T4725

Leaving Microsoft to Change the World: An Entrepreneur's Odyssey to Educate the World's Children / John Wood, 2006

A trip to Nepal helps the author to find his true calling in life, supplying books to impoverished schools in Asia, using the business skills he acquired at Microsoft.

New Books Non-Fiction Non-F 370.913 Woo

Life of Pi / Yann Martel, 2001

After a shipwreck, young Pi ends up adrift on a lifeboat with a zebra, a hyena, an orangutan and a Bengal tiger named Richard Parker. He must sail his way to safety in this unusual odyssey which won the Booker Prize.

Fiction F Mar

Lonesome Dove / Larry McMurtry, 1985

A cattle drive from Texas to Montana in the late 19th century takes the party through the last of the old west in this Pulitzer Prize winning book which is part adventure story, part love story and part travelogue featuring a wonderful cast characters.

Fiction F McM

On the Road / Jack Kerouac, 1957

The classic cross country beat odyssey.

Fiction F Ker

The Places In Between / Rory Stewart, 2006

As part of a larger journey to travel the Muslim world on foot, a Scottish journalist walks across Afghanistan in 2002, just after the Taliban are deposed.

Non-Fiction Non-F 915.81 Ste

The Sea / John Banville, 2005

A recent widower travels to a seacoast town where he spent a childhood summer to grieve and to confront his past in this Booker Prize winner.

Fiction F Ban

The Snow Leopard / Peter Matthiessen, 1978

This account of a journey into the heart of the Himalayan region of Dolpo in quest of the elusive big cat, the snow leopard, won the National Book Award.

Non-Fiction Non-F 915.496 Mat

Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace . . . One School at a Time / Greg Mortenson, 2007

A mountain climbing trip which ends in failure leads to a mission which eventually builds more than 50 schools in rural, impoverished areas of Pakistan.

New Books Non-Fiction, Non-F 371.822 Mor

Travels with Charley: In Search of America / John Steinbeck, 1962

After writing about America for many years, Steinbeck felt he needed to reconnect to the country that had changed so much during that time. This book which chronicles the trip he took with his dog Charley won the Nobel Prize for literature.

Non-Fiction Non-F 917.3 Ste

Voyage of the Narwhal / Andrea Barrett, 1998

The *Narwhal* sets sail from Philadelphia in 1855 in search of the crew and ship of a vanished expedition to the Arctic. Each of the characters has his own hopes for the expedition.

Fiction F Bar

A Walk in the Woods: rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail / Bill Bryson, 1998

Bryson and his equally out of shape buddy decide to rediscover America by hiking the 2,000 mile Appalachian Trail in this hilarious adventure.

Non-Fiction, Non-F 917.4 Bry

Walking the Bible : a Journey by Land Through the Five Books of Moses / Bruce S. Feiler, 2001

The story of a 10,000 mile journey across the Middle East which brought the author a deeper understanding of his religious roots. There is an accompanying book of photographs entitled *Walking the Bible: A Photographic Journey* (Non-F 220.91 Fei).

Non-Fiction Non-F 915.6 Fei

Zen and the art of motorcycle maintenance : an inquiry into values / Robert M. Pirsig, 1974

A father and son take a motorcycle trip together one summer and come away with a very different perspective on how to live.

Non-Fiction Non-F 818 Pir

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