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Armchair Travel Challenge for Adults

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Join our year-long reading challenge for adults and "travel" around the world. You can enter to win the year-end raffle! It's easy - here's how to get started:

Pick up a reading log at the Circulation or Reference Desk, print one out online, or request one via curbside, and commit to reading one book related to the destination of the month. (Audiobooks, e-books & DVDs count too!).

Your challenge for JANUARY: Read any book that takes place in Southern Europe. Once you have finished, bring your log into the library and get your "passport" stamped!



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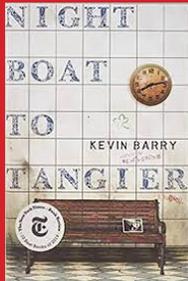
Suggested Reading List*

** This list is for ideas only. Chosen book should fit the theme, but no specific titles are required to participate in the reading challenge. Please enjoy!*

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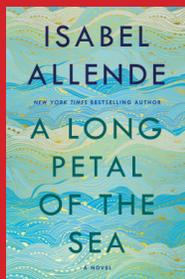
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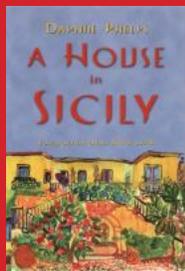
Night Boat to Tangier by Kevin Barry

Two Irish drug-smuggling partners reevaluate a career marked by violence, betrayal and exile during a nocturnal vigil in a sketchy Spanish ferry terminal where one of them would reconnect with an estranged daughter. By the award-winning author of "Beatlebone".



A Long Petal of the Sea by Isabel Allende

From the author of "The House of the Spirits", this epic novel spanning decades and crossing continents follows two young people as they flee the aftermath of the Spanish Civil War in search of a place to call home.



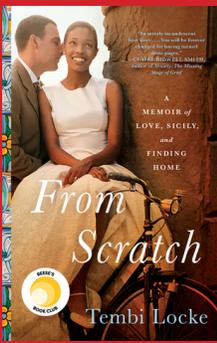
A House in Sicily by Daphne Phelps

An American woman who inherited a house in Sicily in 1947 tells the story of her four decades of good living in a small Italian village, highlighting the goodwill of her neighbors and her numerous guests, including Tennessee Williams, Henry Faulkner, and Bertrand Russell.



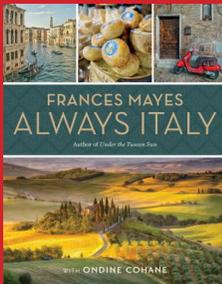
The Sagrada Familia by Gijs van Hensbergen

A definitive and illuminating biography of one of the most famous--and most famously unfinished--buildings in the world, the Sagrada Familia of Barcelona.



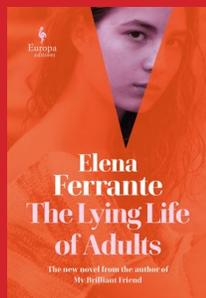
From Scratch by Tembi Locke

A poignant and transporting cross-cultural love story set against the lush backdrop of the Sicilian countryside, where one woman discovers the healing powers of food, family, and unexpected grace in her darkest hour.



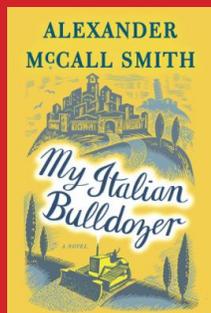
Always Italy : an Illustrated Grand Tour by Frances Mayes

In these illuminating pages, Frances Mayes, the author of "Under the Tuscan Sun" and many other bestsellers, and New York Times travel writer Ondine Cohane reveal an Italy that only the locals know, filled with top destinations and unforgettable travel experiences in every region.



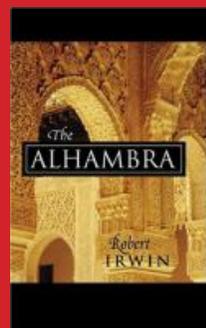
The Lying Life of Adults by Elena Ferrante

In "The Lying Life of Adults", readers will discover another gripping, highly addictive, and totally unforgettable Neapolitan story.



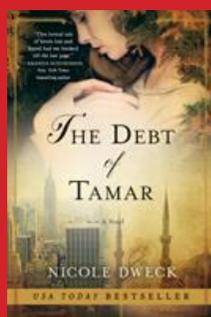
My Italian Bulldozer by Alexander McCall Smith

A feast for the senses and a poignant meditation on the complexity of human relationships, "My Italian Bulldozer" is a charming and intensely satisfying love story for anyone who has ever dreamed of a fresh start.



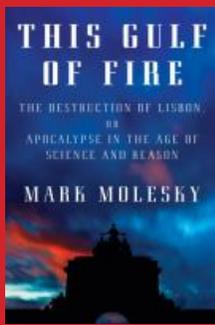
The Alhambra by Robert Irwin

The Alhambra, the 'red fort' on its rocky hill above Granada, with its fountained courts and gardens, and intricate decoration, has long been a byword for exotic and melancholy beauty. This book examines its history.



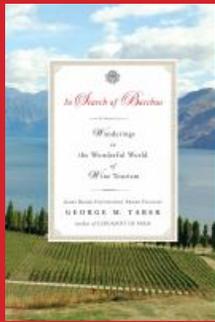
The Debt of Tamar by Nicole Dweck

From a 16th-century harem to a seaside village in the Holy Land, from Nazi-occupied Paris to modern-day Manhattan, Nicole Dweck's The Debt of Tamar weaves a spellbinding tapestry of love, history, and fate that will enchant readers from the very first page.



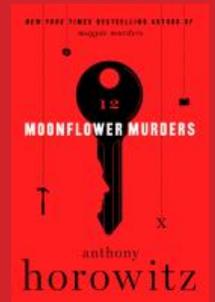
This Gulf of Fire: The Destruction of Lisbon, or Apocalypse in the Age of Science and Reason by Mark Molesky

The captivating and definitive account of the most consequential natural disaster of modern times.



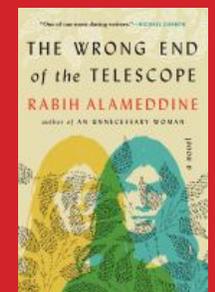
In Search of Bacchus by George Taber

An accessible blend of wine lore and travel memoir, "In Search of Bacchus" is another engaging, immersive read from George M. Taber, sure to satisfy wine lovers everywhere.



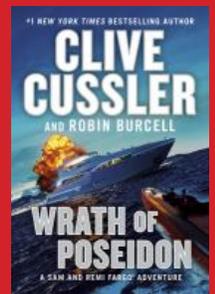
Moonflower Murders by Anthony Horowitz

Brilliantly clever, relentlessly suspenseful, full of twists that will keep listeners guessing with each revelation and clue, "Moonflower Murders" is a deviously dark take on vintage English crime fiction from one of its greatest masterminds.



The Wrong End of the Telescope by Rabih Alameddine

"The Wrong End of the Telescope" is a bedazzling tapestry of both tragic and amusing portraits of indomitable spirits facing a humanitarian crisis.



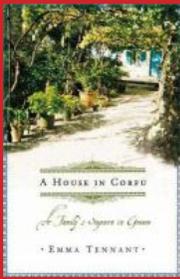
Wrath of Poseidon by Clive Cussler

Husband-and-wife team Sam and Remi Fargo come up against an old enemy while searching for a treasure that has been lost for centuries in this exciting adventure in the bestselling series by Clive Cussler.



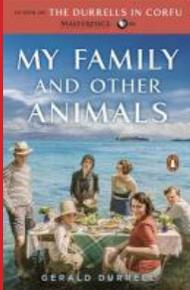
The Vacationers by Emma Straub

This is a story of the sides of ourselves that we choose to show and those we try to conceal, of the ways we tear each other down and build each other up again, and the bonds that ultimately hold us together. With wry humor and tremendous heart, Emma Straub delivers a richly satisfying story of a family in the midst of a maelstrom of change, emerging irrevocably altered yet whole.



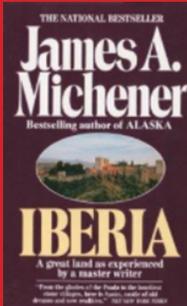
A House in Corfu : a Family's Sojourn in Greece by Emma Tennant

Full of color and contrast, "A House in Corfu" shows the huge changes in island life since the time of the family's arrival, and celebrates, equally, the joy of belonging to a timeless world: the world of vine, olive, and sea.



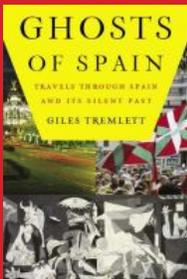
My Family and Other Animals by Gerald Malcom Durrell

The first book Gerald Durrell's Corfu Trilogy: a bewitching account of a rare and magical childhood on the island of Corfu, now the inspiration for "The Durrells in Corfu" on Masterpiece PBS.



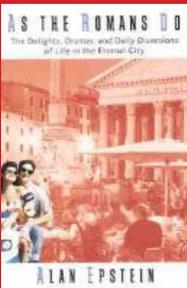
Iberia by James A. Michener

"Iberia" is Michener's enduring nonfiction tribute to his cherished second home. In the fresh and vivid prose that is his trademark, he not only reveals the celebrated history of bullfighters and warrior kings, painters and processions, cathedrals and olive orchards, he also shares the intimate, often hidden country he came to know, where the congeniality of living souls is thrust against the dark weight of history.



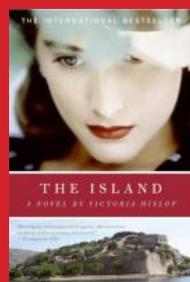
Ghosts of Spain by Giles Tremlett

An odyssey through Spain's painful recent past examines the causes and consequences of the Spanish Civil War, as well as its repercussions in the lives of modern-day Spaniards, and offers observations on other elements of Spanish life.



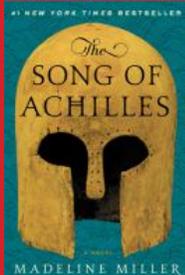
As the Romans Do by Alan Epstein

A tribute to the ancient Mediterranean city celebrates the city's reputation for culture, food, and style while revealing the passion and contradictions of its citizens.



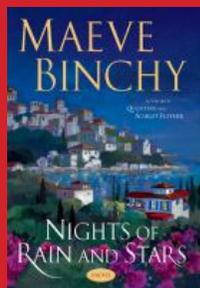
The Island by Victoria Hislop

Atmospheric and captivating, "The Island" transports readers and keeps them gripped to the very last word. This captivating and epic tale of family ties, romance, war, disease, and history is set on the beautiful Greek Island of Crete.



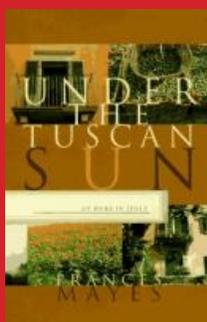
The Song of Achilles by Madeline Miller

A tale of gods, kings, immortal fame, and the human heart, "The Song of Achilles" is a dazzling literary feat that brilliantly reimagines Homer's enduring masterwork, The Iliad. An action-packed adventure, an epic love story, a marvelously conceived and executed page-turner.



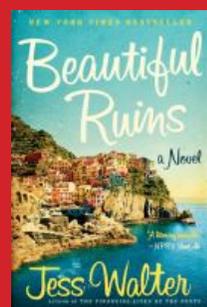
Nights of Rain and Stars by Mauve Binchy

Tourists enter the hilltop tavern, alone and in pairs, for a casual lunch. But a sudden tragedy in the harbor below causes these perfect strangers to become unlikely friends as their lives begin to entwine.



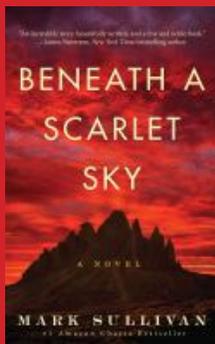
Under the Tuscan Sun by Frances Mayes

An enchanting and lyrical look at the life, the traditions, and the cuisine of Tuscany, in the spirit of Peter Mayle's "A Year in Provence".



Beautiful Ruins by Jess Walter

The story begins in 1962. On a rocky patch of the sun-drenched Italian coastline, a young innkeeper, chest-deep in daydreams, looks out over the incandescent waters of the Ligurian Sea and spies an apparition: a tall, thin woman, a vision in white, approaching him on a boat. She is an actress, he soon learns, an American starlet, and she is dying.



Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan

Based on the true story of a forgotten hero, "Beneath a Scarlet Sky" is the triumphant, epic tale of one young man's incredible courage and resilience during one of history's darkest hours.



Eat, Pray, Love by Elizabeth Gilbert

She had everything a modern American woman was supposed to want - husband, country home, successful career - but instead of feeling happy and fulfilled, she felt consumed by panic and confusion. This is the story of how she left behind all these outward marks of success, and of what she found in their place. Presents the memoir of a magazine writer's yearlong travels across the world in search of pleasure, guidance, experience, and meaning.