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Read the world challenge

This year marks the third year of our world reading challenge. Each book we read one book a week. This list covers 52 titles we plan to read this year, with each book set in a different country that we have never covered before. Our goal is to create a wide range of reading lists for the year ahead! ^m Please note: This post contains affiliate links for more information please see my disclosure here the World Reading Challenge: The first introduction to me created a world reading challenge two years ago to expand the scope of my own reading and explore the world through literature since it started, many readers have joined me in this ambitious challenge and it has continued in subsequent years. Our final goal is to read a book representing all 195 U.N. members and observer states around the world - along with adding some regions too. For me, choosing a book deliberately depends on the country with my variety of reading and allowed me to discover hidden gems I would never have found otherwise. I have traveled the world through literature and it opened my eyes to new places (inspiring my travels) and rekindled my love of many other regions, and most importantly, it taught valuable lessons about our diverse culture, exposing me to myriad views from authors around the world. Setting challenging goals to read one book has motivated me to read more than ever (and I've always been a dedicated reader!). How was the book selected? The selected books involve different countries in a variety of ways. They are both set to have characters from there, reflecting the culture or are provided by local authors. They include views from natives, migrants, foreigners and visitors alike. Each year I am committed to creating diversity (and participation!). Years of overall reading I hope you find something here to inspire your reading or travel, or maybe consider joining this world reading challenge for yourself. Wish you a wonderful year of adventure and story ahead! World Reading Challenge: Showlist if you're shortlisted in a few of my favorites from this list (then), including: World Reading Challenge 2020 1.Armenian Sandcastle Girls by Chris Bohjalian, 2012 when Elizabeth Endicott arrived in Aleppo, Syria, she had a diploma from Mount Hohog, a crash course in nursing, and only the most basic understanding of Armenian. In 1915, she volunteered on behalf of a Boston-based friend of Armenia to help deliver food and medical assistance to the refugees of the Armenian genocide. There Elizabeth became friendly with Armen, a young Armenian engineer who had lost a wife and a baby daughter. When Armen left Aleppo and travelled south, he was killed. He began writing Elizabeth's letter, and realized that he had fallen in love with a wealthy American woman, unlike his wife. View review already read? Three apples dropped from heaven by Michelin Bahrain was rendezvous by Lucy Caldwell, in 2011 when Euan and Ruth set off with their young daughter to live in Bahrain, it was meant to be an experience and adventure they would cherish. Ruth discovers the truth behind the missionary work Euan devises and feels that her world is starting to crumble. Far from home and spiraling events following the war in neighboring Iraq, she began to question her faith - in Euan, in their marriage, and in all she had held dear. Read reviews? Barbados Washington Black by AC.A.C. Dukuyan 2018 Washington Black is an eleven-year-old slave who knows other lives. Over the Barbados sugar plantation where he was born. When his boss's brother chose him as his manservant, clearing the cruel fears, he had something waiting for him, but Christopher Wild or Tish were naturalists, explorers, scientists, inventors and abolitionists. He began to clear the world where the plane could carry people across the sky, that two people separated by impossible breaks might begin to see each other as human beings, and where a boy born in chains can embrace a life of dignity and meaning, but when a man is killed and the bounty is placed on the head of Wash, Tich abandons everything to save him. The Family Story of Slavery and Empire by Andrea Stewart 4 Bega Lamb bega Becca by Zee Edgell. 1982, located in Belize. Bega Sheep is a record of a few months into the life of Bega and her family. The politics of small colonies, the influence of matriarchal society and the power presence of the Catholic Church are woven into the fabric of the story, so that an interesting picture of ordinary life in Belize, see the comments read it already? Our People in Belize: Memories by Richard Timothy Conroy 5 Benin The Visor of Uda by Bruce Chatwin, 1980 In 1812, Francisco Manoel da Silva, fleeing poverty in Brazil, sailed to the African kingdom, Dahomey (now Benin) is determined to make his fortune in the slave trade. Armed with iron, he became a man of substance in Ouidah and the founder of a prominent dynasty. His remaining ambition is to return to Brazil in triumph but his friendship with the mad, Mercury King of Dahomey is fraught with danger and threatening his dreams. View review already read? The Tool of Darkness by Robert Wilson. 6. of Bhutan, married to Bhutanese by Linda Leaming, in 2011 was one of the few Americans to have lived in Bhutan. Linda Leaming said. Give a rare glimpse into the very strange mountain kingdom, with only its dreams. In this funny, memoir, I'm not going to let you go Wonderful, we accompanied Leaming on her trip. South Asia shares her experiences as she learns customs and religion languages. Her surprising romance with a Buddhist artist and her realization of an unexpected path to happiness and enlightenment by chance. View review already read? Botswana's 1st Lady Detective by Alexander McCall Smith, 2008 Precious Ramotswa has only just set up a shop belonging to Botswana's No.1 (and only). Lady Detective when she is hired to track down the missing husband reveals the con man and follows the cowardly daughter, however the case tugs at her heart and lands her in danger as an eleven-year-old missing child who may be snatched by a witch doctor. View review already read? Twenty Chickens for the Saddle by Robyn Scott 8 Brunei Some Girls: My Life in Harem by Jillian Lauren, 2010 at eighteen, Jillian Lauren as NYU drama school put late on the upcoming audition. Casting Director Tell her that a wealthy businessman in Singapore will pay a pretty American girl \$20,000 if they stay for two weeks to spice up his party. Soon Jillian was on a plane to Borneo, where she would spend the next eighteen months in the harem of Prince Jeffrey Bokiah, the youngest brother of the Sultan of Brunei, leaving behind her apartment in the sandy East Village for a palace with gold-adorned rugs and trading her band of fellow artists for Cotene of backstabbing beauty see the reviews read them? Written in black by KH Lind of Bulgaria's Heron Taken by Miroslav Penkov, 2016 Mountain Stork tells the story of a young Bulgarian immigrant who, in an attempt to escape his mediocre life in America, returned to his home country. Retracing the steps of his estranged grandfather, a man who suddenly and completely cut off contact with his family three years ago, the boy found himself on the border of Bulgaria and Turkey, throwing rocks away from Greece, high up in the Stranda Mountains. It is a mysterious place of religion, and black storks nest in giant oak trees. Every spring place, occupied by Christian saints, men and women dance barefoot across fresh coals in search of rebirth. This boy joined his grandfather. The Shadow Land by Elizabeth Kostova, 10. of Burundi's strength in what remains by Tracy Kidder, 2000 Deo, arriving in America from Burundi in search of a new life. He was eliminated from the civil war and genocide. He set out to live a nasty life delivering groceries that lived in Central Park and learning English by reading dictionaries in bookstores and then Deo began to meet strangers who would change his life, pointing him in the direction of Columbia University, medical school, and life devoted to healing. Think of breaking new ground in this memorable story as he travels with Deo back over a turbulent life in of meaning and forgiveness. View review already read? The True Source of the Nile by Sarah Stone, 11 Costa Rica's Old Patagonian Express: By Train Through America by Paul Theroux, 1979 Please note: The book is not focused solely on Costa Rica, but traveling around America. Award-winning travel writer Paul Theroux invites you to board the Old Patagonian Express by train through America with powerful details and portraits of many of the human colors, the old Patagonian Express is a memorable read. Start his journey in Boston, where he got on a train, traveled the subway and caught all kinds of trains on the way, Paul Theroux told of his journey from ice-bound Massachusetts and Illinois to the arid plateau of Argentina's southernmost tip. View review already read? Lonely Man Island by Jose Leon Sanchez 12 Cyprus Sunrise by Victoria Hislop, 2014, in the summer of 1972, Famagusta in Cyprus is the most wanted resort in the Mediterranean, a bathing city in the glow of good fortune. On the island, however, beneath the façade of the city of charm and success, the tension is building. View review already read? 13 East Timor Cross: The Story of East Timor by Luis Cardoso, 1997 East Timor hit the headlines of the world newspaper in August 1999 after its bloody, heroic vote for independence from Indonesia - one of the great expressions of the democratic spirit of the people. The personal history of Luis Cardoso of his homeland is a central cross - from portuguese adult children to Timor's patience in colonial repression to freedom. View review already read? A Land beloved by Gordon Peake 14 El Salvador What you've heard is true: Memories of Witnesses and Resistance by Carolyn Forché, 2019 Carolyn Forché is twenty-seven when a mysterious stranger appears on her doorstep. His friend's relatives are polymath, charming with a mind as disordered, seemingly brilliant. She heard rumors from her friends about who he might be: lone wolves, communists, CIA operatives, marksmen, revolutionaries, small coffee farmers, but according to her, no one seemed to know something. He drove out of El Salvador to invite Forché to visit and learn about his country. She accepts and becomes a pram on something other than her understanding. Less Ness by Horacio 15. We learn of the black chapter in the island's history: bush fires destroyed crops, then hundreds of destructions in the cholera outbreak. What does their life manage to save? Estonian Snakish talker by Andrus Kivirähk, a 2007 bestseller in the native country of Estonia, where the book is known that the popular board game has been created on the basis of it, the man who speaks Snakish is a fantasy and moves the story of a child tasked with ancient traditions in the preservation of the face of modern times. Set in a wondrous version of medieval Estonia, the Snakish-speaking man follows the leemot boy, who lives with his hunter-gatherer family in the jungle and is the last speaker of the ancient language of snakish, a language that allows the speakers of every command. 17. See review already read? Grenada Pynter Bender by Jacob Ross, 2008 Pynter Bender is the child of the Grenada field of Grenada, the second smallest independent state in the world. This extraordinary debut novel tells of a blind child but his eyes heal, making him see great beauty. The story charts the painful awakening of the rural population, primarily organized around serfdom, as a raw and uncertain future that can be achieved through fighting - a civil war that Pynter is drawn in. Pynter's father left him to be brought up by the Bender girls, a close group of aunts and relatives, and Pynter's first life was shaped by these women. View review already read? The woman on top of Merle Collins 18 Guatemala Crippled by Rodrigo Rey Rosa, a 1996 young man, Juan Luis Luna, was kidnapped in Guatemala City and held to the bottom of a rusty, empty underground fuel tank in an abandoned petrol station. Kidnapping demands ransom. His wealthy father didn't answer. The kidnapppers threatened to cut off his son's foot and still listen to anything. They then sliced off one of Juan Luis's feet and sent it to his father, who still refused to act. View review already read? President by Miguel Angel Asturias 19. Guyana's Age Married by Sharon Maas, 2014 Please note: Only part of this novel is set in Guyana, it spans between England, Kia and India. Natarat, raised as the son of an ideal doctor in rural South India, found life in London heady, with girls The Grass could easily be used of Saroi, her lights hidden by an external reserve, coming of age in Guyana, South America. When her Hindu father went one step too far, she eventually rebelled against him, and even resisted a gentle and visibly convincing mother. View review already read? Sly's company, which is overseen by Rahul Bhattacharya, two boys, must escape the slave life in modern Ivory Coast. Two years on, what is important is the number of cocoa pods he and his brother, Seydou, can be chopped into in a day. The higher the number, the safer it is because the bosses will not beat them. The greater the amount, the greater the amount they will pay their debts and go home to Baba and aunts. Maybe I'm going The problem is that Ama doesn't know how much he and Seydu owe, and the supervisor won't tell him. The boys just want to make some money during the summer. Instead, they were tricked into forced labor in a garden in Ivory Coast; they spent the day eating less food and harvesting nuts in the hot sun. - Dangerous, backbreaking work with no hope of escaping, all they can do is try the best to live. - Until Khadija comes into their lives. View review already read? Allah is not forced by Ahmad Kuruuma 21. Kyrgyzstan Jamilia by Chingiz Aitmatov, 1958 Jamilia is told from the perspective of a fictional Kyrgyz artist. Seit, who tells the story by looking back on his childhood. The story recounts the love between his new brother-in-law Jamilia and a disabled local man Daniyar while Jamilia's husband, Sadyk, was on the front during World War II. From the clues to what happened in northwestern Kyrgyzstan province. Talas assumed this story was always built on the agricultural culture that was included in the early days. View review already read? Kiribati is arthur Grimble's influential 1952 archipelago, a story of a funny, charming and self-deprecating adventure of a young man in the Pacific Ocean. Living thirty years in the Gilbert & Ellis Islands (now Kiribati and Tuvalu), Grimble was initiated and tattooed according to local traditions, but not before he was severely tested as he was used as a human bait for octopus. Aside from the fun and scary adventure stories, the theme of the archipelago is also a real testament to the lives of these Pacific Islanders. So many islands: Stories from the Caribbean, Mediterranean, Indian Ocean and Pacific by Nicholas Laughlin, please note: Here's a collection of stories on the island, including four women's children by Maria Davies, who is set on Kiribati 23. In Washington state, among experts scattering Latvian sand over coffins, children sang folk songs about land none of them had visited. Ljivja's grandmother's story vividly built the house she escaped during World War II when she was separated from her sister, Osma, which she would never see again for more than fifty years. Returning to their remote village, Inara came to know Osma and her injuries as a deportation to Southern Siberia, Stalin, while building Ljivja's survival through her years as a refugee. In their story unity, Inara respects both sisters in a haunted and illuminating account of loss of survival, resilience and love. View review already read? With dancing shoes in Siberian snow by Sandra Lesotho Little Suns by Zakes Mda, 2015 Note: When reading I found only a small part with the trailing end of the novel was set in Lesotho (Basutoland) while the novel was incredible, it was largely set in the East Cape of South Africa. As a young woman he lived in love twenty years earlier before the assassination of Hamilton Hope the two of them apart intertwined with the story of Malangana, as an account of hope - a colonial judge who, in the late nineteenth century, was undermining the local kingdom of the Eastern Cape in order to bring them under British control. He is the one who wants to crush the king of Malangana and his people, AmaMpondomise, join his struggle. View review already read? Shaka by Thomas Liberia will be king by Wayeztu Moore, a 2018 novel of exhilarating moments, magical realism, and history - a dazzling revival of Liberia's formation. Wayétu Moore's powerful debut novel, She'll Be King, reimagines her. The remarkable story of Liberia's first year through three memorable characters that share an unusual bond. The man from the West African village of Lai, was hungry, bitten by a venomous snake, and left for dead, but still sits is still alive. June Deo Norman Aragone the three met in the settlement of Monrovia, their gifts helped them salvage the tense relationship between African American settlers and indigenous tribes, forming a new country around them. View review already read? Home at Sugar Beach by Helene Cooper, 26 Libya in the Country of Men by Hisham Matar, 2006 Libya, 1979. Nine-year-old Suleiman's life is circumscribed by the narrow rituals of childhood: outings to the ruins around Tripoli, games with friends played under the sun, burning exotic gifts from him. Foreign business continued, but his night had rebelled against his mother increasingly interfering with the old family's bitter bedsheet, but one day Suleman saw his father cross the busy market. He's not supposed to be out of business anymore. Why did he go into a strange building with green shutters? View review already read? Luxembourg Expat by Chris Pavone, 2012 Kata Moore is a working mother, struggling to make ends meet to raise children to spark in her marriage and to maintain a more unbearable life - a secret set, so when her husband was offered a lucrative job in Luxembourg, she jumped at the chance to leave after her second life to start over. She began to reinvent herself as a foreigner, finding her way in a language she didn't say, doing things that the housekeeper had never done before. - Play date and morning coffee, daily cooking and endless laundry At the same time, her husband worked incessantly, working Kata, never understood for a bank client she was not allowed to know. She's lonely and bored; and then another American couple arrives, Kate wonders if these people aren't who they claim to be. View review already read? Future by Alex Wagner (Partly on Luxembourg) 28 Madagascar, in addition to paddy fields by Naivo, the first novel from Madagascar that once translated into English, Mr. Vo's far beyond the rice fields delves into the upheavals of the country's past as it confronts Christianity and modernity through the double narrative of slaves and the daughter of his boss. Fara and her father's slave, Tsito, have been close since her father bought the children after his forest village was destroyed. But as Tsito looks forward to the promise of freedom and Fara back to the dark, family history has long been rejected, the rift opens between them, just as British Christian missionaries and French industrialists arrive and violence erupts across the country. Love and innocence fall away and Tsito and Fara's world become enveloping with dictatorship, superstition, and fear. In-Eye and I by Gerald Durrell, 29. a Malawian boy who harnessed the wind. Generating electricity and hope by William Kamkwamba, 2009.William Kamkwamba was born in Malawi, a country where magic governs and modern science is a mystery. It is also a barren and hungry land, and a place where hope and opportunity are rare. But William had read about wind turbines in a book called Energy, and he dreamed of building one to bring electricity and water to his village and change his life and the lives of the people around him. His neighbours. He has ridiculed him and called him a misala - wrong. View review already read? Don't Go Dog Tonight: Africa in Childhood by Alexandra Fuller (Part 30 in Malawi) Malta Kapplian of Malta by Nicholas Monzarrat, 1974 as a Maltese pound bomb to dust, Father Salvatore - a simple priest, or kapplian, serving the poor - found himself trapped in the drama of World War II. In the fragile safety of catacombs revealed by the explosion, he tends to flood the homeless, hungry and afraid of seeking shelter, providing a message of inspiration and hope. His story, and that of the island, unfolded in a wonderful graphic image of the six days during the siege. View review already read? Mauritius Last Brothers by Nathacha Appanah, 2007 in The Last Brother, 1944 will come close and the nine-year-old Raj is unaware of the devastating war of the rest of the world. He lives in Mauritius, a remote island in the Indian Ocean where survivors are fighting on a daily basis for his family. When the cruel land hit Raj in the hospital of the prison camp, where his father was a guard, he found a mysterious boy his own age. David was a refugee in a group of Jews who traveled to take them from Nazi-occupied Europe to Palestine, where they were denied entry and sent to detention indefinitely in Mauritius. By JMG Le Clezio 32 Micronesia People in the Tree by Hanyu Yanaqighara, 2013 Note: This novel is sexually explicit and involves some disturbing and uncomfortable stories. In the 1950s, a young doctor called Norton Perrina signaled with anthropologist Paul Tallent for a trip to the remote Micronesia island of Ivru'vu in search of a rumored missing tribe. They succeeded, searching not only at the tribes, but also the groups of wild inhabitants they dubbed the drama that became astonishingly long, but with a much younger life. Perrina suspects that their longevity sources are rare turtles. Unable to resist the possibility of eternal life, he killed one and smuggled some meat back to the United States. He proved his scientific thesis, earning worldwide fame and the Nobel Prize, but he soon found out that the marvellous features came at a terrible price. As things spiral rapidly out of his control, his demons are holding on to devastating personal consequences. View review already read? Nowhere slow: Eleven Years in Micronesia by Jonathan Gourlay Cue Jumper, Boat Man, Illegal. Asylum seekers are contentious front-page news, but getting information about Australia's regional processing centres is increasingly difficult. Mark Isaacs worked for the Salvation Army in the Nauru detention centre after reopening in 2012. Seeing there was a move for him to speak out. The unthroning to record his time on Nauru details the daily life and stories of the men held there. Suicide and rebellion A room maker of happiness A moment of despair. Mark's testimony is humane, political debate is often ruled by misleading rhetoric. View review already read? The Son of Orphan North by Adam Johnson, a 2012 epic novel and exciting literary discovery, an orphaned son follows a young man's journey through icy waters, dark tunnels, and an eerie spy world of the world's most mysterious district, North Korea. - Singer Stealing to Pyongyang and an influential father who runs a long day tomorrow, a work camp for orphans. Having a child will get the first taste of his power, choose an orphan to eat first, and to borrow it out for manual workers. View review already read? There is nothing to envy: Ordinary life in North Korea by Barbara Demik, 35. North Macedonia, a life backed up by Lidija Dimkovska, 2012 Zlata and Srebra, a 12-year-old twins conjoined at the head. Life reserves tell the story of their childhood, from their only friend Roza to their neighbour Bogdan, so poor that he one day had to eat his pet rabbit. Treated as freaks and outcasts - even by their own families - the twins only wanted to be normal girls, but after the event almost broke their bond as the siblings they flew to London determined to separate. Will this be their liberation, or just make them tighter? See the review read? Palestinian Morning in Jenin by Susan Abulhawa, 2006, clearance from the ancient village of Ein Hod by the emerging state of Israel in 1948. Abulhawas is moved into a refugee camp. There, banished from his beloved olive groves, patriarchal families languishes of broken hearts, the father of his eldest son and the victims of Israeli ammunition, and his grandchildren struggle with tragedy against freedom, peace and home. This is a Palestinian story told like never before, through four generations of a single family. The deep and moving humanity of the morning in Jenin forces us to take a fresh look at one to define the political conflicts of our lives. View review already read? Salt House by Helayn (some are located in Palestine) 37. Portugal Blind by José Saramago, a 1995 city (unnamed) was hit by an outbreak of white blindness that spared no one. Officers detained the blind, provided an empty mental hospital, but there was a criminal element. Everybody's in custody. Stealing food, rationing and assaulting women. There was one witness to this nightmare that suggested her expenses. - among the children without mothers, young women with dark glasses, dogs of fear - through barren streets and their procession becomes not as strange as the harrowing environment. When blind to the night's old story of disaster, it evokes the vivid horror and vibrating of the twentieth century, leaving readers with powerful visions of the human spirit bound both by weakness and fear of strength. Note: This will take place in an unnamed city, but José Saramago is a Nobel Prize-winning Portuguese writer. View review already read? Book of Disquiet by Fernando Pessoa 38. At the heart of the African Civil War, researcher Mr. Wang Clearwater made a startling discovery about monkeys and humans. The only child and far away from her family in the UK, Hope Clearwater said: I'm not going to let this Contemplating a special event that let her wash up like a tumbling on Brazzaville Beach. It is here in a remote, lonely suburb of Africa where she must come to terms with the perplexing and distressing circumstances of her past. For Hope to be a survivor of the cruel destruction of monkeys and humans alike, and moving forward, she must understand some difficult and elusive truths: about marriage and madness, about the greed and barbarity of science, and about what forces seemingly benign creatures to kill for pleasure alone. View review already read? The burning case of Graham Greene, 39. of Rwanda Sunday at a pool in Kigali by Gil Courtmanche, 2000 Sunday at a pool in Kigali, is a passionate love story set amid the chaos and terror of Rwanda's slate. All manner of Kigali residents passed their time by the pool of the Mill-Collins hotel: a rescue worker, a Rwandan bourgeoisie, a hotel with a drink in the back of the room. Foreigners, UN peacekeepers, prostitutes. Watch as Bernard Valcourt, a depressed foreign journalist, but his close attention to Geniulle, a slender hotel waitress, creates the luxury of Tutsi as they slip into a fierce, unacceptable, finely balanced world around them - already destroyed by AIDS-erupts. Valcourt's efforts to gentile spirits to secure an end in their isolation it will be months before he learns of his shocking lover's fate. View review already read? We want to let you know that tomorrow we will be killed by our family by Philip. St Lucia Prism by Garth S Outzer, 2015 News of the murder of an old friend spawning Eugene Coard, a St. Lucian psychiatrist in the United States, is a reflection on his own journey of successful immigrants. The problem is that Coard is a liar and a self-inventor who turns american paranoia about race to his own advantage. A clever and generous novel that challenges readers to ask: just what can they believe? See comments read Then 39.10 Samoa Free Love by Sia Figiel, 2015 It was 1985 in NuoleleManus / Owl Sanctuary, Western Samoa. Bright and curious school students and Star Trek fanatics, 17 1/2 Year-old Inosia Alofua Afatasi, was sent by her mother to the capital, Apia, to buy three giant white yams. While she waited at the bus stop, Mr. Ioane Viliamu, her teacher of science and mathematics and a recent graduate of the University of Papua New Guinea and the eldest son of a pastor in return, her spiritual brother stopped to present her, sitting in his red pickup truck. Should she wait for the bus, or should she pick up the bus? View review already read? Under wild and starry skies by Nancy Horan, 42. São Tomé and Príncipe Equator by Miguel Sousa Tavares, 2003 It was 1905 and Luis Bernardo Valenca, a thirty-seven-year-old bachelor and owner of a small shipping company, was reelling in Lisbon's luxury high society. Luis Bernardo is ill-prepared for the challenges of cultivation life - used for a soft urban existence - he is shocked by the conditions at labour, but with the English closure in the Cocoa Park of São Tomé, the island's main method of survival, Luis Bernardo said, it's not a good idea. It must try to protect the island and its communities. View review already read? Sierra Leone's Memory of Love by Aminatta Forna, 2010 in contemporary Sierra Leone, a devastating civil war has left all citizens so secret. Elsewhere in the hospital lies a man who is dying as a child during the country's post-colonial years, and there are stories to tell that are far from heroic. View review already read? A Long Way To Go: Memoirs of a Young Soldier by Ismael Slovakia saw people through three memorable characters that share an unusual bond. The man from the West African village of Lai, was hungry, bitten by a venomous snake, and left for dead, but still sits is still alive. June Deo Norman Aragone the three met in the settlement of Monrovia, their gifts helped them salvage the tense relationship between African American settlers and indigenous tribes, forming a new country around them. View review already read? Babylon River by Peter Pistanek, 45. Solomon Islands Devil-Devil by Graeme Kent, 2011 It's not easy at Ben Kela. The spiritual peckeeper of the Lau people, he was viewed with paranoia by both indigenous Islanders and British colonial officials. In the past few days, he has been cursed by a mysterious man, stumbling across evidence of a cargo riot and failing to find an American anthropologist who has been scouring the mountains for priceless lew icons. The unlikely pair of Kella and Mochira are forced to team up to solve a series of murders that tie up all these other strange goings-on. View review already read? Solomon Time: A South Pacific Adventure by Will Randall, 46. Somalia Black Mamba Boy by Nadifa Mohammed, 2010 Aden, Yemen, 1935: The lively city lives alive and perilously hidden and returns home to Jama, but then his mother dies unexpectedly and finds himself alone in the world. Jama was forced to house with his native Somalis, the territory of his nomadic ancestors. The war is on the horizon and the Italian fascist forces that control parts of East Africa are preparing for battle, but Jama cannot rest until he finds out that his father, who has been absent from his life since he was a baby, lives somewhere and to begin an epic journey to take Jama north through Djibouti, the Eritrean and Sudan, Egypt. View review already read? House in the Sky by Ananda Lindhuth, 47. Suriname, Negres, Elizabeth Free by Cynthia McLeod, Challenging prevailing racial stereotypes by demonstrating her intellect and business acumen, she is determined to marry a white man in opposition to all established norms and conventions amid the prolific backdrop of the golden age of Suriname, this biographical account shows the complex social and racial division that is a feature of the slave colony of this era, as well as the remarkable women who overcame institutional discrimination and prejudice to become one of the richest individuals in the Dutch slave colony. We Are Slaves of Suriname by Anton de Com, 48. the transgressive wife by Anika Milišic-Stanley, in 2015 the wife who disobeyed the narrative of naive, a British expat, Harriet, and that of her mother Nargis, whose inner strength that Harriet came to appreciate their lives began to unravel against a backdrop of violence and betrayal. She has enjoyed ignorance of underground Islam that threatens the stability of the iron regime and ignorance. The difficulties faced by ordinary people in her employment. View review already read? Lost Land: Out of the Field on Silk Road by Kate Harris (Partly in Tajikistan) 49. Gambia's ceiling reading by Dayo Forster, the 2007 Ayodele has turned only eighteen and has now decided, there is now a feminine, that the time is right to lose her virginity. She drew up a shortlist: Reuben, a failed salary, a longtime school friend; and Frederick Adams, a 42-year-old man. 3 years ago Three-way View review already read? Roots: Saga of the American Family by Alex Haley 50 Togo Do They Hear You Cry by Fauziya Kassinjia, 1998 for Fauziya Kassinjia, a gorgeous childhood in Togo, West Africa, sheltered from tribal practices of polygamy and genital mutilation, ended with the sudden death of her beloved father. Forced to marry, arranged at the age of seventeen, Fauziya has been told to prepare for kakkia, a ritual called female genital mutilation. This is her story-telling, in her own words, fleeing Africa just hours before the ritual. Kakkia is taking the place of asylum seekers in America only to be locked up in US prisons and meeting Layli Miller Bashir, a law student who became a friend of Fauziya and a supporter during her long time of ten months behind bars. View review already read? Village Waiting by George Packer 51 Tonga Tales of Tikongs by Epeli Hau'ofa, 1988 Tiko. A small island in the Pacific Ocean, it faces a tidal wave of D-E-V-E-O-E-N-T which threatens to dismantle the ancestral approach and the human spirit. From Sione, who likes to play cards with his secretary during working hours to Ole Pasifikwei, who masters the twists and turns of the international capital game, all of the characters in front of these are seasoned surfers, capable of riding the biggest waves to shore. These are not stories of very serious consequences as the upbeat story of indigenous responses to cultural and economic imperialism. Use the devices obtained from storytelling to create a fleeting, hilarious and compassionate South Pacific voice in a work that has been hailed as a milestone in Pacific literature. View review already read? Traveled by Kathy A. Small 52 Uzbekistan Carpet Ride to Khiva: Seven Years on silk road by Chris Alexander, 2010 accompanied by a large parrot, a ginger cat, and his adopted Uzbek family. Christopher Aslan Alexander recounts the sheer magic of Uzbek culture along with his efforts to rediscover the lost art of making traditional carpets and create a carpet workshop himself enough to offer employment to local women who have been laid off. Christopher Aslan Alexander was born in Turkey and grew up in war-torn Beirut. He now lives in the Pamir Mountains. See comments read So, train by Hamid Ismailov, what do you think about the world reading challenge? Have you ever read these books before? Do you plan to try the World Reading Challenge? Do you have any suggestions for a good book (or country) that I have missed? I would love to hear more about your thoughts for this world reading challenge in the comments below! Below!

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