

Reading/Viewing/Listening List

for travelers to **London**

**The items listed below (books, film, music) are for motivated international travelers to peruse in their free time. These materials are not meant in any way to supplant coursework, reading assignments, or academic goals given by CSB/SJU program directors. Our belief is that our most internally-driven study abroad students' travel experiences will be illuminated by these quintessential cultural representations of the British experience.*

Printed Materials

Travel Guides

1. *Lonely Planet London*, Lonely Planet
2. *City Secrets: London*, by Robert Kahn
3. *Inside City Guide London*, by Brian Bell
4. *Frommer's London*, Frommer's
5. *London Companion*, by Jo Swinnerton

Travel Memoirs and Nonfiction

1. *Stoned: A Memoir of London in the 1960s*, Andrew Loog Oldham
2. *Watching the English*, Kate Fox
3. *Imagined London: A Tour of the World's Greatest Fictional City*, Anna Quindlan
4. *London: The Biography*, Peter Ackroyd

Travel memoirs are nonfiction works that recount an author's experience traveling or living in an unfamiliar place. Often, they provide especially clear insights into cultural quirks from an outsiders' perspective. There are innumerable nonfiction books, dating from many periods of history, about aspects of British history/culture/arts/geography and otherwise. Read to your interests.

British Literature

The following novelists/poets/writers are outstanding representatives of the British national literature. Classic works by individual authors appear in parentheses.

Poets

1. The Romantics:
 - a. William Wordsworth
 - b. Samuel Taylor Coleridge
 - c. John Keats
 - d. Percy B. Shelley
 - e. Lord Byron
2. John Milton
3. Robert Browning
4. John Donne
5. Alfred Lord Tennyson
6. Wilfred Owen
7. Christina Rossetti
8. D.H. Lawrence
9. William Blake

Writers

1. William Shakespeare
2. Charlotte Bronte
3. J.R.R. Tolkien
4. Rudyard Kipling
5. Jane Austen
6. Charles Dickens
7. Oscar Wilde
8. Agatha Christie
9. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
10. Geoffrey Chaucer

Film

Documentary Films

1. The Last Royals, 2005
2. London to Brighton in Four Minutes, 1952
3. B D Women, 1994
4. A is for Autism, 1994
5. Young Offenders, 1965

Popular Films (Name, Director, Year)

1. Sense and Sensibility, Ang Lee, 1995
2. The Third Man, Carol Reed, 1949
3. Great Expectations, David Lean, 1946 (see also "Brief Encounter" by the same director)
4. Kes, Ken Loach, 1969
5. Trainspotting, Danny Boyle, 1996
6. The Long Good Friday, John Mackenzie, 1980
7. Tom Jones, Tony Richardson, 1963
8. The English Patient, Anthony Minghella, 1996

Music

Classical Musicians/Composers

1. John Dunstable
2. Thomas Morley
3. Sir Edward Elgar
4. John Field
5. Matthew Locke

Popular Musicians/Bands

1. The Beatles
2. The Rolling Stones
3. Eric Clapton
4. Robbie Williams
5. Franz Ferdinand
6. Sir Elton John
7. Coldplay
8. Corrine Bailey Rae
9. Daniel Beddington
10. Oasis