

# Reading/Viewing/Listening List

## for travelers to **Australia**

*\*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 Australian experience.*

### Printed Materials

#### *Travel Guides*

1. *Let's Go Australia*, Let's Go Publications
2. *Australia, Insight Guides*
3. *Lonely Planet Australia*, Lonely Planet
4. *Australia*, Eyewitness Travel Guides
5. *National Geographic Traveler Australia*, National Geographic

*Let's Go Australia* has very good reviews, and contains URLs for useful sites and e-mail addresses for people who can provide more information. It is not the cheapest guide out there, but it is one of the best buys. The Australian Insight Guide had excellent reviews. It is not a typical guide, meaning it doesn't contain hotel and tourist information. It has, rather, information on Australian history, culture, and geography. According to one reviewer, it is the single best book for anyone planning on visiting Australia.

#### *Travel Memoirs and Nonfiction*

1. *In a Sunburned Country*, Bill Bryson
2. *Thumbs Up Australia: Hitchhiking the Outback*, Tom Parry
3. *Waltzing the Magpies: A Year in Australia*, Sam Pickering
4. *The Fatal Shore*, Robert Hughes
5. *Songlines*, Bruce Chatwin

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 Australian history/culture/arts/geography and otherwise. Read to your interests.

#### *Australian Literature*

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

1. Banjo Paterson (*Bush Ballads*, *The Man from Snowy River*, *Clancy of the Overflow*, *Waltzing Matilda*)
2. Henry Lawson (*Bush Ballads*)
3. Katharine Pritchard (*Coonardoo*)
4. Tim Winton (*Cloudstreet*)
5. Peter Carey (*True History of the Kelly Gang*)
6. Ruth Park (*The Harp in the South*)
7. Henry Reynolds
8. Martin Boyd

## Film

### *Documentary Films*

1. Dusting Off Broome, 1998
2. Bush Mechanics, 1998
3. Australia: Eye of the Storm, 2000
4. Beating the Drum, 1998
5. The Crocodile Hunter, 1992

### *Popular Films* (Name, Director, Year)

1. **Gallipoli, Peter Weir, 1981**
2. **Rabbit-Proof Fence, Phillip Noyce, 2002**
3. Breaker Morant, Bruce Beresford, 1979
4. Picnic at Hanging Rock, Peter Weir, 1975
5. Walkabout, Nicolas Roeg, 1971
6. The Tracker, Rolf de Heer, 2000
7. The Castle, Rob Sitch, 1999
8. We of the Never Never, Igor Auzins, 1982
9. Man from Snowy River, George Miller, 1982
10. Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert, Stephen Elliott, 1994

## Music

### *Classical Musicians/Composers*

1. Ross Edwards
2. Peter Sculthorpe
3. Richard Bonyngne
4. David Ahern
5. Nellie Melba

### *Popular Musicians/Bands*

1. The Waifs
2. Jet
3. Powderfinger
4. Little Birdy
5. Thirsty Merc
6. Shannon Noll
7. Pete Murray
8. The Hilltop Hoods
9. The Pilgrim Brothers
10. Matt "Matty" Gresham
11. Sandi Thorn
12. Scissor Sisters
13. Guy Sebastian