

CHAFYN GROVE



READING
PASSPORT
(EXTENSION)

‘THERE IS NO FRIGATE LIKE A BOOK
TO TAKE US LANDS AWAY...’

With this passport, you can journey to anywhere in the world, as well as through Time and Imagination. While we have plotted routes for you, the reading material you take on your voyage is for the most part up to you.

To travel, you simply read. Each stage represents a BOOK  

To reach the next country, finish the book. This passport requires you to work through a set list of titles. Books by the same author can be added to this list.



The discovery map allows you to make a free choice – on or off the list.

The next continents to explore are:

Asia, Australia and Antarctica.

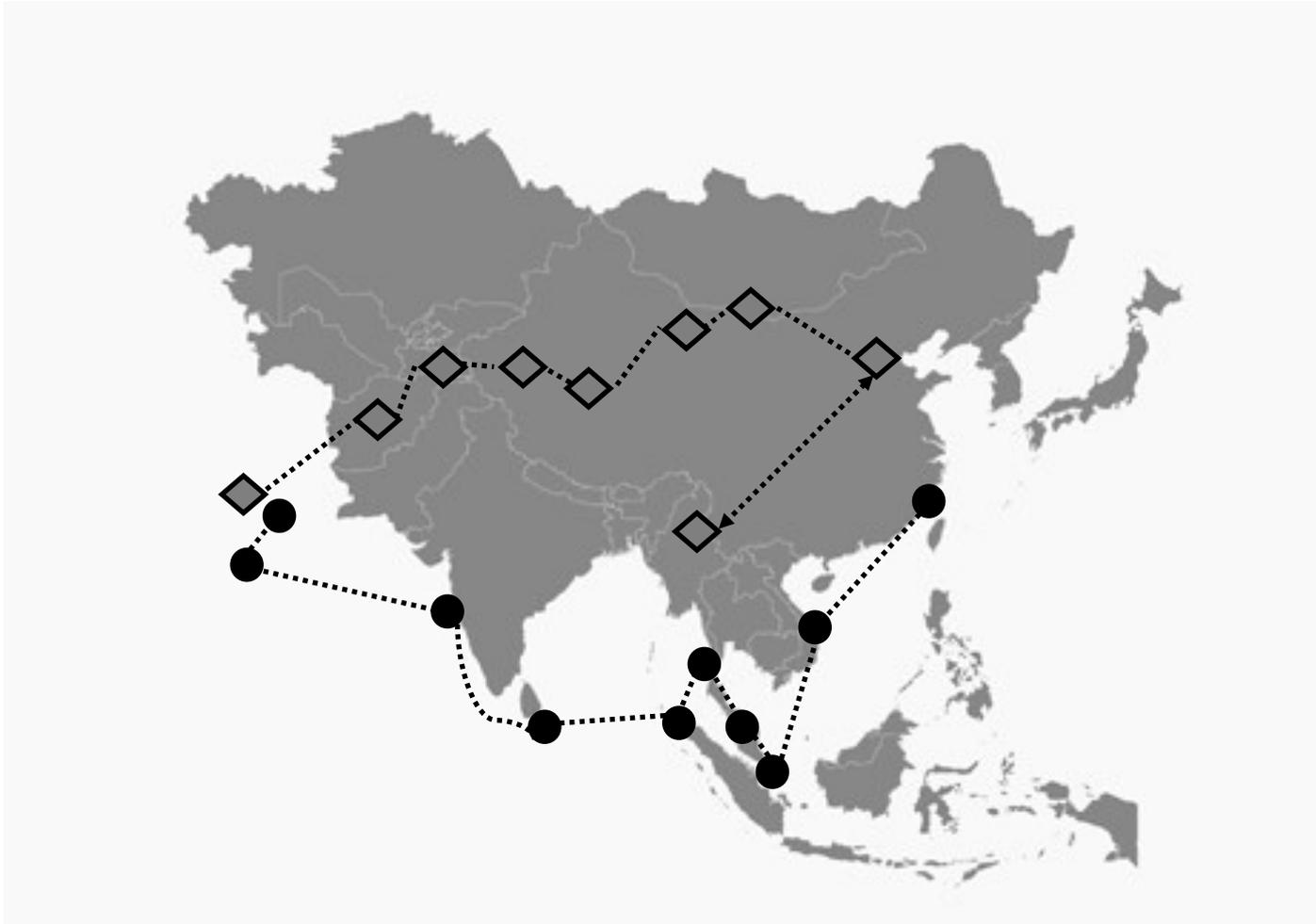
For each country you visit, record the name of the book you are reading and the dates when you began and finished it. Be ready to talk about any books you have journeyed through.

There are rewards for completing each route, culminating in colours for exploring all continents.

As with travelling, however, the real reward is not reaching your destination, but the journey which took you there.

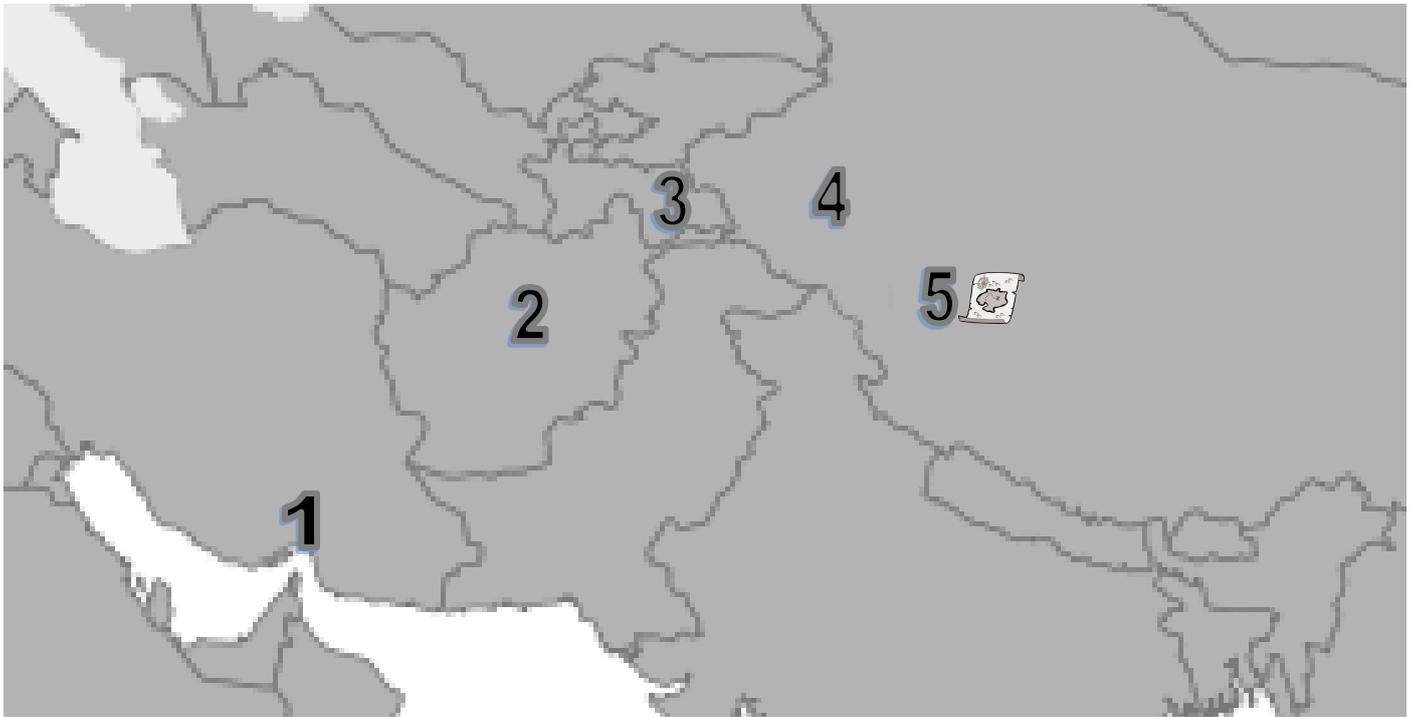
Bon voyage.

MARCO POLO



ROUTES
IRAN TO CHINA
CHINA TO IRAN





TITLE

AUTHOR

DATES

1) IRAN

2) AFGHANISTAN

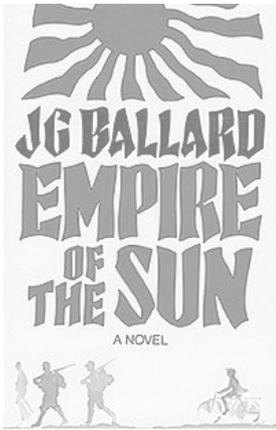
3) TAJIKISTAN

4) CHINA

5) PLATEAU OF TIBET



Tintin in Tibet is the 20th volume of his adventures and the author's - Hergé - favourite. The Rose of Tibet and Seven Years in Tibet are both good adventure stories set in the region. If you're feeling brave, Michelle Paver's chilly ghost story Thin Air would make a fine pick. From the list, Touching the Void or A Short Walk in the Hindu Kush both add mountainous atmosphere.



The Empire of the Sun deals with the Japanese occupation of Shanghai seen through the eyes of a young boy. The film of the book stars Christian Bale before his voice broke into Batman's. The Kite-Rider is a good option away from the list to explore this land and its history further. Alternatively, Lian Hearn's Across the Nightingale Floor offers an enjoyable tale of magic and ninjas in a fantasy setting, drawing inspiration from feudal Japan.



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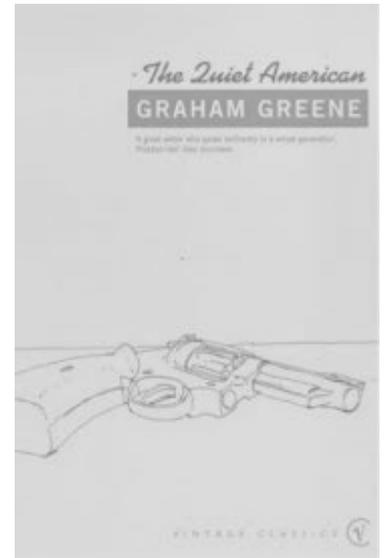
6) GOBI DESERT

7) MONGOLIA

8) CHINA

9) MYANMAR

10) CHINA 



Graham Greene's books—with their themes of faith, fidelity and espionage—are probably something to look forward to rather than read now, but the Vietnam setting of this novel can at least plant a seed. His *The Power and the Glory* or *The Heart of the Matter* are even better. *The Beach* is a vividly written tale for exploring Thailand and we are nearly in *Lord of the Flies* territory here. You may need to visit a second-hand book shop, but the Saint books by Leslie Charteris (born in Singapore) are still a good read: a blend of Robin Hood and James Bond.

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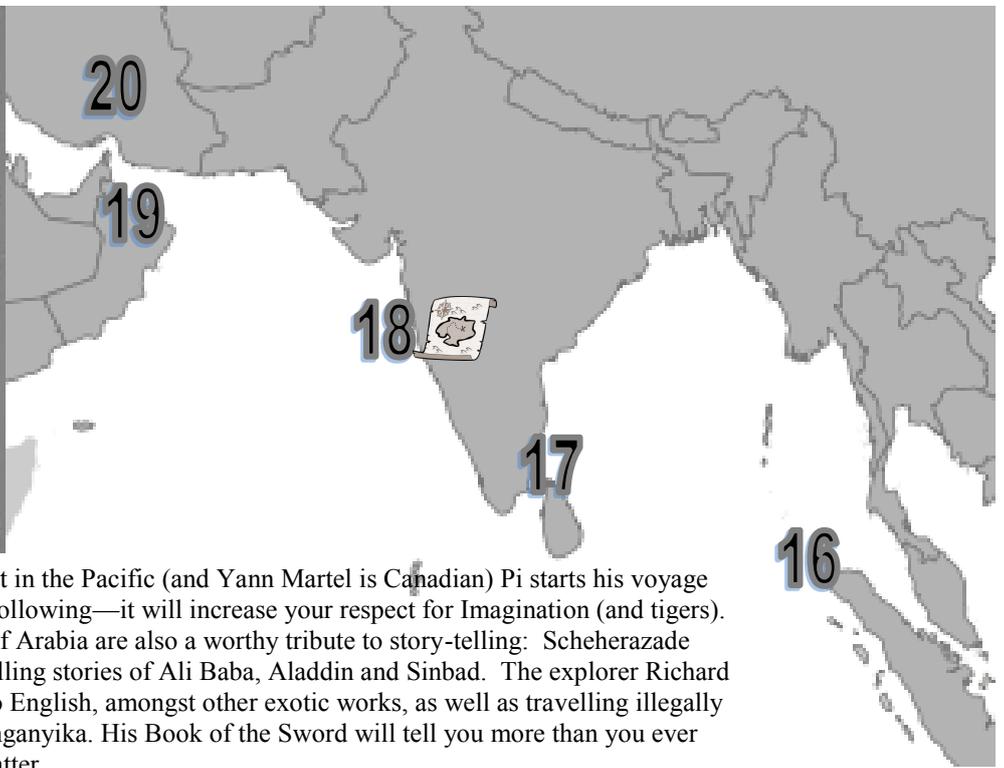
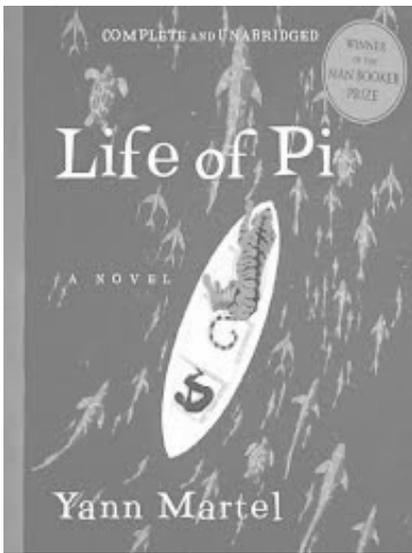
11) CHINA

12) VIETNAM 

13) SINGAPORE

14) MALAYSIA

15) THAILAND



Though most of his adventures are set in the Pacific (and Yann Martel is Canadian) Pi starts his voyage from Pondicherry and is well worth following—it will increase your respect for Imagination (and tigers). The One Thousand and One Nights of Arabia are also a worthy tribute to story-telling: Scheherazade delays her execution each night by telling stories of Ali Baba, Aladdin and Sinbad. The explorer Richard Burton translated these folk-tales into English, amongst other exotic works, as well as travelling illegally to Mecca and ‘discovering’ Lake Tanganyika. His Book of the Sword will tell you more than you ever thought possible about the subject matter.

TITLE

AUTHOR

DATES

16) INDONESIA

17) SRI LANKA

18) INDIA 

19) OMAN

20) IRAN

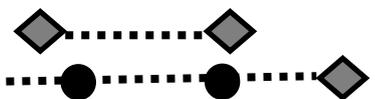
BURKE & WILLS

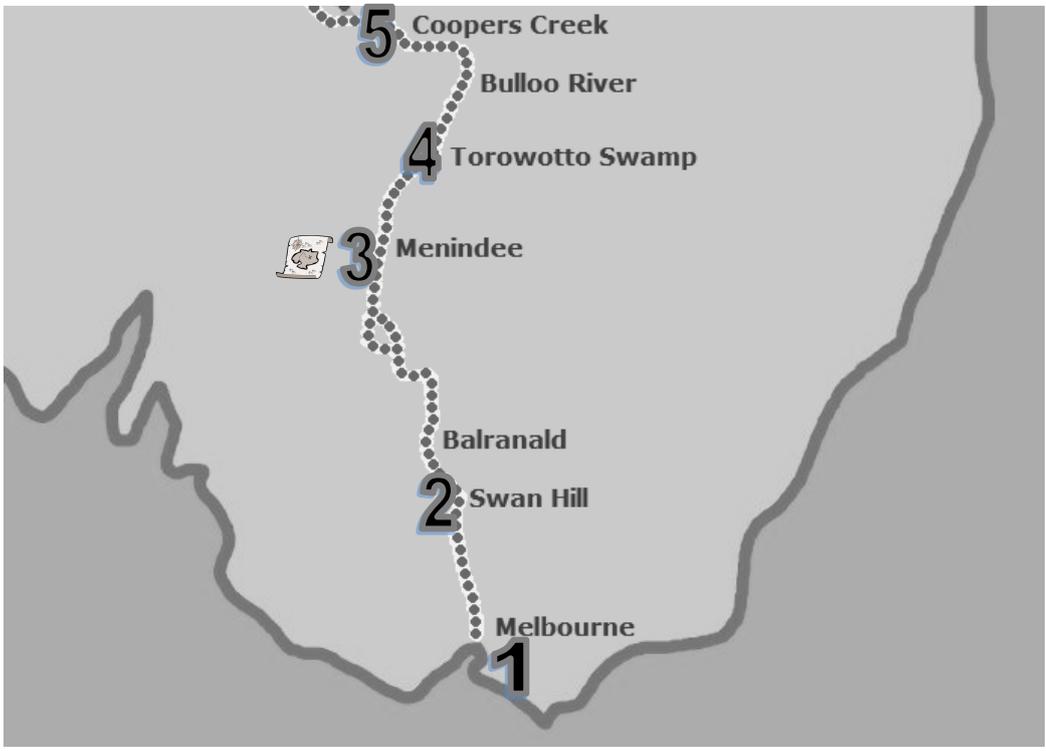


ROUTES

MELBOURNE TO GULF OF CARPENTARIA

FLINDERS RIVER TO MELBOURNE



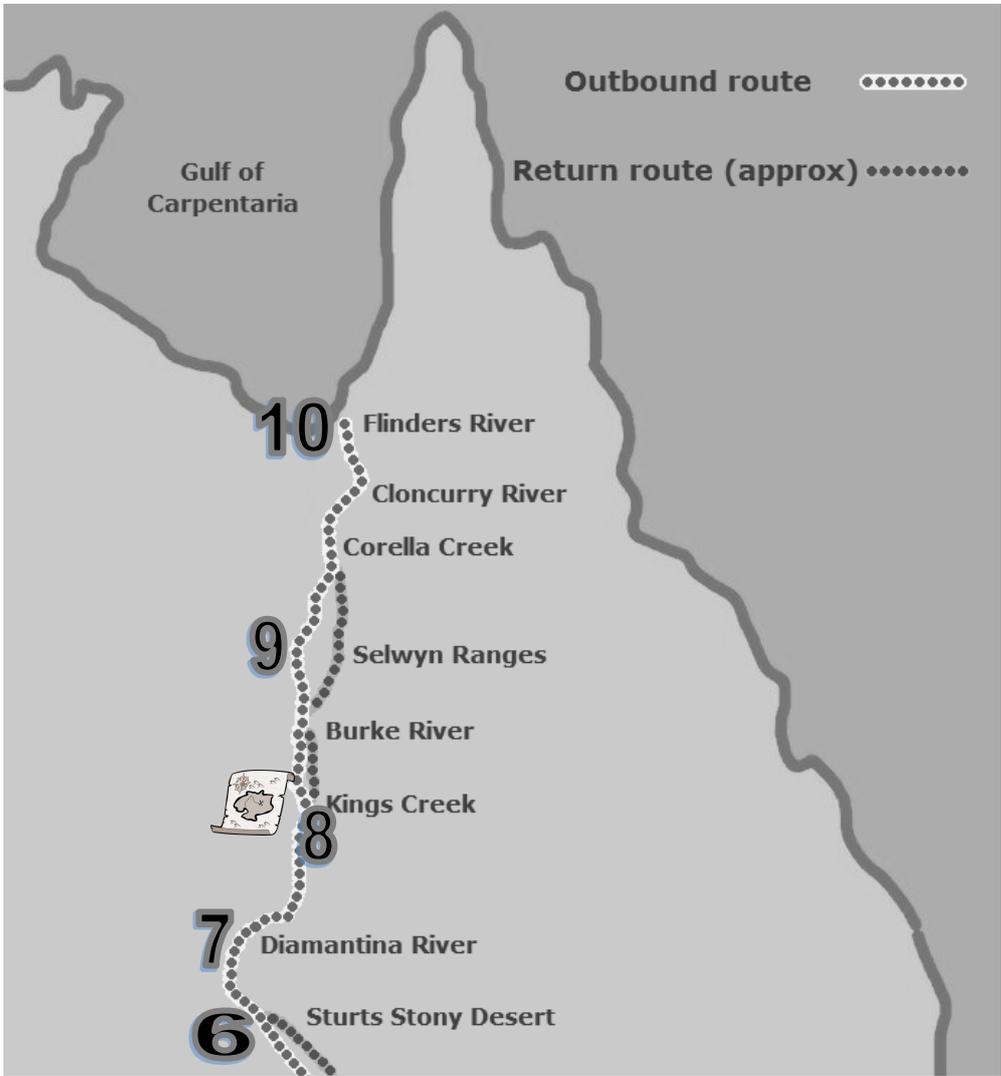


Burke and Wills were explorers who set out to cross Australia - an expedition of around 2000 miles. Of the 19 men of the party, only one completed the entire trip. Seven men died, including Burke and Wills.

There are several titles on the list which involve difficult journeys. Gulliver's travels take him from Lilliput where he is a giant, to Brobdingnag where everyone else is. In Mark Twain's Huckleberry Finn, the hero rafts down the Mississippi to help a slave escape. Jerome K. Jerome's Three Men in a boat have a rather easier time of it - which in no way prevents them from creating every sort of mishap. I am David follows a refugee boy carefully making his way through Europe.

TITLE AUTHOR DATES

- 1) MELBOURNE
- 2) SWAN HILL
- 3) MENINDEE 
- 4) TOROWOTTO SWAMP
- 5) COOPERS CREEK



The Riddle of the Sands is actually more about tides than deserts, but is arguably the first spy novel. If you like it, the novels of John Buchan await. Though set in Africa, King Solomon's Mines capture some of the danger of Burke and Wills' quest. The witchdoctor, Gagool, is up there with Chitty-Chitty Bang Bang's child catcher for best baddie. Ian Fleming, author of the James Bond books, wrote the story of the flying car but it was Roald Dahl who added the Child-catcher in the film adaptation - worth lobbing into any debate about films being better than books or vice versa.

Roald Dahl's autobiography, Boy, is worth reading for many reasons—not least for the pleasure of spotting from where many of his ideas sprang. In the sequel - Going Solo - he does crash his plane in the desert, though it was the Western rather than Sturt's Stony one.

The other autobiography on the list is Gerald Durrell's 'My Family and Other Animals.' It consists of the colourful stories of his family having moved to sunny Corfu. His love of animals infuses every page, and led him on to become a world-renowned naturalist.

TITLE AUTHOR DATES

6) STURT'S STONY DESERT

7) DIAMANTINA RIVER

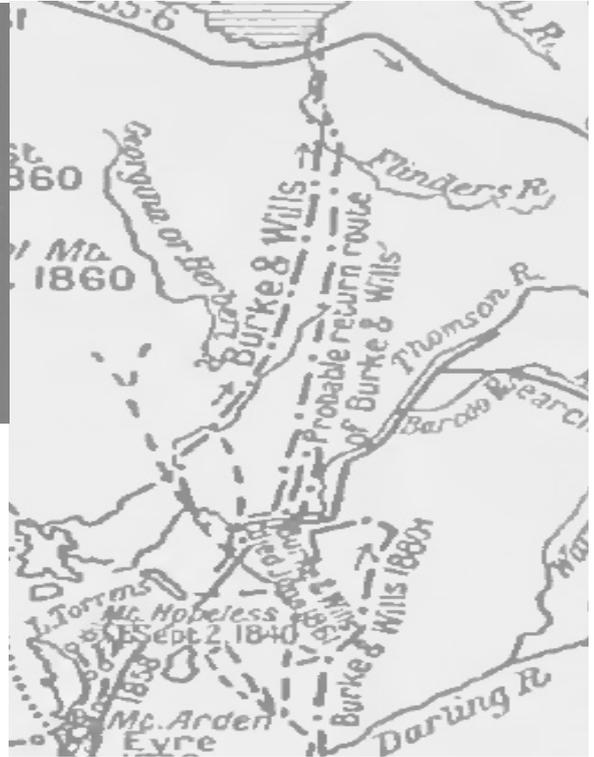
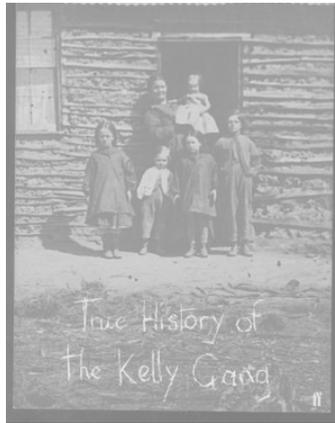
8) KING'S CREEK 

9) SELWYN RANGES

10) FLINDERS RIVER

If you want an enjoyable challenge, have a crack at Peter Carey's True History of the Kelly Gang. It tells the tale of bush bandit Ned Kelly, and uses very little punctuation. Bill Bryson is a great tour guide in Down Under, or try Terry Pratchett's ripper The Last Continent.

Australian authors include Marcus Zusak whose Book Thief tells the story of a girl stealing books from the Nazis. Finally, if you want some light relief in the form of insanely over-the-top action, enjoy anything by Matthew Reilly. Garth Nix's Sabriel books are brilliant fantasy novels.



TITLE

AUTHOR

DATES

11) FLINDERS RIVER

12) CLONCURRY RIVER

13) CORELLA CREEK

14) BURKE RIVER 

15) STURT'S STONY DESERT

16) BULLOO RIVER

17) TOROWOTTO SWAMP

18) BALRANALD



19) SWAN HILL

20) MELBOURNE



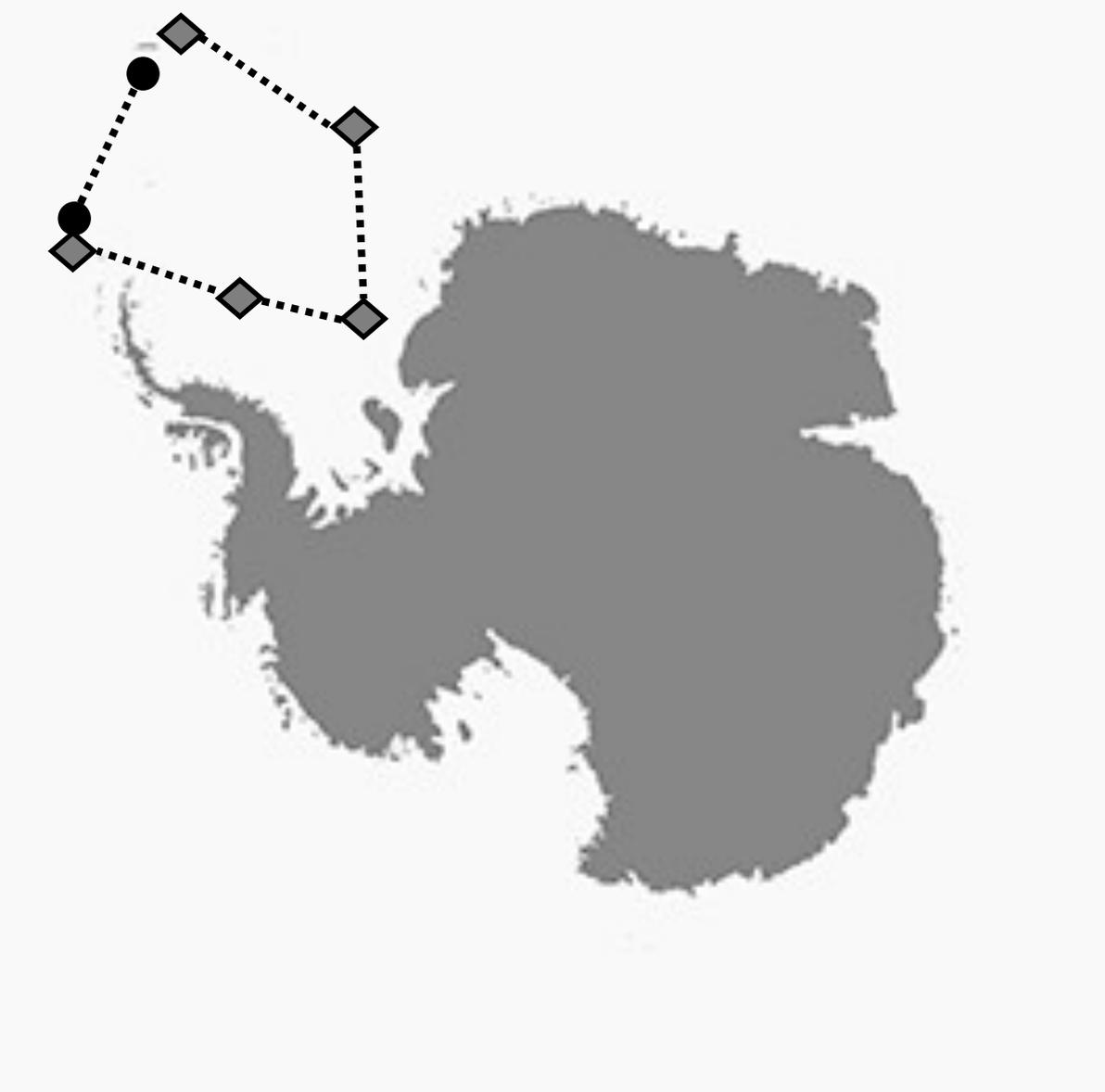
Now that you're half way through this passport, start exploring the second half of the list in earnest. The short stories of Saki are an excellent starting point - try Tobermory or The Open Window to get acclimatised. Once you're comfortable with the language, plunge into Scoop or PG Wodehouse.

Some of the longer books: The Name of the Rose or The Woman in White have strong story-lines to keep you moving; Moonfleet is a good introduction to this style of book.

Mal Peet, Malorie Blackman and John Boyne are among the more modern choices, and you may find their style most accessible.

A few of the entries are difficult! The Goshawk is a study in determination, more than a story; If on a Winter's Night will appear to be more of a puzzle than a book. Don't be afraid to retrace your steps, or even re-route. None of your time will be wasted and amongst these titles are books which will guide you forever.

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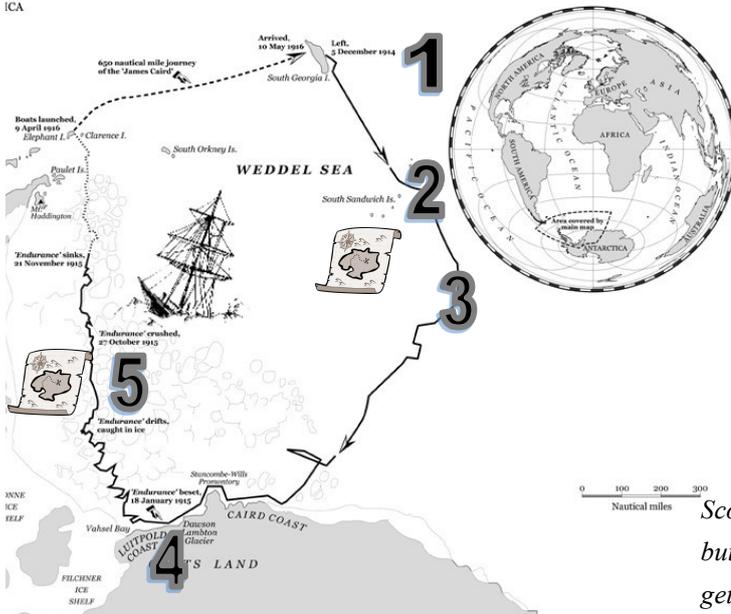
ROUTES

SOUTH GEORGIA TO ELEPHANT ISLAND



ELEPHANT ISLAND TO SOUTH GEORGIA





We can't embark from a whaling station and not recommend *Moby Dick*, a tale of obsession and survival. Captain Ahab is Shackleton's polar (sorry) opposite, but this book has a strong claim to having the best opening line in the world.

Marcus Sedgewick's *Revolver* captures the deadly iciness of the Arctic Circle; his books are shaded by darkness, but are undeniably enjoyable if you like your villains menacing. And few come creepier than the cast of Mervyn Peake's *Gormenghast* trilogy. *Steerpike*, *Flay*, *Swelter* and the *Prunesquallors* are gripping creations (along with *Headmaster De'Ath*).

Scott for scientific method, Amundsen for speed and efficiency, but when disaster strikes and all hope is gone, get down on your knees and pray for Shackleton.

Sir Raymond Priestley

TITLE

AUTHOR

DATES

1) GRYTVIKEN, SOUTH GEORGIA

2) WEDDELL SEA



3) HEAVY PACK ICE

4) ENDURANCE TRAPPED

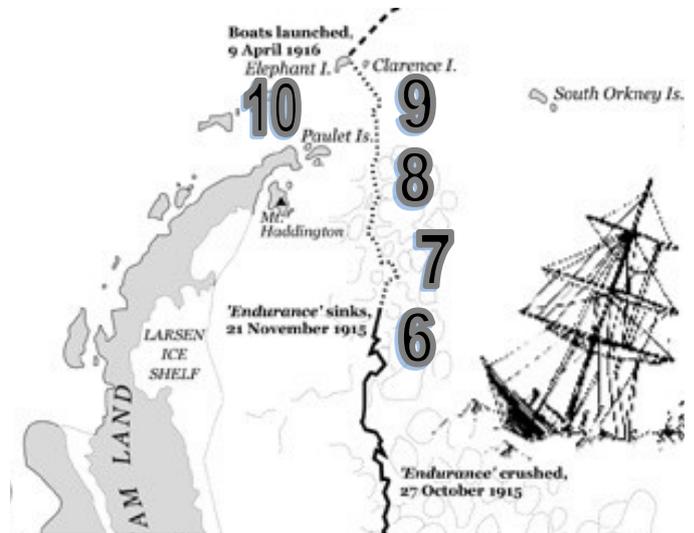
5) ENDURANCE ABANDONED



Robinson Crusoe has an easier time of being marooned than Shackleton, though his escapades are based on the real-life (mis-)adventures of Alexander Selkirk.

Though set at the other side of the globe, Michelle Paver's Dark Matter is one of the best ghost stories ever written. If you can take it, explore M. R. James. If his 'O Whistle, and I'll come to you, My lad' doesn't ensure that you make your bed properly, nothing will.

Mary Shelley's Frankenstein is known as a horror story perhaps more for its film spin-offs than its original thread, but it is an intensely disturbing concept once you get under its skin.



MEN WANTED FOR HAZARDOUS JOURNEY. LOW WAGES, BITTER COLD, LONG HOURS OF COMPLETE DARKNESS. SAFE RETURN DOUBTFUL. HONOUR AND RECOGNITION IN EVENT OF SUCCESS

TITLE

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6) ENDURANCE SINKS

7) PATIENCE CAMP

8) ICE STARTS TO BREAK



9) INTO LIFEBOATS

10) ELEPHANT ISLAND



Whilst the crew had to be ruthless over what was salvaged from the Endurance, many of the photographic plates were preserved. This picture shows one of the lifeboats, emphasising what an incredible feat of survival and navigation it was for six men to pilot this craft across 700 miles of ocean. The boat used - the James Caird - can still be seen at Dulwich College, Shackleton's old school (as it was P G Wodehouse's too).

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11) ELEPHANT ISLAND

12) WEDDELL SEA

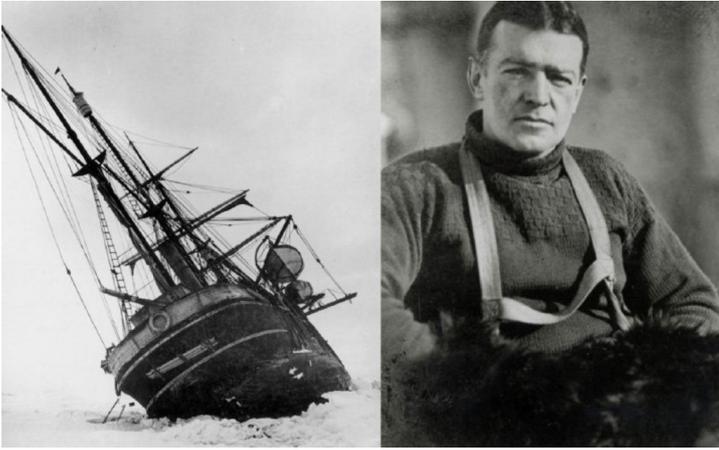


13) STORM

14) SOUTH GEORGIA

15) CLIMB MOUNTAIN





Having made the voyage to South Georgia, Shackleton and his men were forced to land on the uninhabited side of the island. Leaving three men with the boat, Shackleton and two others climbed the mountain between them and the hope of rescue for their companions on Elephant Island. Their only climbing equipment was a rope, a carpenter's tool and some screws which they forced through the soles of their boots. It took them 36 hours and Shackleton at once arranged for the rescue of his men on the other side of the island, as well as making preparations to reach those on Elephant Island.

After seven months on the ice, every single member of the party was rescued. The story, using the descriptions and diaries of the explorers is told by Alfred Lansing, and is appropriately titled: Endurance.

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16) STROMNESS WHALING STATION

17) RESCUE MEN FROM
OTHER SIDE OF MOUNTAIN

18) WEDDELL SEA



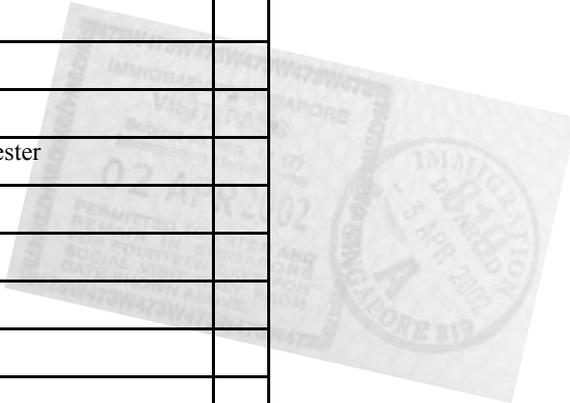
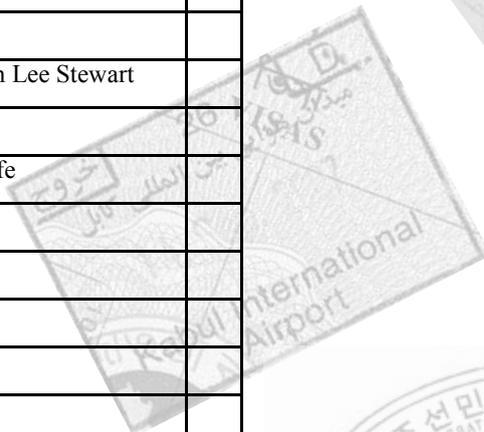
19) ELEPHANT ISLAND

20) CHILE

ASIA

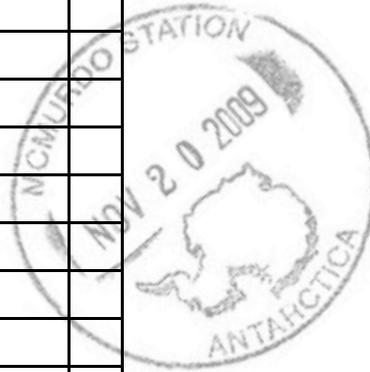
Murder at the Vicarage, Agatha Christie	
My Family and Other Animals, Gerald Durrell	
Aesop's Fables	
The Empire of the Sun, JG Ballard	
The Secret Garden, Frances Hodgson Burnett	
Northern Lights, Philip Pullman	
Swallows and Amazons, Arthur Ransome	
Black Beauty, Anna Sewell	
Murder Most Unladylike, Robin Stevens	
The Jungle Book, Rudyard Kipling	
The Mysterious Benedict Society, Trenton Lee Stewart	
Dracula, Bram Stoker	
The Eagle of the Ninth, Rosemary Sutcliffe	
The Graveyard Book, Neil Gaiman	
How to be Topp, Ronald Searle	
I capture the Castle, Dodie Smith	
Coram Boy, Jamila Gavin	
The Call of the Wild, Jack London	
The Hound of the Baskervilles, Arthur Conan Doyle	
I am David, Anne Holm	
The Riddle of the Sands, Erskine Childers	
Carrie's War, Nina Bawden	
King Solomon's Mines, Rider Haggard	
Smith, Leon Garfield	
The Old Man and the Sea, Ernest Hemingway	
The Machine Gunners, Robert Westall	
Just William, Richmal Crompton	
Mort, Terry Pratchett	
Mr. Midshipman Hornblower, C S Forester	
The Railway Children, Edith Nesbit	
Tarka the Otter, Henry Williamson	
1066 and all that, Sellar & Yeatman	
The Thirty-Nine steps, John Buchan	
Touching the Void, Joe Simpson	
Treasure Island, R L Stevenson	
Watership Down, Ricahrd Adams	
Where Eagles Dare, Alistair MacLean	
Witch Child, Celia Rees	
Wonder, RJ Palacio	
Boy, Roald Dahl	

Remember, you can choose your own book for the Discovery maps...



AUSTRALIA & ANTARCTICA

Robinson Crusoe, Daniel Defoe	
A short walk in the Hindu Kush, Eric Newby	
Noughts and Crosses, Malorie Blackman	
A wizard of Earthsea, Ursula LeGuin	
The Count of Monte Cristo, Alexandre Dumas	
The Leopard, Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa	
20 000 Leagues under the sea, Jules Verne	
The Time Machine, HG Wells	
Short stories, Saki	
Of Mice and Men, John Steinbeck	
The Prisoner of Zenda, Anthony Hope	
The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas, John Boyne	
A Christmas Carol, Charles Dickens	
Scoop, Evelyn Waugh	
The Day of the Triffids, John Wyndham	
Frankenstein, Mary Shelley	
Revolver, Marcus Sedgewick	
Gulliver's Travels, Jonathan Swift	
Life – An exploded diagram, Mal Peet	
The King Must Die, Mary Renault	
Scoop, Evelyn Waugh	
One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich, Solzhenitsyn	
The Goshawk, TH White	
The Name of the Rose, Umberto Eco	
Moby Dick, Herman Melville	
If on a Winter's Night a traveller, Italo Calvino	
Titus Groan, Mervyn Peake	
Tom Sawyer, Mark Twain	
The Woman in White, Wilkie Collins	
The Life of Pi, Yann Martel	
Dark Matter, Michelle Paver	
Animal Farm, George Orwell	
Notes from a Small Island, Bill Bryson	
The Woman in Black, Susan Hill	
Right Ho, Jeeves, PG Wodehouse	
The Diary of a Young Girl, Anne Frank	
The Curious Incident of the Dog , Mark Haddon	
Three Men in a Boat, Jerome K Jerome	
Moonfleet, J. Meade Falkner	
Jane Eyre, Charlotte Bronte	



*For Australia, you may choose books
from this list and Asia;
for Antarctica, from these authors alone.
Good Luck!*

