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The Cambridge Companion to Postcolonial Travel Writing offers readers an insight into the scope and range of perspectives that one encounters in this field of writing. Encompassing a diverse range of texts and styles, performances and forms, postcolonial travel writing recounts journeys undertaken through places, cultures, and communities that are simultaneously living within, through, and after colonialism in its various guises. *The Companion* is organized into three parts. Part I, “Departures,” addresses key theoretical issues, topics, and themes; Part II, “Performances,” examines a range of conventional and emerging travel performances and styles in postcolonial travel writing; and Part III, “Peripheries,” continues to shift the analysis of travel writing from the traditional focus on Eurocentric contexts. This *Companion* provides a comprehensive overview of developments in the field, appealing to students and teachers of travel writing and postcolonial studies.

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CHRONOLOGY: 1899–2016

The creation of a time-line for any field of scholarly endeavor is always a risky business. There will inevitably be questions raised about starting points, key dates and events, inclusions, and omissions. Admitting such is not intended to forestall or deflect criticism or debate – quite the opposite. It is to recognize, however, that the Chronology assembled here is intended to be provisional and indicative. The Chronology has been organized into two columns. The right-hand column includes notable works of colonial and postcolonial travel writing texts. The left-hand column mixes events from world and national histories, and also mentions significant works of post-colonial literature and criticism. The year 1899 has been selected as a starting point, although as contributions to the *Companion* have made clear, the genealogy of postcolonial travel writing could be lengthened to include works that precede this year. The choice of that year coincides with the initial publication of Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness*, a work of fiction that holds a key place in the development of postcolonial travel writing.

1899	Second Anglo-Boer War (to 1902) Rudyard Kipling, "The White Man's Burden"	Joseph Conrad, <i>Heart of Darkness</i> (book published 1902)
1900	Relief of Mafeking from Boer Siege Yihetuan Movement (Boxer Rebellion) in China (anti-Western uprising)	
1901	Queen Victoria dies Australian Federation Rudyard Kipling, <i>Kim</i> First transatlantic radio signal	

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- 1902 Land grant in Kenyan highlands begins large-scale white settlement
Euclides da Cunha, *Rebellion in the Backlands (Os Sertões)*
J. A. Hobson, *Imperialism: A Study*
US passes the Chinese Exclusion Act
Rudyard Kipling, *Just So Stories*
- 1904 Namibia: uprising of Herero and Nama against German rule (until 1907)
Ham Mukasa, *Uganda's Katikiro in England: Being the Official Account of His Visit to the Coronation of His Majesty King Edward VII*
East Indies: revolt by Achenese in Sumatra forcibly put down
The Casement Report: Roger Casement details abuses in the Congo Free State
Sigmund Freud, *The Psychopathology of Everyday Life*
- 1905 Japan defeats Russia in the Russo-Japanese War; attempted Russian Revolution
India: launch of *swadeshi* (“of our own country”) protesting British partition of Bengal
- 1906 Muslim League established in India
Percy Falcke Martin, *Through Five Republics (of South America): A Critical Description of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Uruguay and Venezuela in 1905*
Self-government restored to the Transvaal and Orange Free Colony
- 1907 New Zealand attains dominion status
Gertrude Bell, *The Desert and the Sown: Travels in Palestine and Syria*
Mahatma Gandhi commences nonviolent resistance campaign in South Africa
Wilfred Scawen Blunt, *Secret History of the English Occupation of Egypt*
Anglo-Russian entente
Baden-Powell forms the Scouts
- 1908 Oil discovered in Persia
Congo Free State becomes the Belgian Congo
Arnold van Genneep, *The Rites*

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- of Passage* – sociological study of the crossing of frontiers
 Sven Hedin explores Persia and Tibet
- 1909 A.B.C. Merriman-Labor, *Britons through Negro Spectacles; or A Negro on Britons*
- 1910 Union of South Africa becomes a dominion
 Gertrude Bell, *Amurath to Amurath*
 Japan annexes Korea
 Mexican Revolution against dictatorship of Porfirio Diaz
- 1911 Mexico: Diaz regime falls, liberal reformer Francisco Madero assumes presidency
 Italo-Turkish War (until 1912); Italy occupies Libya
 Charlotte Mansfield, *Via Rhodesia: A Journey through Southern Africa*
 China: revolution ends imperial regime
 King George V attends Great Dehli Durbar
- 1912 Cuba: uprising led by Independent Movement of People of Color, forcibly put down with the assistance of USA
 Matthew Henson, *A Negro Explorer at the North Pole*
 The Putumayo Report: Roger Casement details atrocities committed Peru's Putumayo Indians
 Robert Falcon Scott dies on return from the South Pole
 African National Congress forms in South Africa
- 1913 Mexico: Madero deposed, then murdered; Pancho Villa resumes guerrilla campaign
 South Africa: Native Land Act
 Leonard Woolf, *A Village in the Jungle*

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- 1914 First World War (until 1918)
Opening of the Panama Canal
- 1915 Ceylon: Sinhala anti-Muslim
riots; colonial government
declares martial law
J. G. Frazer, *The Golden Bough*
- 1916 Ireland: Easter Rising
- 1917 Russian Revolution
Balfour Declaration: promises a
“national home” for Jews in
Palestine and protection of civil
and religious rights of non-Jews
in the territory
V. I. Lenin, *Imperialism: The
Highest State of Capitalism*
- 1918 Declaration of the Irish Republic
End of First World War
- 1919 Anglo-Irish War (to 1921)
First Palestinian National
Congress rejects Balfour
Declaration
India: Amritsar massacre
Peace Conference, Versailles:
League of Nations created;
German colonies in Africa
transferred to Britain, France
and Belgium
- 1920 Gandhi wins control of Indian
Congress
Government of Ireland Act
- 1921 Civil War in Ireland (to 1923)
Morocco: resistance to French/
Spanish rule, led by Abd al-
Karim (to 1926)
- 1922 Declaration of the Irish Free
State
James Joyce, *Ulysses*
Britain receives League of
Nations mandate for Palestine

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- Kingdom of Egypt becomes independent of Britain
- 1923 Ceylon: general strike, militant fusion of nationalist and class-based demands D. H. Lawrence, *Kangaroo*
- 1924 India: violence between Hindus and Muslims; Gandhi begins hunger strike as a “penance and a prayer”
E. M. Forster, *A Passage to India*
- 1925 Syria: Druze revolt (to 1927)
- 1926 Indonesia: riots in Java and Sumatra, forcibly put down by Dutch T. E. Lawrence, *Seven Pillars of Wisdom*
- 1927 International Conference Against Imperialism and Colonial Oppression, Brussels
Bolivia: massive revolt of indigenous people against government
Alexander David-Neel, *My Voyage to Lhasa*
Andre Gide, *Voyage au Congo*
- 1929 Wall Street Crash
Nigeria: Aba Women’s Riots, or Women’s War, against extension of colonial powers
Rabindrinath Tagore, *Jatri*
- Palestine: riots sparked by founding of the Jewish Agency; several hundred killed, many by British soldiers
Geneva Convention signed, regulating the treatment of prisoners of war
- 1930 India: Gandhi launches Civil Disobedience Movement
Brazil: military coup
- 1931 Japan invades Manchuria
Gandhi leads the Salt March

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| 1932 | | J. R. Ackerley, <i>Hindoo Holiday</i>
Freya Stark, <i>Baghdad Sketches: Journeys through Iraq</i>
Peter Fleming, <i>Brazilian Adventure</i> |
| 1933 | Hitler comes to power in Germany | |
| 1934 | Italy establishes the colony of Italian Libya | George Orwell, <i>Burmese Days</i>
Freya Stark, <i>The Valley of the Assassins: And Other Persian Travels</i>
Evelyn Waugh, <i>Ninety-Two Days</i> |
| 1935 | Italy invades Abyssinia
Japan seizes Beijing, sets up a puppet regime in the North
Mulk Raj Anand, <i>Untouchable</i> | Vivienne de Watteville, <i>Speak to the Earth</i> |
| 1936 | Spanish Civil War (to 1939)
Paraguay: military coup, fascist regime installed
Palestine: Arab revolt (to 1939), protesting British rule
Jawaharlal Nehru, <i>An Autobiography</i> | Aina Kofoworola Moore, “The Story of Aina Kofoworola Moore” (in <i>Ten Africans</i> , Margery Perham ed.)
Parmenas Mockerie, “The Story of Parmenas Mockerie” (in <i>Ten Africans</i> , Margery Perham ed.)
George Orwell, “Shooting an Elephant”
Evelyn Waugh, <i>Waugh in Abyssinia</i> |
| 1937 | China: Shanghai falls to Japanese; Nanking sacked
Jamaica: riots against British rule
Trinidad: riots against British rule | Karen Blixen (aka Isak Dinesen), <i>Out of Africa</i>
Robert Byron, <i>The Road to Oxiana</i>
Claude McKay, <i>A Long Way from Home</i>
Ousmane Socé Diop, <i>Mirages de Paris</i> |
| 1938 | Munich Agreement: the appeasement of Hitler over German invasion of Czechoslovakia
C. L. R. James, <i>The Black</i> | |

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- Jacobins* – history of the Haitian Revolution
Raja Rao, *Kanthapura*
- 1939 German invasion of Poland; outbreak of Second World War (until 1945)
Aimé Césaire, *Return to My Native Land*
Graeme Greene, *The Lawless Roads*
- 1940 Fall of France to Nazi forces
Fernando Ortiz, *Cuban Counterpoint: Sugar and Tobacco*
- 1941 Development of the jet engine
Japan bombs Pearl Harbor; US enters war
Japan captures Cambodia, Vietnam, Thailand; in response, Ho Chi Minh launches Viet Minh independence movement
- 1942 Kingdom of Ethiopia gains independence from Italy
Albert Camus, *The Stranger*
- 1945 USA drops atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki; Japan surrenders
Proclamation of Indonesian Independence, commences period of diplomatic and armed resistance against the Netherlands
Algeria: French repression of nationalists; major uprising follows
Revolution in Vietnam brings Ho Chi Minh to power; French forces attempt to recapture colonial power; war ensues (to 1954)
Syria, Lebanon gain independence

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- 1946 First Assembly of the United Nations
- 1947 India gains Independence
The partition of India; creation of Pakistan
Nuremberg trials
Palestine: UN announces plan for partition, granting bulk of land to Jewish population
- 1948 *Apartheid* implemented in South Africa (until 1994)
Burma, Sri Lanka (Ceylon) gain independence
India: Gandhi assassinated
UN adopts Declaration of Human Rights
Partition of Palestine; First Arab-Israeli War
The Malay Emergency (to 1960)
- 1949 People's Republic of China proclaimed after Communist takeover
Indonesia, Laos gain independence
V. S. Reid, *New Day*
- 1950 Korean War (to 1953)
China invades Tibet
Aimé Césaire, *Discourse on Colonialism*
- 1951 Libya becomes an independent kingdom
- 1952 Mau Mau resistance in Kenya; state of emergency declared
Franz Fanon, *Black Skins, White Masks*
- 1953 George Lamming, *In the Castle of My Skin*
- 1954 Beginnings of nationalist uprising in Algeria; war of independence (to 1962)
- Charles Mountford, *Brown Men and Red Sand: Journeyings in Wild Australia*
- Paul Bowles, *The Sheltering Sky*
- Patrick Leigh Fermor, *The Traveller's Tree: Island Hopping through the Caribbean Islands*
- Norman Lewis, *Golden Earth: Travels in Burma*
- Sybille Bedford, *The Sudden View: A Mexican Journey*
Elspeth Huxley, *Four Guineas: A Journey through West Africa*
Richard Wright, *Black Power:*

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| | Vietnamese army defeats French forces | <i>A Record of Reactions in a Land of Pathos</i> |
| 1955 | Bandung conference of independent African and Asian countries; declaration upholds principles of national sovereignty, human rights, equality among nations
Vietnam: outbreak of civil war in the South | Claude Lévi-Strauss, <i>Tristes Tropiques</i> |
| 1956 | Suez Crisis: defeat of British and French invasion of Egypt after Gamal Abdel Nasser nationalizes the Suez Canal
Cuba: Castro initiates revolution
Sudan, Tunisia and Morocco gain independence
Naguib Mahfouz, <i>Palace Walk</i> | Édouard Glissant, <i>Soleil de la Conscience (The Sun of Consciousness)</i>
Langston Hughes, <i>I Wonder As I Wander: An Autobiographical Journey</i> |
| 1957 | Ghana and Malaysia (Malaya) gain independence
Algeria: Battle of Algiers
Kwame Nkrumah, <i>The Autobiography of Kwame Nkrumah</i>
Patrick White, <i>Voss</i> | Peter Abrahams, <i>Jamaica: An Island Mosaic</i>
Lawrence Durrell, <i>Bitter Lemons of Cyprus</i>
James Morris, <i>The Market of Seleukia</i> |
| 1958 | Sri Lanka: anti-Tamil riots
Chinua Achebe, <i>Things Fall Apart</i> | Edgar Mittelhözer, <i>With a Carib Eye</i>
James Morris, <i>South African Winter</i> |
| 1959 | Fidel Castro comes to power in Cuba | Nirad Chaudhuri, <i>A Passage to England</i>
Bernard Dadié, <i>Un Nègre à Paris (An African in Paris)</i>
Elspeth Huxley, <i>The Flame Trees of Thika: Memories of an African Childhood</i> |
| 1960 | Wilson Harris, <i>Palace of the Peacock</i> | Amiri Baraka/LeRoi Jones, "Cuba Libre"
George Lamming, <i>The Pleasures of Exile</i> |

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| 1961 | Building of Berlin Wall begins
USA-sponsored Bay of Pigs
invasion of Cuba thwarted
Franz Fanon, <i>The Wretched of
 the Earth</i>
V. S. Naipaul, <i>A House for Mr
 Biswas</i> | C. Wright Mills, <i>Listen, Yankee:
 The Revolution in Cuba</i>
Philippa Duke Schuyler,
<i>Adventures in Black and White</i>
Peter Matthiessen, <i>The Cloud
 Forest: A Chronicle of the South
 American Wilderness</i>
Arnold Toynbee, <i>Between Oxus
 and Jumna</i> |
| 1962 | Algeria, Jamaica, Rwanda,
Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda
gain independence
Cuban Missile Crisis | Albert Luthuli, <i>Let My People
 Go</i>
V. S. Naipaul, <i>The Middle
 Passage: Impressions of Five
 Societies – British, French and
 Dutch – in the West Indies and
 South America</i> |
| 1963 | Kenya gains independence
Organization of African Unity
established | Vincent Massey, <i>What's Past Is
 Prologue: The Memoirs of the
 Right Honourable Vincent
 Massey</i> |
| 1964 | Vietnam: “Gulf of Tonkin
Resolution,” US escalates its
military campaign; war breaks
out (to 1973)
Albert Memmi, <i>The Colonizer
 and the Colonized</i> | John Pepper Clark, <i>America,
 Their America</i>
V. S. Naipaul, <i>An Area of
 Darkness</i> |
| 1965 | Che Guevara in Congo (until
1966)
Central African Republic: Jean
Bedel Bokassa takes power in
coup; crowned “Emperor”
(dictatorship until 1979)
White Rhodesian government
declares unilateral independence
from Britain
Singapore breaks from Malaysia
and becomes separate state
Elizabeth Bishop, <i>Questions of</i> | Nirad Chaudhuri, <i>The
 Continent of Circe</i>
Nat Nakasa, “Mr Nakasa Goes
to Harlem” |

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Travel

- Wole Soyinka, *The Road*
- 1966 United Nations revokes South Africa's mandate to govern Namibia, sparking the Namibian War of Independence (to 1990)
Zimbabwe: armed struggle launched
Barbados, Botswana, Guyana, Lesotho gain independence
First Tricontinental Conference, Havana
Jean Rhys, *Wide Sargasso Sea*
Gillo Pontecorvo (dir.), *La battaglia di Algeri (The Battle of Algiers)*
- 1967 Secession of Biafra and outbreak of Nigerian civil war (to 1970)
Six-Day War between Israel and neighboring Arab states
Che Guevara captured and killed in Bolivia
Establishment of ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations)
Gabriel García Márquez, *One Hundred Years of Solitude*
- 1968 USA: Martin Luther King assassinated
Student-led uprising worldwide, especially France, Mexico, USA
Czechoslovakia: "Prague Spring"
Vietnam: "Tet Offensive"
- 1969 Britain sends troops to Northern Ireland to quell rioting
Cambodia: US begins extensive secret bombing campaign
- Amiri Baraka/LeRoi Jones, *Home: Social Essays*
- Elias Canetti, *Die Stimmen von Marrakesch (The Voices of Marrakesh)*
- V. S. Naipaul, *The Loss of El Dorado: A Colonial History*
N. Scott Momaday, *The Way to Rainy Mountain*

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- Muammar Gaddafi comes to power in Libya
- 1970 Fiji, Tonga gain independence
Cambodia: Prince Sihanouk overthrown in right-wing coup
Kwame Nkrumah, *Consciencism*
- 1971 Civil war in East Pakistan following declaration of Bangladeshi independence; India-Pakistan War, resulting in defeat of the latter
Uganda: Idi Amin comes to power in coup (dictatorship until 1979)
- 1972 Northern Ireland: “Bloody Sunday”; British paratroops kill thirteen marchers in Derry; IRA retaliates; direct rule imposed
Philippines: rebellion by Filipino Muslims
- 1973 Chile: Salvador Allende assassinated in coup led by General Augusto Pinochet, with assistance of the CIA (Pinochet dictatorship until 1990)
Bahamas gain independence
Edward Kaumau Braithwaite, *The Arrivants*
Patrick White, *A Fringe of Leaves*
- 1974 The Carnation Revolution, Portugal
Turkey invades Cyprus
- 1975 Vietnam War ends with defeat of US
Cambodia: Pol Pot and Khmer Rouge seize power
- Margaret Bacon, *Journey to Guyana*
Emily Hahn, *No Hurry to Get Home*
Freya Stark, *The Minaret of Jam: An Excursion in Afghanistan*
Geoffrey Moorehouse, *Calcutta*
- Huey P. Newton, *Revolutionary Suicide*
Lester Pearson, *Memoirs, 1897–1948: Through Diplomacy to Politics*
Buchi Emcheta, *Second-Class Citizen*
- Charles Ritchie, *The Siren Years: A Canadian Diplomat Abroad, 1937–1945*

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- Angola, Mozambique gain independence; civil wars continue in both states
Portugal withdraws from East Timor; Indonesia invades and occupies East Timor
Sheikh Mujibur Raham, first Prime Minister of Bangladesh, murdered in military coup resulting in two decades of military dictatorship; strong evidence of CIA involvement
Sam Selvon, *Moses Ascending*
Pramoedya Ananta Toer, *The Earth of Mankind*
- 1976 Argentina: Isabel Peron ousted in military coup; General Roberto Videla takes power, inaugurates “dirty war” against leftists
Ryszard Kapucinski, *Another Day of Life*
- 1977 South African activist Steve Biko dies in police custody
Cambodian-Vietnam War
Anwar Sadat visits Israel as part of a treaty mission.
V. S. Naipaul, *India: A Wounded Civilization*
Charles Ritchie, *An Appetite for Life: The Education of a Young Diarist 1924–1927*
Bruce Chatwin, *In Patagonia*
- 1978 Vietnamese forces invade Cambodia in attempt to oust Pol Pot’s Khmer Rouge
Ryszard Kapucinski, *The Emperor: Downfall of an Autocrat*
Afghanistan: Soviet backed military coup
Shiva Naipaul, *North of South: An African Journey*
Edward Said, *Orientalism*
- 1979 Cambodia: Khmer Rouge toppled; guerrilla activity continues (to 1989)
Soviet invasion of Afghanistan
Uganda: Idi Amin ousted from power
Martha Gellhorn: *Travels with Myself and Another: A Memoir*
Gita Mehta, *Karma Cola: Marketing the Mystic East*
Nicaragua: popular uprising overthrows Somoza
V.S. Naipaul, *A Bend in the River*

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- dictatorship, brings Sandinista National Liberation Front to power
 Randolph Stowe, *The Visitants*
 Qurratulain Hyder, *Fireflies in the Mist*
- 1980 Zimbabwe gains independence; Robert Mugabe elected to power
 Salman Rushdie, *Midnight's Children*
 J. M. Coetzee, *Waiting for the Barbarians*
 J. M. G. Le Clézio, *Desert*
- 1981 Assignation of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat
 Toxteth Race Riots, Liverpool
 Iran-Contra Affair
- 1982 Falklands/Malvinas war between UK and Argentina
 Nicaragua: counter-revolutionary attack on Sandinista forces, armed and sponsored by US (war continues until 1990)
- 1983 Sri Lanka: violence against Tamils; armed resistance of LTTE (“Tamil Tigers”) escalates in response
 Argentina: election of Raul Alfonsín ends eight years of military dictatorship
 Salman Rushdie, *Shame*
- 1984 Brunei gains independence
 Uruguay: massive protests and general strike topple military dictatorship
- 1985
- Robyn Davidson, *Tracks*
- Tété-Michel Kpomassie, *L'Africain de Groenland (An African in Greenland)*
 Charles Ritchie, *Diplomatic Passport: More Undiplomatic Diaries, 1946–1962*
 William Least Heat-Moon, *Blue Highways*
 Michael Ondaatje, *Running in the Family*
- Joan Didion, *Salvador*
 Vikram Seth, *From Heaven Lake: Travels through Sinkiang and Tibet*
- Krim Bentrerrak, Stephen Muecke and Paddy Roe, *Reading the Country: Introduction to Nomadology*
 V.S. Naipaul, *Finding the Centre*

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- Brazil: return to civilian government after twenty years of military dictatorship
Gabriel García Márquez, *Love in the Time of Cholera*
Jamaica Kincaid, *Annie John*
Cormac McCarthy, *Blood Meridian, or The Evening Redness in the West*
Keri Hulme, *The Bone People*
- 1986 Philippines: “People Power Revolution” topples Marcos dictatorship
Haiti: dictatorship of Jean-Claude Duvalier overthrown
- 1987 The First Intifada, Palestinian uprising against the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza (to 1993)
Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak, *In Other Worlds: Essays in Cultural Politics*
- 1988 Australia: Bicentenary celebrations boycotted and wide scale protests led by Aboriginal activists
Afghanistan: withdrawal of Soviet troops; civil war ensues
Tsitsi Dangaremba, *Nervous Conditions*
Salman Rushdie, *The Satanic Verses*
- 1989 Fall of the Berlin Wall; collapse of Soviet Union and Eastern European communist states
- Patrick Marnham, *So Far from God: Journey to Central America*
George Ignatieff, *Making of a Peacemonger*
Benedict Allen, *Mad White Giant*
- Mark Abley, *Beyond Forget: Rediscovering the Prairies*
J.M.G. Le Clézio, *Voyage à Rodrigues*
- Bruce Chatwin, *The Songlines*
Nick Danzinger, *Danzinger’s Travels: Beyond Forbidden Frontiers*
Jan Goodwin, *Caught in the Crossfire*
Caryl Phillips, *The European Tribe*
Salman Rushdie, *The Jaguar Smile*
Ferdinand Dennis, *Behind the Frontlines: Journey into Afro-Britain*
Christopher Hope, *White Boy Running*
Pico Iyer, *Video Night in Kathmandu: And Other Reports from the Not-So-Far-East*
Jamaica Kincaid, *A Small Place*
Jan Morris, *Hong Kong: Epilogue to an Empire*
William Dalrymple, *In Xanadu: A Quest*

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- China: Tiananmen Square Massacre
 Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Convention adopted by the International Labour Organisation (ILO Convention 169)
 Erna Brodber, *Myal*
 Bill Ashcroft, Gareth Griffiths, and Helen Tiffin, *The Empire Writes Back: Theory and Practice in Post-Colonial Literature*
- 1990 Nelson Mandela freed from prison in South Africa
 Haiti: Jean Bertrand Aristide overthrown in bloody coup
 Namibia gains independence
 Nicaragua: Sandinista Government defeated in election by US-sponsored coalition
 Derek Walcott, *Omeros*
 Robert J.C. Young, *White Mythologies: Writing History and the West*
 Ariel Dorfman, *Death and the Maiden*
- 1991 First Gulf War
 East Timor: massacre of unarmed Timorese by Indonesian military in Santa Cruz church
 India: Rajiv Gandhi assassinated by Tamil Tiger militants
 Somalia: President Siad Barre overthrown; civil war ensues
 Ben Okri, *The Famished Road*
 Sara Suleri, *Meatless Days*
 Jean-Marie G. Le Clézio, *Onitsha*
- Stuart Stevens, *Malaria Dreams: An African Adventure*
- Charles Glass, *Tribes with Flags: A Journey Curtailed*
 Rian Malan, *My Traitor's Heart: Blood and Bad Dreams: A South African Explores the Madness in His Country, His Tribe and Himself.*
 Karen Tei Yamashita, *Through the Arc of the Rainforest*
 Radosław Sikorski, *Dust of the Saints: A Journey to Herat in Time of War*
- Jerry Ellis, *Walking the Trail of Tears: One Man's Journey along the Cherokee Trail of Tears*
 P. F. Kluge, *The Edge of Paradise: America in Micronesia*
 Pico Iyer, *The Lady and the Monk: Four Seasons in Kyoto*
 Gavin Young, *In Search of Conrad*

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- 1992 Algeria: Islamic party (FIS) poised to win national elections; huge anti-Islamic demonstrations; elections cancelled; President Boudiaf assassinated; State of Emergency declared
 Somalia: UN-sanctioned intervention to restore order and save victims of famine
 Mozambique: peace treaty signed between President Chissano and South African-backed Renamo forces
 Australia: *Mabo v Queensland*; High Court rejects the notion of terra nullius, recognizes existence of native title
 Mary Louise Pratt, *Imperial Eyes: Travel Writing and Transculturation*
- 1993 Edward Said, *Culture and Imperialism*
 David Malouf, *Remembering Babylon*
- 1994 Genocide in Rwanda
 Abolition of Apartheid in South Africa; Nelson Mandela elected as President
 IRA ceasefire announced:
- Ferdinand Dennis, *Back to Africa*
 Amitav Ghosh, *In an Antique Land*
 Eddy L. Harris, *Native Stranger: A Blackamerican's Journey into the Heart of Africa*
 Doris Lessing, *African Laughter: Four Visits to Zimbabwe*
 Christopher Ondaatje, *The Man-Eater of Punanai*
 Paul Theroux, *Happy Isles of Oceania: Paddling the Pacific*
- William Dalrymple, *City of Djinns: A Year in Delhi*
 Janet Campbell Hale, *Bloodlines: Odyssey of a Native Daughter*
 Eddy L. Harris, *South of Haunted Dreams: A Ride through Slavery's Old Back Yard*
 Ryszard Kapuscinski, *Imperium*
 Daphne Marlatt, *Ghost Works*
 Rehman Rashid, *A Malaysian Journey*
 Dervla Murphy, *The Ukimwi Road*
 Caroline Alexander, *The Way to Xanadu*
 Jean Hatzfeld, *Life Laid Bare: The Survivors in Rwanda Speak*
 Barry Hill, *The Rock*

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| | beginning of peace process in Northern Ireland | Stephen Minta, <i>Aguirre: The Recreation of a Sixteenth-Century Journey across South America</i> |
| | The North American Free Trade Agreement takes effect | |
| | Homi K. Bhabha, <i>The Location of Culture</i> | |
| 1995 | World Trade Organization established | Isabelle Eberhardt, <i>Prisoner of Dunes: Selected Writings</i> |
| | Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization established | Kim Lefèvre, <i>Retour à la saison des pluies</i> |
| | Third Taiwan Straits Crisis | Pankaj Mishra, <i>Butter Chicken in Ludhiana: Travels in Small Town India</i> |
| | Paul Gilroy, <i>The Black Atlantic: Modernity and Double Consciousness</i> | Charles Nicholl, <i>The Creature in the Map: A Journey to El Dorado</i> |
| | | Luis Sepúlveda, <i>Patagonia Express</i>
(English translation 1996) |
| | | Feargal Keane, <i>Season of Blood: A Rwandan Journey</i> |
| | | Tahir Shah, <i>Beyond the Devil's Teeth</i> |
| 1996 | Truth and Reconciliation Commission in South Africa | Justin Cartwright, <i>Not Yet Home: A South African Journey</i> |
| | Afghanistan: Taliban take power | Eva de Carvalho Chipenda, <i>The Visitor: An African Woman's Story of Travel and Discovery</i> |
| | Guatemala: peace pact signed | Doris Pilkington-Garimara, <i>Follow the Rabbit Proof Fence</i> |
| | | Dany Laferrière, <i>Pays sans chapeau (Down Among the Dead Men)</i> |
| 1997 | Britain returns Hong Kong to China | Mark Jenkins, <i>To Timbuktu: A Journey Down the Niger</i> |
| | Australia: The Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission releases "Bringing Them Home," the report into the "Stolen Generations" | Elaine Lee (ed.), <i>Go Girl! The Black Woman's Book of Travel and Adventure</i> |
| | Arundhati Roy, <i>The God of Small Things</i> | Sekai Nzenza-Shand, <i>Songs to an African Sunset</i> |

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- 1998 General Pinochet, former Chilean dictator, arrested in London on human rights charges filed in Spain; British government transfers Pinochet back to Chile; precedent set for indicting those charged with human rights crimes
Indonesia: Suharto dictatorship overturned after thirty-two years
- 1999 UN involvement in Kosovo
Indonesian troops withdraw from East Timor
Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak, *A Critique of Postcolonial Reason: Toward a History of a Vanishing Present*
J. M. Coetzee, *Disgrace*
- 2000 Second Intifada (to 2005)
Ahmadou Kourouma, *Allah Is Not Obligated*
- 2001 “9/11”: terrorist attacks on New York and Washington
US declares “War on Terror”;
- Philip Gourevitch, *We Wish to Inform You That Tomorrow We Will Be Killed with Our Families*
Rory Maclean, *Under the Dragon: Travels in a Betrayed Land*
Wilfred Thesiger, *Among the Mountains: Travels through Asia*
Ariel Dorfman, *Heading South, Looking North: A Bilingual Journey*
Amitav Ghosh, *Dancing in Cambodia and at Large in Burma*
Leila Ahmed, *A Border Passage: From Cairo to America – A Woman’s Journey*
Adrian Giménez Hutton, *La Patagonia de Chatwin*
Leila Marmon Silko, *Gardens of the Dunes*
Gary Younge, *No Place Like Home: A Black Briton’s Journey through the American South*
Peter Chilson, *Riding the Demon Road: On the Road in West Africa*
Caryl Phillips, *The Atlantic Sound*
Jeffrey Tayler, *Facing the Congo: A Modern-Day Journey into the Heart of Darkness*
Michaela Wong, *In the Footsteps of Mr. Kurtz: Living on the Brink of Disaster in Mobutu’s Congo*
Pico Iyer, *The Global Soul: Jet Lag, Shopping Malls, and the Search for Home*