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Queers Across Borders

Whether for travel, migration, empire, exploration, or war, crossing national borders has been an influential part of the queer experience for the past two centuries. The SNMA has over 200 books that consider LGBTQ life beyond the framework of the nation state, covering themes such as tourism, colonialism, and globalization. Dating from the early twentieth century to the present, these books are travelogues, travel writing collections, journalistic accounts, novels, cultural criticism, memoirs, academic monographs, erotica, and mysteries.

Maria Aitken, *Women Adventurers: Travelers, Explorers, and Seekers* (New York: Dorset Press, 2001 [1987]).

A study of women who broke ground with their extensive travels and explorations.

Jesse Archer, *You Can Run: Gay, Glam, and Gritty Travels in South America* (New York: Harrington Park Press, 2007).

A memoir of a gay American journeying across South America.

W. H. Auden and Christopher Isherwood, *Journey to a War* (New York: Paragon House, 1990 [1939]).

A travel book in prose and poetry about a trip to China as well as observations of the Sino-Japanese War.

Bruce Benderson, *The Romanian: Story of an Obsession* (New York: Jeremy P. Tarcher, 2006 [2004]).

An autobiographical text about an American writer's sexual escapades across Romania and Hungary.

Lucy Jane Bledsoe, *The Ice Cave: A Woman's Adventures from the Mojave to the Antarctic* (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2006).

A memoir of travel across environments of wilderness.

Will Carr, *Crossing Borders* (San Francisco: GLB Publishers, 2007).

A memoir of a gay man's sexual awakening during his travels across the Mediterranean in the 1950s.

Stephen Clift, Michael Luongo, and Carry Callister, eds., *Gay Tourism: Culture, Identity, Sex* (London: Continuum, 2002).

An interdisciplinary academic study of the rise of gay tourism.

Hans Ebensten, *Volleyball with the Cuna Indians: And Other Gay Travel Adventures* (New York: Viking, 1993).

Autobiographical stories of travel from a gay tourism pioneer.

- Jean Genet, *Prisoner of Love* (New York: New York Review Books, 2003 [1986]).
A memoir of the writer's encounters with Palestinian freedom fighters and the Black Panthers.
- André Gide, *Amyntas* (New York: Ecco Press, 1988 [1906]).
Journals of the author's time living in Tunis and Algiers.
- Allen Ginsberg, *Indian Journals: March 1962-May 1963* (San Francisco: City Light Books, 1970).
A diary of the poet's journeys in India.
- Keith Hale, *In the Land of Alexander: Gay Travels, with History and Politics, in Hungary, Yugoslavia, Turkey, and Greece* (Boston: Alyson Publications, 1990).
A gay novelist's travelogue of his adventures in southeastern Europe.
- Gillian Kendall, ed., *Something to Declare: Good Lesbian Travel Writing* (Madison: Terrace Books, 2009).
A collection of impressionistic literary essays on travel.
- Martin F. Manalansan, *Global Divas: Filipino Gay Men in the Diaspora* (Durham: Duke University Press, 2003).
An academic study of the transnational gay identities of Filipino immigrants in New York City.
- Frédéric Martel, *Global Gay: How Gay Culture is Changing the World* (Cambridge: MIT Press, 2018).
A study of the globalization of gay American culture.
- Joseph A. Massad, *Desiring Arabs* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2007).
An academic study of the Western construction of Arab sexuality.
- Jan Morris, *Contact!: A Book of Encounters* (New York: W. W. Norton & Company, 2009).
A memoir of the people the writer encountered across her travels.
- Eileen Myles, *The Importance of Being Iceland: Travel Essays in Art* (Los Angeles: Semiotext(e), 2009).
A book of cultural criticism loosely on the subject of travel.
- Makeda Silvera, *Her Head A Village* (Vancouver: Press Gang Publishers, 1994).
Stories depicting the experiences of Caribbean women in Canada and on the islands.
- Barbara Sjöholm, *Incognito Street: How Travel Made Me a Writer* (Emeryville, CA: Seal Press, 2006).
A memoir of a young American lesbian's travels across Europe in the 1970s.
- Simone Thorne, ed., *Tales of Travelrotica for Lesbians* (New York: Alyson Books, 2006).

A collection of erotic travel adventures.

Kerri Walsh, ed., *The Letters of Sylvia Beach* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2010).

An edited collection of letters that chronicle journeys and correspondence across Europe.

Meredith L. Weiss and Michael J. Bosia, eds., *Global Homophobia: States, Movements, and the Politics of Oppression* (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2013).

A study of homophobia across borders.

Barbara Wilson, *Death of a Much-Travelled Woman* (Chicago: Third Side Press, 1998).

A collection of mystery stories about an international lesbian sleuth.