

SriLankaInStyle

Reading Matter

Sri Lanka is one of the most diverse places on the planet - biologically, culturally and geographically. It would take a lifetime to truly appreciate this diversity in full. Here is an initial selection of some of the books we have found to be the most illuminating on our journey to a deeper understanding of this fascinating island, which Marco Polo, and many others since, have described as the most beautiful in the world. We will be updating the following selection of recommended titles throughout the year.

Architecture/Photography/Art

Tropical Houses
by Tim Street Porter

The 43 Group
by Neville Weeraratne

Geoffrey Bawa
by Brian Brace Taylor

Costumes of Sri Lanka
by K.D.G.Wimalartne

British Period Architecture in Sri Lanka
by Lakshman Alwis

Cuisine

Exotic Tastes of Sri Lanka
by Suharshini Seneviratne

Food of Sri Lanka: Authentic Recipes from the Island of Gems
by Douglas Bullis

Leith's Indian and Sri Lankan Cookery
by Priya Wickramasinghe

Biographies/Autobiographies

Geoffrey Bawa
by David Robson

An Invisible Spectator
by Christopher Sawyer-Laucanno

Woolf in Ceylon: An Imperial Journey in the Shadow of Leonard Woolf, 1904-1911
by Christopher Ondaatje

The Rifle and Hound in Ceylon
by Sir Samuel W. Baker

Great Days: Memoirs of a Ceylon Government Medical Officer of 1918
by P. R. C. Peterson

The View from Serendip
by Arthur C. Clarke

The Reefs of Taprobane
by Arthur C. Clarke

The Man-Eater of Punanai: A Journey of Discovery to the Jungles of Old Ceylon
by Christopher Ondaatje

Images of Sri Lanka through American Eyes
by H. A. I. Goonetilleke

Fiction

Funny Boy
by Shyam Selvadurai

Reef
by Romesh Gunasekera

The Fountains of Paradise
by Arthur C. Clarke

The Jam Fruit Tree
by Carl Muller

Heavens Edge
by Romesh Gunasekera

The English Patient
by Michael Ondaatje

The Hamilton Case
by Michelle De Kretser

Spit and Polish
by Carl Muller

Running in the Family
by Michael Ondaatje

Desire and Other Stories
by Anne Ranasinghe

The Pleasures of conquest
by Yasmine Gooneratne

Once Upon a Tender Time
by Carl Muller

Cinnamon Gardens
by Shyam Selvadurai

Guide Books

Sri Lanka Lonely Planet Guide
by Lonely Planet

Luxe Sri Lanka
by Luxe City Guides

Geoffrey Bawa
by Brian Brace Taylor

Footprint Guide to Sri Lanka
by Edward Aves

British Period Architecture in Sri Lanka
by Lakshman Alwis

History

A History of Sri Lanka
by K.M. de Silva

The Most Dangerous Moment
by Michael Tomlinson

Nobodies to Somebodies: The Rise of the Colonial Bourgeoisie in Sri Lanka
by Kumari Jayawardena

Illustrations and Views of Dutch Ceylon, 1602-1796
by Sir Samuel W. Baker

An Historical Relation of the Island Ceylon
by Robert Knox

Only Man is Vile

The Sandglass by Romesh Gunasekera
Monkfish Moon by Romesh Gunasekera
The Village in the Jungle by Leonard Woolf
Elephant Walk by Robert Standish
Yakada Yaka by Carl Muller
Anils Ghost by Michael Ondaatje
Colombo by Carl Muller
At the Waters Edge by Pradeep Jeganathan
Murder in the Pettah by Jeanne Cambrai
Grass for my feet by Jinadasa Vijaya-Tunga
July by Karen Roberts
All is Burning by Jean Arasanayagam
In the Garden Secretly by Jean Arasanayagam
Trussed by Shiromi Pinto
When memory Dies by A Sivanandan
Buy Now Swimming in the Monsoon Sea by Shyam Selvadurai

Poetry
Elephant and Ice by Rienzi W. G Crusz
China Bay Blues by Afdhel Aziz
Modern Sri Lankan Poetry: An Anthology by Sri Satguru Publications

by William McGowan
The Dutch Forts of Sri Lanka by W.A. Nelson

Lifestyle
Living in Sri Lanka by Turtle Bunbury / James Fennell
Asian Elements by Jane Edwards / Andrew Wood
Sri Lanka Style: Tropical Design and Architecture by Dominic Sansoni
Costumes of Sri Lanka by Tim Street Porterl
The Book of Tea by Alain Stella

Maps
Insight Map Sri Lanka by American Map Corporation
The Rough Guide to Sri Lanka Map by Rough Guides

Wild Life
Snakes and Other Reptiles of Sri Lanka by Indraneil Das/ Ansem de Silva
The Rough Guide to Sri Lanka Map by Rough Guides