



# Adventure Authors

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# Fiction

## **Abrahams, Peter**

### *Last of the Dixie Heroes*

An extraordinary tale about the fate of men and women when they are no longer in step with the rhythms of the modern world, marching back into Southern history to make things right.

## **Allende, Isabel**

### *Zorro*

Don Diego's father is a former military man turned aristocratic landowner; his mother, a Shoshone warrior. Between California and Barcelona, the New World and Old, a great hero is born: Zorro!

## **Andersen, Kurt**

### *Heyday*

A brilliantly imagined, wildly entertaining tale of America's coming of age in the middle of the nineteenth century. A time when America itself was still being dreamed up.

## **Anderson, K.J.**

### *Captain Nemo: The Fantastic History of a Dark Genius*

A fantastic journey having the premise that Andre (Captain) Nemo was not a fictitious person but a living friend of the author, Jules Verne. Both run away to sea as boys, but Verne is brought back and gets the caning of his life from his father.

## **Barr, Nevada**

### *A Superior Death*

Park Ranger Anna Pigeon leaves Texas for a new post off the coast of Michigan and finds a grisly underwater murder.

**Berger, Thomas***The Return of Little Big Man*

After faking his death for legal reasons, Jack Crabb, the white orphan raised among the Cheyenne Indians, picks up again the story of his most extraordinary life. Bat Masterson, Annie Oakley, Doc Holiday, Buffalo Bill Cody, Queen Victoria and the Prince of Wales all make an appearance.

**Blankenship, William***The Leavenworth Irregulars*

They call themselves the “First Leavenworth Combat and Confiscation Team, Irregular.” Their target: the \$600,000 cash portion of the army payroll from Fort Riley, Kansas.

**Brown, Dale***An Act of War*

Corporate oil is being attacked by terrorists, and Agent Jason Richter is called in, along with his top secret high-tech military unit code-named TALON, to respond. Richter believes in only one strategy: find, pursue, engage and kill your opponents.

**Brown, Dale***Battle Born*

Veteran US Air Force Brigadier General Patrick McLanahan is back and must bring a selected group of Type-A personalities up to speed as a cohesive combat team. Their mission is to stop World War III from beginning on the Korean Peninsula -- if he can get them to stop fighting each other.

**Brown, Dale***Edge of Battle*

An elite American unit known as task force TALON continues to battle a Russian terrorist group known as the Consortium along the U.S. border with Mexico.

**Caleb Carr***The Italian Secretary: A Further Adventure of Sherlock Holmes*

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson are called in by a government agent and Holmes' brother, Mycroft, to investigate murder at Holyrood House, Her Majesty's residence in Edinburgh.

**Case, John***Ghost Dancer*

Terrorists using the scientific secrets of the famed Nikolai Tesla develop a harmonic resonance weapon to cripple the U.S. An American businessman attempts to foil the plot.

**Clancy, Tom***Debt of Honor*

Jack Ryan, former CIA analyst, is called out of retirement to serve as a new U.S. President's National Security advisor. When America's newest enemy readies to strike, Ryan and other CIA officers prepare a response.

**Clancy, Tom***Teeth of the Tiger*

When a terrorist leader and a drug lord form a dangerous alliance, FBI agent Dominic Caruso, his Marine captain brother, Brian, and their cousin Jack Ryan, Jr., encounter unexpected dangers.

**Clancy, Tom***Without Remorse*

Clancy aficionados will recognize John Kelly, aka Mr. Clark, former Navy SEAL and Vietnam veteran. Kelly finds himself with two missions and two wars, and time is running out in this exceptional blend of realism and authenticity that are hallmarks of the Tom Clancy style.

**Cleage, Pearl**

*I Wish I Had a Red Dress*

African-American middle-aged women in Michigan take it “real slow” in the adventure of love.

**Connery, Tom**

*Honour Redeemed: A Markham of the Marines Novel*

Lieutenant George Markham of her Majesty’s Royal Marines is on a suicide mission battling the nefarious French on the island of Corsica.

**Cornwell, Bernard**

*Sharpe’s Triumph*

Part of the Richard Sharpe series, which relates the exploits of the brave English soldier and the combat he experiences on battlefields in the time of Napoleon.

**Coyle, Harold**

*Savage Wilderness*

Just before the American Revolution, the French and English were locked in battle over the great territories of the Ohio Valley. From 1754 to 1759 the fighting was almost constant, and in the end only one side could prevail.

**Crichton, Michael**

*Eaters of the Dead*

A fictionalized account of one Ibn Fadlan and his experiences traveling with the Northmen in A.D. 922.

**Crichton, Michael**

*Terminal Man*

A violent paranoid killer has his brain connected to a computer with terrifying results.

**Cussler, Clive***Atlantis Found*

Only one man stands between the Earth and Armageddon: Dirk Pitt. In this novel Dirk is engaged in his most dramatic ever adventure in the exotic location of Atlantis as he races to save both his life and civilization from a diabolical enemy unlike he has ever known.

**Cussler, Clive***Treasure of Khan*

The combined treasures of Genghis and Kublai Khan are being used by a modern-day Mongol to restore national power and pride. He is opposed by a team of American heroes. The oil industry, Russia, and Mongolia also make appearances.

**Cussler, Clive***Trojan Odyssey*

A female Druidic cult aims for world domination via the weather; Dirk Pitt and his sidekick Al Giordino stand in their way.

**Cussler, Clive***Valhalla Rising*

Dirk Pitt is at it again, finding himself confronted by monsters both human and mechanical, modern and ancient; though as many lives are lost as saved, it is Pitt's own life that will be changed forever.

**Dahlquist, Gordon***The Glass Books of the Dream Eaters*

Evildoers capture erotic memories and personal will in blue crystals. A large cast of characters includes poetry-quoting assassins.

**Darton, John***Neanderthal*

In a world dominated by humans, the Neanderthals are about to change the face of civilization forever. Matt Mattison and Susan Arnot, former lovers and now academic rivals, are dispatched to find a lost and extraordinary expedition in northern Asia, looking for this species linked to the origins of humankind.

**Dumas, Alexander***Twenty Years After*

A true adventure! D'Artagnan brings his three friends out of retirement to save France and the young French king Louis XIV. Lock and load!

**Dunnett, Dorothy***Race of Scorpions*

A rich understanding of the complex interplay of power politics, business rivalry, and private emotion; Dorothy gives us a peerless re-creation of the turbulent world of fifteenth-century Europe.

**Forester, C.S.***The African Queen*

An asthmatic steam launch carries a timid Cockney and a maidenly English missionary to the adventure of their lives on a river in Central Africa.

**Forester, C.S.***The Horatio Hornblower Series:*

*Mr. Midshipman Hornblower*

*Lieutenant Hornblower*

*Commodore Hornblower*

*Lord Hornblower*

Some of the grandest adventure stories ever told of that last thrilling period of naval sailing ships, the Napoleonic era, when England's navy was the envy of the world.

**Forsyth, Frederick***The Odessa File*

“Organisation der ehemaligen SS-Angehorigen”; in English this means: Organization of Former Members of the SS. Forsyth brings to life a story based on fact about an organization that exists to hide these people, integrate them into new lives, and infiltrate some into the politics of the Federal Republic created by the Allies in 1949.

**Gaiman, Neal***Anansi Boys*

A man's father is the African trickster god Anansi in human form; his brother has inherited some magical traits. Trouble, witches, and police follow humorously as the first son tries to return things to normal.

**Golding, William***Lord of the Flies*

A planeload of English schoolboys goes down in the surf near a tropical island. The survivors lack any adult supervision and regress to tribalism and barbarism. A chilling tale of the collapse of societal norms when individuals from a comfortable material environment confront a primitive one.

**Greene, Graham***Travels with My Aunt*

Graham Greene can always be counted on to entertain the reader, and the adventures with people he encounters with his mother's sister are no exception.

**Griesemer, John***No One Thinks of Greenland*

The Korean War, an obscure military hospital, casualties, polar bears, a newspaper, and army misfit Rudy Spruance as the base information officer combine for real adventure.

**Hagberg, David**

*Allah's Scorpion*

The CIA foils a Bin Laden attempt to attack the west coast of the United States.

**Harrigan, Stephen**

*The Gates of the Alamo*

Well done, factually based fictional account of this element of the Texas revolution, including new ideas about the siege.

**Herman, Richard**

*The Trojan Sea*

Intrigue, politics, deception, murder, and the bloody manipulation of world events for the sake of pure profit, by an author on par with Tom Clancy. It even boasts having the first female U.S. President in the story,

**Hesse, Hermann**

*Siddhartha*

A wealthy Indian Brahmin casts off a life a privilege and comfort to seek spiritual fulfillment and wisdom. True knowledge is guided from within.

**Jefferson, Roland S.**

*Damaged Goods*

A convict serving time makes a deal to pull a big job with the help of his old crew.

**King, Stephen**

*Wizard and Glass*

Stephen King returns to his Dark Tower series; Roland, the last gunslinger, and his band of followers find themselves in a world of extraordinary circumstances, a beautiful quixotic woman, and other unforgettable characters.

**Letts, Billie**

*The Honk and Holler Opening Soon*

A Vietnam veteran and other characters examine their lives at the hometown diner.

**Llywelyn, Morgan**

*1916*

The Irish Easter uprising of 1916, in the streets of Dublin against the backdrop of World War I; the novel examines the Irish fight for freedom which parallels in so many ways America's own bid for independence.

**Martel, Yann**

*Life of Pi*

A young Indian boy finds himself on a raft at sea with several animals, including a 450-pound tiger. After a time, all the animals except the tiger are eaten, and he must use all his knowledge of zookeeping and animal behavior to survive the 227 days until rescue.

**McLarty, Ron**

*The Memory of Running*

When Smithson "Smitty" Ide, an overweight, friendless, chain-smoking, 43 year old drunk's parents and sister suddenly die, he rolls out on his old Raleigh bicycle into an epic journey that takes him clear across the United States.

**Pressfield, Steven**

*Gates of Fire*

The gory recounting of the battle of Thermopylae -- glory for the Spartans and the Thebans, sweat and effort in close combat. The Persians win the battle but lose the war.

## **Maugham, W. Somerset**

### *The Complete Short Stories*

Somerset Maugham belongs to another time, when the English Empire was still identifiable to the world. His portraits of the English, both home and abroad, are precise and cutting. They evoke this particular period but are also timeless, giving Maugham his deserved reputation as an acute observer of the human condition.

## **Niffenegger, Audrey**

### *The Time Traveler's Wife*

A librarian is forced to travel through time whenever his body wills it. He rather comes to enjoy some of it and falls in love with a girl he meets in different years. This is an extraordinary concept, and there is happiness along with sorrow.

## **Orwell, George**

### *Burmese Days*

The author of *1984* and *Animal Farm* was a policeman for five years; he served with the Indian Imperial Police and was shipped off to Burma. This is a story of the fairly ordinary people he experienced whose behavior doomed the British Empire.

## **Orczy, Emmuska**

### *The Scarlet Pimpernel*

Paris, France in 1792 -- the guillotine is being kept busy at its ghastly work, the bluebloods are paying for France's desire for liberty and fraternity. A secret society of English aristocrats is engaged in the rescue of their French counterparts from the blade of the guillotine.

## **Palmer, Catherine**

### *A Kiss of Adventure*

Tilly Thornton is in Africa, desperate and on the run from Tuaregs; from out of nowhere comes a daring adventurer

named Graeme McLeod, and together they embark on a quest to thwart Tillie's kidnappers.

**Poyer, David**

*As the Wolf Loves Winter*

In Pennsylvania there are haunted hills, wolves, frozen mangled bodies in the woods, a hunter, a doctor, and a 12-year-old who knows and does magic. The Allegheny Forest keeps a terrible secret.

**Poyer, David**

*Black Storm*

Operation Signal Mirror pits a Marine recon team against Saddam Hussein's threat to turn Israel into a "creamatorium." The team leader is captured and tortured; the remnants of the team reach their objective but may possibly unleash a horror more terrifying than they ever could have imagined.

**Poyer, David**

*China Sea*

Sixth in a series of modern nautical fiction, protagonist Daniel Lenson gets ominous orders to head to the South China Sea to operate against modern day pirates.

**Preston, Douglas**

*The Cabinet of Curiosities*

Museum archeologist Nora Kelly and FBI agent Pendergrast are on the trail of a 130-year unknown serial killer. Their investigation takes them from a mass grave under a Chinatown brownstone to a house of abomination on Riverside Drive.

**Preston, Douglas***Dance of Death*

Two brothers: one a top FBI agent, the other a brilliant twisted criminal. An undying hatred between them and now, the perfect crime and the ultimate challenge: stop me if you can.

**Riley, Matthew***Seven Deadly Wonders*

The capstone of the great pyramid at Giza can generate absolute power for the next 1000 years to whomever places it on the pyramid during the next Tartarus rotation, due in the coming year. The nations of the world band together to send an eight-person international team on a global adventure to find the missing capstone and get the job done.

**Roberts, Nora***The Three Fates*

One passenger who survives the sinking of the Lusitania becomes a changed man and gives up his life as a thief, but his last theft comes back to plague several families in an unforgettable tale of luck, love, and fateful decisions.

**Smith, Wilbur***The Quest*

The fourth book in the series, the Quest picks up where *Warlock* left off. The Pharaoh sends soldiers of fortune Taita and his sidekick Col. Meren Cambyses on a quest to eliminate plagues in Egypt by contending with both natural and supernatural creatures. Find fantasy, history, and mythology woven throughout this work.

**Smith, Wilbur***River God: A Novel of Ancient Egypt*

The Grand Vizier's daughter loves Tanus, local hunk and young warrior, but her father is ambitious and hopes to

convince her to marry the Pharaoh Moamose. Will true love prevail?

**Stephenson, Neal**

*The Confusion*

Adventures at sea with amiable criminal mastermind Jack Shaftoe and Eliza, the Countess de la Zeur, courageous secret agent and former prisoner of a Turkish Harem.

**Stone, Robert**

*Damascus Gate*

American expatriate Christopher Lucas stumbles upon a plot to destroy the Temple on the Mount in Jerusalem; Sufi convert and nightclub singer Sonia Barnes is a second American who becomes unwittingly entangled in the bombing plan. Drawn from actual incidents in recent Mideast headlines.

**Swift, Jonathan**

*Gulliver's Travels*

A marvelous adventure to the fantastic places of Swift's imagination. A first-rate satire. You may see yourself among the populations of one of Swift's locales.

**Thompson, Hunter S.**

*Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas and Other Stories*

Hunter and friends find high jinks on the road out west.

**Toole, John Kennedy**

*A Confederacy of Dunces*

An underground classic. Follow Ignatius J. Reilly as he looks for a job for the first time in his life at age 30 in uptown New Orleans in the 1960s. It's groovy, man!

**Uris, Leon***The Haj*

This extraordinary narrative opens windows to the world of Islam and Arabs, the British, and the Israelis; Uris believes that we must understand each other if we are to share this planet.

**Verne, Jules***Paris in the Twentieth Century*

Written in 1863 but not discovered for 100 years, Verne's vision of the capital city of his nation 100 years in the future is astounding for its accuracy.

**Westlake, Donald***The Road to Ruin*

John Dortmunder, unlucky crook and unflagging leader of a wayward and infamous gang of thieves, hatches another plot to work for one of the most crooked men in the world for the sole purpose of robbing him blind while posing as servants at the man's estate.

**White, Robin***The Ice Curtin*

From the author who brought you *Siberian Nights* comes a new tale of murder, deceit, and diamonds set in Russia's far north.

**Whitlow, Robert***The List*

Fresh law graduate Renny Jacobson inherits the contents of a safe deposit box and an interest in a company called the Covenant List of South Carolina, Inc. There is power in the list, and members wish to show him how to use it for his own good, but the force is unimaginable evil.

# Non-Fiction

## **Ambrose, Stephen**

### *Undaunted Courage*

Follow the Lewis and Clark expedition from coast to coast 1804-1806. Stephen Ambrose is a world-famous Wisconsin author and historian. The journey of Lewis and Clark across the Great Plains, over rivers and mountains to the Pacific, undertaken at such an early time in the country's history was surely phenomenal.

**917.8042 A496**

## **Bradley, James**

### *Flags of our Fathers*

The son of James Bradley, the Navy corpsman who helped to raise the flag on the island of Iwo Jima, writes the stories of those six brave men and their journey to lasting fame.

**940.5426 N811**

## **Callahan, Steve**

### *Adrift: Seventy-Six Days Lost at Sea*

The amazing story of the only person known to have survived more than a month alone at sea in an inflatable raft.

**910.4 C156**

## **Castaneda, Carlos**

### *The Art of Dreaming*

Castaneda's sorcerer Don Juan explains how to discover the world of the spirit through the power of dreams. Go on an amazing journey.

**135.3 C346**

**Clark, Thurston***Equator*

In 1984 Thurston Clark set out on a 25,000-mile grueling trek to circle the globe at the equator; it took him three years and is a remarkable account of his extraordinary adventures.

**910.4 C611**

**Cussler, Clive***The Sea Hunters: True Adventures with Famous Shipwrecks*

The author explores the world of undersea adventure that inspires his series of Dirk Pitt novels.

**910.4 C986**

**Henderson, Charles***Jungle Rules*

A true story of Marine justice in Vietnam written by a 23-year veteran of the Corps. *Jungle Rules* refer to the reality of response to danger in a combat zone as opposed to how a Marine may have been trained to respond.

**959.7043 H496**

**Heyerdahl, Thor***The Tigris Expedition*

Heyerdahl and the crew make a historical journey using reed boats as did the ancient Egyptians.

**910.4 H615t**

**Hillenbrand, Laura***Seabiscuit: An American Legend*

The "Hoss with the Most" in 1930's American horse racing, Seabiscuit broke every record and embodied the underdog myth for a nation recovering from dire economic straits. This racehorse captured the imagination of the world during the depths of the great Depression.

**798.4 H651**

**Housman, Laurence**

*Arabian Nights: Stories told by Scheherazade*

The classic Arabian folklore and fairy tales; Genji, flying carpets, magic spells, and swordplay!

**398.2 H842**

**Ketwig, John**

*And a Hard Rain Fell*

A compelling and true account of John Ketwig's experience as an American PFC in the Vietnam war. The story of his war experience begins in September 1967.

**959.704 K43**

**Kingsley, Mary**

*Travels in West Africa*

Ms. Kingsley fought off crocodiles with a paddle, hit a leopard on the head with a pot, and wrote with equal charm about beetles and burial customs. When she died, the British buried her at sea with full military honors. A fully engaging author.

**916.6 K55**

**Krakauer, Jon**

*Into The Wild*

Christopher Johnson McCandless walks alone into the wilderness north of Mount McKinley. He had given away all his money and earthly goods, choosing to vanish from everyone and everything familiar.

**92 M1225k**

**Kurson, Robert**

*Shadow Divers*

In 1991 two American divers find the wreck of a German submarine off the east coast. The wreck is dark and mysterious and filled with the bones of the doomed German sailors in this true adventure story.

**940.5451 K96**

**Lansing, Alfred**

*Endurance*

An account of British polar explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton's epic adventure to the South Atlantic and the first crossing of the Antarctic continent.

**919.89 L295**

**Moon, William Least Heat**

*Blue Highways*

A professor gets divorced and decides to convert his van into a traveling living space, visiting the states that make up the nation's borders.

**917.3 H437**

**LeMoine, Ray**

*Babylon by Bus*

The true story of two friends who give up their jobs in America for employment by U.S. companies in Iraq. A personal narrative of their experiences.

**986.70443 L555**

**Lindbergh, Charles A.**

*The Spirit of St. Louis*

An account of perhaps the most famous air journey ever made. Full of incidents from Lindbergh's career; more than the tale of a great adventure, it's a portrait of the adventurer.

**629.17 L74**

**Markham, Beryl**

*West with the Night*

Markham recounts her adventures as an African bush pilot in the 1930s and of a life lived well.

**92 M345a**

**Mason, Robert**

*Chickenhawk*

The true story of a helicopter pilot in the Vietnam War.

**959.704 M411**

**Matthiessen, Peter**

*The Snow Leopard*

A moving spiritual quest and a mountain adventure that celebrates the beauty of the Himalayan country and the transcendence concealed in simple day-to-day survival.

**915.946 M443**

**McCabe, Ed**

*Against Gravity*

A 48-year-old man races a custom Mercedes across the Sahara Desert from Paris to Dakar in “the world’s most dangerous race.”

**796.72 M121**

**O’Nan, Stewart**

*The Circus Fire: A True Story*

In 1944 the big top tent of the Ringling Brothers Circus caught fire with thousands of people inside. It’s true, and it happened in Hartford, Connecticut.

**974.6 058**

**Orlean, Susan**

*The Bullfighter Checks Her Makeup: My Encounters with Extraordinary People*

Twenty essays and profiles of ordinary and extraordinary encounters with unique New Yorkers.

**920 O71**

**Polo, Marco**

*The Travels of Marco Polo Vol.1*

Voyages and travels of Marco Polo into the heart of Asia. This was undertaken when travel was arduous at best, during the latter part of the 13<sup>th</sup> and early 14<sup>th</sup> centuries. It was a remarkable achievement and a great brave act.

**915 P778 V1**

**Roberts, Randy**

*A Line in the Sand: The Alamo in Blood and Memory*

The author looks at the battle to confirm a sense of historical interpretation of sacrifice and the resulting mythmaking to promote several given political perspectives. The Alamo remains a contentious site.

**976.4 R646**

**Rutan, Dick**

*Voyager*

A man and woman's six-year dream of Voyager, the first plane in history to circumnavigate the globe non-stop without refueling. Recounts the designing, building, and triumphant nine-day flight.

**910.41 Y37**

**Ryan, Terry**

*The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio: How My Mother Raised 10 Kids on 25 Words or Less.*

An Irish mom makes money to supplement the family income by creating winning product jingles and slogans, in spite of an abusive spouse.

**92 R989**

**Sajer, Guy**

*Soldat Oublie (The Forgotten Soldier)*

The true story of the son of French/German parents who joins the Wehrmacht and survives three years of war on the Eastern Front.

**940.542 S158f**

**Stanton, Doug**

*In Harm's Way: The Sinking of the USS Indianapolis and the Extraordinary Story of its Survivors*

The Indianapolis delivers an atomic bomb to the island of Tinian. Under radio silence for its top secret voyage, it is torpedoed and sunk in shark-infested waters. A harrowing tale of survival at sea.

**940.545973 S792**

**Stapinski, Helene**

*Five Finger Discount: A Crooked Family History*

A vivid account of a working class family in Jersey City, NJ. A chatty and often engaging memoir.

**364.1092 S793**

**Steinbeck, John**

*Travels with Charley; In Search of America*

John Steinbeck and his dog go wandering in America.

**917.3 S817**

**Thomas, Lowell**

*Lowell Thomas' Book of the High Mountains*

Lowell Thomas was a renowned American global traveler, veteran newscaster, and the author of more than 40 books. This is his book on earth's most forbidding summits.

**910 T458b**

**Twain, Mark***Letters from the Earth*

Mark Twain writes in the guise of Satan reporting to the archangels Gabriel and Michael about the curious inhabitants of the planet Earth. It's a hoot!

**817 C625le****Twain, Mark***Roughing It*

Mark Twain knocking around the American West during the years of the Civil War. A book full of the most outrageous characters and events; really an anti-adventure book, but no less indispensable.

**817 C625r****Wolff, Tobias***This Boy's Life*

The first of a series of several semi-autobiographical stories by Tobias Wolff. Others include *In Pharaoh's Army* and *Old School*.

**92 W857**



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