TANZANIA READING LIST

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GUIDEBOOKS, MAPS, AND PHRASEBOOKS

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Richard Estes
The Safari Companion
1999, PAPER, 459 PAGES

A critically-acclaimed, must-have guide to over 80 species of mammals in Africa, their behavior, and tips on how best to observe them. Many travelers find this book well worth its weight and size on their safaris.

Bunny McBride, Duane Schlitter, Richard Estes, Peter Alden
National Audubon Society Field Guide to African Wildlife
1995, PAPER, 988 PAGES

This comprehensive guide, including nearly 600 color photos, covers 850 birds, mammals, and reptiles of Africa. With range maps and a country-by-country overview of habitats and parks, this is an indispensable book for your safari.

Charles Foley
A Field Guide to the Larger Mammals of Tanzania
2014, PAPER, 320 PAGES

This field guide covers more than 135 species of land and marine mammals of Tanzania, with tips on where to see each species, color photos and maps. Includes information on ecology, identification, and behavior. Also contains species checklists for every national park.

Nelles
Tanzania Map
2009, MAP

A double-sided map including Rwanda and Burundi. Highlights places of interest, national parks, beaches, and lodges/camps. Insets for Arusha, Zanzibar, and Dar es Salaam.

Lonely Planet Swahili Phrasebook & Dictionary
2014, PAPER, 260 PAGES

A pocket phrasebook, dictionary, and language. This color guide includes common local phrases, pronunciation guides, as well as travel-essential vocabulary for food-ordering, culture, and animal names.

Chris McIntyre, Philip Briggs
Bradt Safari Guide Northern Tanzania
2013, PAPER, 430 PAGES

A compact, practical overview of the wildlife, camps and lodges, and other points of interest in the Serengeti and surrounding regions, including Zanzibar, Kilimanjaro, and Ngorongoro.

Terry Stevenson, John Fanshawe
Birds of East Africa
2006, PAPER, 602 PAGES

Compact and comprehensive, this guide to 1,388 species of birds in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi features 287 color plates as well as distribution maps, and notes on habitats and conservation.
**MEMOIRS AND FICTION**

**Beryl Markham**

*West with the Night*
2013, PAPER, 294 PAGES

Markham brings to life the landscapes, people, and wildlife of East Africa in this classic memoir of amazing adventures as a bush pilot in 1930s Kenya. A favorite of Ernest Hemingway along with countless other readers since its publication.

**Peter Matthiessen**

*The Tree Where Man Was Born*
2010, PAPER, 368 PAGES

A classic portrait of East Africa, enthralling in its detail on nature and daily life. Includes accounts of the Maasai Mara, Ngorongoro, the Kenyan highlands, and Matthiessen’s field trips, safaris, and adventures in the Serengeti. Introduction by Jane Goodall.

**Tepilit Ole Saitoti**

*The Worlds of a Maasai Warrior*
1988, PAPER, 144 PAGES

Bridging several worlds with tremendous grace, Saitoti looks back on his life among the Maasai, both as a spokesperson for his tribe and as one of the first Maasai safari guides.

**David Read**

*Barefoot over the Serengeti*
2000, PAPER, 268 PAGES

A true story, this account shows the traditional life of the Maasai through the eyes of a young English boy in the 1920s who lived alongside them in what is now the Serengeti National Park.

**Myles Turner**

*My Serengeti Years: The Memoirs of an African Games Warden*
1987, PAPER, 221 PAGES

The true account of the deputy chief game warden in Serengeti National Park for over a decade, this narrative goes into detail of the daily struggles protecting the Serengeti and its thriving population of wildlife from poachers and other threats.

**Shiva Naipaul**

*North of South: An African Journey*
1997, PAPER, 352 PAGES

A vividly narrated series of encounters in Tanzania and other East African countries in the 1970s. In this travelogue laced with commentary, Naipaul presents a candid and stark account of the people and overall culture of post-colonial Africa.

**Ernest Hemingway**

*Green Hills of Africa*
2016, PAPER, 304 PAGES

Hemingway evokes the primal spirit present across the plains of Africa in this big game hunting travelogue. The shifting landscape of Tanzania is a central character in this challenging work by a legendary author.
CHILDREN’S SELECTIONS

Nelson Mandela

Nelson Mandela’s Favorite African Folktales
2007, PAPER, 144 PAGES

All ages will find something to enjoy in this collection of stories from all around the continent. Each story was selected by Nelson Mandela and transcribed by expert folklorists, poets, and authors.

Jocelyn Murray

Africa (Cultural Atlas for Young People)
2007, HARDCOVER, 96 PAGES

More than a collection of maps, this atlas shows how the geography and history of Africa affected and influenced the cultures of a myriad of civilizations.

Muriel Feelings (Author) and Tom Feelings (Illustrations)

Jambo Means Hello: Swahili Alphabet Book
1992, PAPER, 56 PAGES

A children’s introduction to Swahili, this book also includes insights into rural African culture through its distinctive artwork.