

Much of the enjoyment of travel is in the planning and preparation. Arriving at your destination with some background on the country and its people can make your visit much more rewarding. Faculty leader **William Durham** has compiled this reading list to give you an overview of the places we'll be visiting.

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COMPLIMENTARY

Stanford Alumni Travel/Study will send you as a map and a copy of the following book, selected by Professor Durham, as part of your pre-departure materials.

Stewart, Paul D. *Galapagos, The Islands That Changed the World*. Yale University Press, 2007. Stewart and co-authors, associated with the BBC natural history unit, present the natural and human history of the islands in this wide-ranging, beautifully illustrated book, the companion to the BBC series. (PAPER, 240 Pp.)

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

These five books are highly recommended by Professor Durham and are available as a set for \$93 including shipping, 15% off the retail price (Item EXGPS51). Any books ordered in addition to this set will be shipped free of charge.

Jackson, Michael. *Galapagos, A Natural History*. University of Calgary Press, 1995. Written with the curious visitor in mind, this comprehensive overview of the natural history of the islands is practically mandatory reading. It's the single best introduction to the archipelago, its geology and climate, habitats, plants, birds, animals, ecology and evolution. (PAPER, 316 Pp., \$29.95, Item GPS03)

Beebe, William. *Galapagos, World's End*. Dover Publications, 1988. A wry, wonderfully evocative account of a 1924 scientific expedition, including an excellent chapter on the human history of the Galapagos. (PAPER, 442 Pp., \$18.95, Item GPS01)

Darwin, Charles. *Voyage of the Beagle*. Modern Library, 2002. The wide-eyed tale of a young man on a five-year voyage that changed his life -- and our way of thinking about the world. First published in 1839, it's still a marvelous introduction to the wildlife, nature and allure of South America. (PAPER, 468 Pp., \$12.95, Item GPS02)

Horwell, David, and Pete Oxford. *Galapagos Wildlife, A Visitor's Guide*. Bradt Publications, 2005. A compact guide to birds, reptiles, insects, plants and marine life, featuring a very good selection of large color photographs. Separate chapters cover visitor sites, history, conservation and habitats. (PAPER, 140 Pp., \$21.95, Item GPS38)

Larson, Edward J. *Evolution's Workshop, God and Science on the Galapagos Islands*. Perseus, 2002. A vivid history of the Galapagos and the role of the islands as a crucible of evolutionary ideas, written by a Pulitzer Prize winner. Along with Darwin, it covers the discovery of the islands, the visits of Hancock and Beebe, the influence of the United States during WWII and the establishment of the national park. (PAPER, 320 Pp., \$16.95, Item GPS50)

BY YOUR STUDY LEADER

Durham, William H. *Coevolution, Genes, Culture, and Human Diversity*. Stanford University Press, 1992. Durham proposes a powerful new theory of cultural evolution. His idea that the descent with modification of the shared conceptual systems we call "cultures" is parallel in many ways to Darwin's original theory. (PAPER, 656 Pp., \$40.95, Item SCI227)

MAPS & GUIDEBOOKS

Boyce, Barry. *A Traveler's Guide to the Galapagos Islands*. Hunter Publishing, 2004. A terrific guide, especially for anyone in the early stages of planning a trip to the archipelago. Boyce provides a practical introduction to the islands and their attractions, along with a succinct, 80-page overview of evolution, natural history and wildlife. (PAPER, 293 Pp., \$18.99, Item GPS17)

Constant, Pierre. *Odyssey Guide Galapagos Islands*. Odyssey Publications, 2006. Subtitled "A Natural History Guide," this compact book is an illustrated overview of the islands – and especially the wildlife – with 70 sketch maps, 180 color photographs and island-by-island descriptions. (PAPER, 315 Pp., \$24.95, Item GPS20)

Insight Guides. *Insight Guide Ecuador and Galapagos*. Insight Guides, 2007. This compact, illustrated guide introduces the natural history, politics, culture and nature of Ecuador with style. With essays on customs, arts and crafts of Ecuador by Lynn Meisch and Galapagos photographs by Tui de Roy. (PAPER, 371 Pp., \$22.95, Item EDR01)

HISTORY, CULTURE & LITERATURE

Hickman, John (Editor). *Galapagos, Through Writer's Eyes*. Sickle Moon, 2009. This enticing anthology includes contributions by Herman Melville, Charles Darwin and Robert Louis Stephenson. (PAPER, 232 Pp., \$33.95, Item GPS89)

Melville, Herman, and Margaret Drabble (Introduction). *The Enchanted Isles*. Trafalgar Square, 2002. These ten sketches portray the islands, which Melville visited during his whaling days, as a bleak, wonderfully strange place. (PAPER, 99 Pp., \$13.95, Item GPS61)

Michaux, Henri, and Robin Magowan (Translator). *Ecuador, A Travel Journal*. Northwestern, 2001. A brief, querulous and entirely wonderful account of travels with the poet Gangotena, strong on color and personality and thin on travel practicalities. First published in 1929. (PAPER, 144 Pp., \$17.95, Item EDR16)

Miller, Tom. *The Panama Hat Trail*. National Geographic, 2001. An entertaining and insightful social history of Ecuador – as told through its hat-making history. It's a classic example of travel writing, and one of the best things written on Ecuador. (PAPER, 288 Pp., \$14, Item EDR15)

Quarrington, Paul. *The Boy on the Back of the Turtle: Seeking God, Quince Marmalade, and the Fabled Albatross on Darwin's Islands*. Douglas & McIntyre, 2003. Quarrington's entertaining account of a Galapagos voyage in the company of his seven-year-old daughter and seventy-year-old father. (PAPER, 247 Pp., \$14.95, Item GPS65)

Vonnegut, Kurt. *Galapagos, A Novel*. Dell, 1986. Vonnegut looks back from the future on the "nature cruise of the century" in this savagely funny novel, no doubt inspired by a visit to the islands. (PAPER, 283 Pp., \$14, Item GPS10)

Woram, John. *Charles Darwin Slept Here*. 2005. John Woram recounts with verve and humor the human history of the archipelago, featuring a colorful cast of buccaneers, scientists and adventurers. With archival drawings, maps and extensive notes. (PAPER, 441 Pp., \$27.95, Item GPS71)

NATURAL HISTORY & PHOTOGRAPHY

De Roy, Tui, and Mark Jones. *Galapagos, Wild Portraits*. 2006. The roving team of Tui and Mark Jones assembled this irresistible compendium of colorful sea lions, blue-footed boobies, sally lightfoot crabs, marine iguanas, whales and other creatures of the Galapagos. (HARD COVER, 111 Pp., \$39.95, Item GPS77)

De Roy, Tui. *Galapagos, Islands Born of Fire*. 2007. The 10th anniversary edition of author, naturalist, photographer and friend Tui de Roy's original stunning celebration of the landscapes, wildlife and habitats of the archipelago, organized as a series of ten artful photo essays. Raised in the Galapagos with a camera in hand, Tui knows the islands and their history just about as well as anyone. (HARD COVER, 168 Pp., \$65, Item GPS28)

Grant, Peter R., and Jonathan Weiner (Introduction). *Ecology and Evolution of Darwin's Finches*. Princeton University Press, 1999. A scholarly, readable account by Peter

Grant, who has devoted his life's work to the evolution and ecology of these curious Galapagos birds. (PAPER, 492 Pp., \$41, Item GPS44)

Green, Jonathan R. *Galapagos: Ocean, Earth, Wind & Fire*. 2002. A handsome portfolio of color photographs by naturalist-guide, diver and photographer Jonathan Green, including an extensive chapter on underwater life. (HARD COVER, 183 Pp., \$49.95, Item GPS72)

Kricher, J.C. *Galapagos, A Natural History*. Princeton University Press, 2006. A lively, compact natural history of the islands and their role in evolutionary thought. It's a wide-ranging overview that features chapters on human history, geology, setting, Darwin, tortoises, reptiles, birds, and sea creatures. (PAPER, 221 Pp., \$19.95, Item GPS57)

Weiner, Jonathan. *The Beak of the Finch, A Story of Evolution in Our Time*. Alfred Knopf, 1995. This Pulitzer Prize-winning work is an accessible look at the modern debate on the mode and rhythm of evolution, using the story of Peter and Rosemary Grant and their field work on Daphne Major as an example. (PAPER, 332 Pp., \$15.95, Item GPS08)

FIELD GUIDES

Constant, Pierre. *Marine Life of the Galapagos*. Odyssey Publications, 2006. Subtitled "A Diver's Guide to the Fishes, Whales, Dolphins and Other Marine Animals," this compact Odyssey Guide features 288 color photographs of fish and invertebrates, maps, plans and dive information. (PAPER, 307 Pp., \$24.95, Item GPS56)

Fitter, Daniel, Julian Fitter, and David Hosking (Photographer). *Wildlife of the Galapagos*. Princeton University Press, 2002. A compact guide to Galapagos nature and wildlife, featuring 400 color photographs, as well as an overview of the history, climate, evolution and geology of the islands, and helpful full color visitor site maps. It includes not only birds and well-known reptiles, but also a sampling of the plants, invertebrates and coastal and marine life. (PAPER, 254 Pp., \$19.95, Item GPS47)

Greenfield, Paul, and Robert Ridgely. *Birds of Ecuador, A Field Guide*. Cornell University Press, 2001. A comprehensive, gorgeous and exhaustively researched field guide to the birds of Ecuador (and adjacent countries), featuring 96 color plates. It's also the best bird guide for travelers in the Peruvian Amazon. (PAPER, 740 Pp., \$55, Item EDR08)

Hickman, Cleveland P. *A Field Guide to Sea Stars and Other Echinoderms of the Galapagos*. Sea Challengers, 1998. A spiral-bound field guide to sea stars, urchins and sea cucumbers of Galapagos. (PAPER, 83 Pp., \$18.95, Item GPS31)

- Humann, Paul. *Reef Identification, Galapagos*. New World Publications, 2003. A comprehensive, sturdy photographic guide. (FLEXI-BOUND, 200 Pp., \$39.95, Item DIV04)
- McMullen, Conley, and Ghilleen Prance (Introduction). *Flowering Plants of the Galapagos*. Cornell University Press, 1999. Indispensable for the botanically minded, this excellent guide features color photographs of 436 species, an overview of ecology and habitats, and a plant checklist for each visitor site. (PAPER, 370 Pp., \$31.5, Item GPS40)
- Pearson, David, and Les Beletsky (Editor). *Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands, Travellers' Wildlife Guides*. Interlink Publishing Group, 2004. An excellent guide to Ecuador's wildlife, featuring concise descriptions and color illustrations of 500 frequently encountered reptiles and amphibians, birds, mammals and insects. The Galapagos Islands get a separate chapter and section of illustrations. (PAPER, 485 Pp., \$27.95, Item GPS34)
- Pocket Naturalist. *Galapagos Wildlife*. Waterford Press, 2001. A fold-up, laminated card with color drawings and short descriptions. (PLASTIC CARD, \$5.95, Item GPS51)
- Pons, Alain. *Galapagos Safari Companion*. Continental Sales, 2007. A colorful illustrated guide to wildlife, photographic opportunities and travel. There are beautiful photographs on every page, each accompanied by a caption with photography tips for travellers looking to get the most out of their cameras. (PAPER, 80 Pp., \$14.95, Item GPS80)
- Stills, Robert, and Andy Swash. *Birds, Mammals and Reptiles of the Galapagos Islands*. Yale University Press, 2006. This strikingly compact, comprehensive field guide features 500 color photographs, distribution maps and information on status, habitat and behavior. (FLEXI-BOUND, 168 Pp., \$27, Item GPS49)

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