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Destination Lectures Reference Library

THAILAND

- “Living Thai Ways” by Michael Keller – Insights into Thai ways of living.
- “Thai Meditations” by James Alexander -- An introduction to Buddhism and mindfulness
- “The Outsider’s Guide to Thailand” by Oliver Benjamin -- A collection of insightful and humorous essays and photographs
- “Bangkok Haunts” by John Burdett – A series of murder mysteries set in Bangkok

HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

- “Saigon” by Anthony Grey – One of the most memorable love stories of our time
- “The Fall of Saigon” by David Butler – Scenes from the sudden end of a long war
- “Saigon From the Antique’s Postcard” – postcards of Saigon dating back from the late 19th and early 20th centuries
- “Born to Shop” by Suzy Gershman – includes shopping hints for Hong Kong, Hanoi, Canton, Macau, Shanghai, Beijing and Ho Chi Minh City

DA NANG, VIETNAM

- “Lepers & Lunacy” by Kenneth J. Herrmann, Jr – a unique and fascinating account of a war veteran who returned to Vietnam
- “Naked in Da Nang” by Mike Jackson & Tara Dixon-Engel – a Vietnam memoir that truly touches your heart...and makes you laugh out loud
- “When Heaven and Earth Changed Places” by Le Ly Hayslip – Her account is a part of the Vietnamese conflict that we seldom hear

HA LONG BAY & HANOI, VIETNAM

- “Vietnam: A Traveler’s Literary Companion” Edited by John Balaban & Nguyen Qui Duc – short stories which resonate with life in modern Viet Nam
- “Vietnam: Journeys of Body, Mind, and Spirit by Nguyen Van Huy – takes the reader on an informed and engaging journey into the social and ritual life of contemporary Vietnam

- “Night Again” Edited by Linh Dinh – Another book of short stories, praised for its documentary importance and literary brilliance

HONG KONG

- “A Modern History of Hong Kong” by Steve Tsang -- a fascinating story of East meeting West which addresses the changing relations between the local Chinese and expatriate communities and the emergence of a local identity
- “Hong Kong, China’s New Colony” by Stephen Vines -- an incredibly absorbing story of personal tales and small anecdotes of Hong Kong changing hands
- “We Shall Suffer There” by Tony Banham – the first work that documents the experiences of Hong Kong’s prisoners of war and civilian internees from their capture by the Japanese in December 1941 to liberation, rescue, and repatriation

TAIWAN

- “Taipei in a Day” by Scott B. Freiburger – is the most comprehensive, up-to-date tour guide to thoroughly enjoy Taipei and its vicinities
- “Rose, Rose, I Love You” by Wang Chen-Ho translated by Howard Goldblatt -- a hilarious, sardonic and ultimately deeply tragic look at the underbelly of Taiwanese society with its sleaze, corruption and degradation of women

JAPAN

- “The Last Samurai” by Mark Ravina – a look at an idealistic and passionate man who also happened to be a samurai; a book for history buffs
- “Hiroshima” by John Hersey published in the New Yorker Magazine – an article which was based on interviews with atomic bomb survivors and tells their experiences the morning of the blast and for the next few days and weeks
- “Burnt Shadows” by Kamila Shamsie – a riveting family saga in which the very concept 'family' is ambitiously and imaginatively examined
- “Never Let Me Go” by Kazuo Ishiguro – the Author is one of the most celebrated contemporary fiction authors in the English-speaking world, having received four Man Booker Prize nominations

SHANGHAI, CHINA

- “Life and Death in Shanghai” by Nien Cheng – This widely acclaimed book recounts in compelling specifics Cheng’s persecution and imprisonment at the hands of Mao Zedong's "Cultural Revolution"
- “Empire of the Sun” by J. G. Ballard – A good read which offers the reader insight into the Shanghai of that period
- “Planet Shanghai” by Justin Guariglia – an insiders tour of traditional Shanghai where the locals go about their business in their pajamas.

KOREA

- “The Seoul Book of Everything” by Tim Lehnert – an insider's take on what makes the city tick with discussions on everything from top books and cultural treasures to Korean food and the city's most beautiful mountains
- “A Single Shard” by Linda Sue Park – This book has a surprising ability to make the reader care about something as obscure as 12th century Korean pottery
- “When My Name Was Keoko” by Linda Sue Park – depicts the struggles of a Korean family named Kim as Japanese repression became harsher

BEIJING, CHINA

- “The Beijing Consensus” by Stefan Halper -- This is a good read which summarizes how non-confrontational strategies are changing the world order.
- “The Search for a Vanishing Beijing” by M.A. Aldrich -- an indispensable companion for all thoughtful visitors to China's capital
- “Snow Flower and the Secret Fan” by Lisa See – Not only is it a good read, but it is a window into the customs of Chinese women in that place and time.