

## Press Release



# The Best American Travel Writing 2001

Edited by Paul Theroux  
and Jason Wilson

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## Introduction

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Entering its second year as a best-selling addition to Houghton Mifflin's Best American series, *The Best American Travel Writing 2001* features the most compelling travel pieces published in the year 2000, taking readers on an amazing journey to many different corners of the globe.

In his role as guest editor, the novelist and travel writer extraordinaire Paul Theroux has selected pieces about "the spell in the wilderness, the letter home from foreign parts, the dangerous adventure, the sentimental journey, the exposé, the shocking revelation, the eyewitness report, the ordeal, the quest . . . Travel is an attitude, a state of mind," he writes in the introduction.

This year's contributors include Salman Rushdie, Russell Banks, Janet Malcolm, Ian Frazier, Edward Said, Gretel Ehrlich, Susan Orlean, Philip Caputo, Pico Iyer, Susan Minot, and Simon Winchester, Among others. Readers will visit Kenya, Thailand, Uganda, Greenland, Iran, India, China, and the Andes, places they may never otherwise reach. Ranging across myriad landscapes, *The Best American Travel Writing 2001* truly showcases the diversity and creative power of travel writing today.

## About the Editors

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**Paul Theroux**'s travel books include *The Happy Isles of Oceania*, *Riding the Iron Rooster*, *The Kingdom by the Sea*, *The Old Patagonian Express*, *The Great Railway Bazaar*, and *Fresh Air Fiend*. Theroux is also the acclaimed author of many novels; his most recent is *Hotel Honolulu*.

Series editor **Jason Wilson** is a prolific travel writer whose work has appeared in *Condé Nast Traveler*, *Hemispheres*, the *Washington Post*, *Travel & Leisure*, and the *New York Times*. His writing has earned him three Lowell Thomas Travel Journalism Awards, among other honors.

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