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### Iceland: Landscapes of Fire & Ice

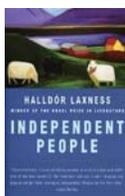
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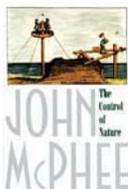
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Lacy, Terry G. *Ring of Seasons, Iceland, Its Culture and History*. University of Michigan Press, 1998. A longtime resident of Reykjavik, Lacy weaves tales of family life, anecdote, lore and history into this illuminating personal portrait of Iceland. (PAPER, 332 Pp., \$27.95, **Item ICL03**)



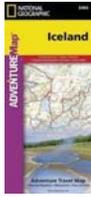
Laxness, Halldor. *Independent People, An Epic*. Vintage Books, 1997. Rich in local color, this great mock-epic by the Icelandic Nobel Prize-winner features the indelible Bjartur of Summerhouses, a hard-headed, independent-minded sheep farmer. (PAPER, 480 Pp., \$17.00, **Item ICL01**)



McPhee, John. *The Control of Nature*. Noonday Press, 1989. In the classic McPhee tradition, these sparkling essays explore our generally feeble attempts to combat all-powerful nature, including valiant efforts by Icelanders to control the flow of a volcano across the harbor at Heimaey in the Westman Islands. (PAPER, 272 Pp., \$16.00, **Item NAT01**) \*Note from Prof. Savina: “‘Part 2 – Cooling the Lava’ is about Iceland and the (ultimately successful) attempts to prevent lava flowing on Heimaey in 1973 from completely blocking the island. We visit Heimaey, the largest of the Westman Islands [on July 12<sup>th</sup>].”\*

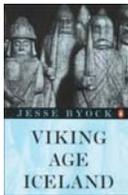


Swaney, Deanna. *Lonely Planet Iceland*. Lonely Planet Publications, 2015. This concise guide to Iceland includes short essays on history, culture and attractions and plenty of practical travel information. (PAPER, 384 Pp., \$27.99, **Item ICL06**)



National Geographic. *Iceland Adventure Map*. National Geographic Maps, 2011. A detailed map at a scale of 1:465,000, printed on handy tear- and water-resistant paper. (MAP, Pp., \$11.95, **Item ICL05**)

## HISTORY & CULTURE



Byock, Jesse. *Viking Age Iceland*. Penguin Putnam, 2001. In this scholarly study, Byock challenges the conventional view of Norse society in Iceland. He describes the life, economy and culture of Medieval Iceland -- including its autonomy from kings and warlords back home. (PAPER, 432 Pp., \$18.00, **Item ICL15**) \*Note from Prof. Savina: "...strongly recommended by Bill North in the History Department and covers the archaeology, specific to Iceland."\*

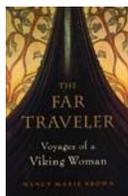


Karlsson, Gunnar. *The History of Iceland*. University of Minnesota Press, 2000. A history of Iceland from the Viking-era through colonization, independence and the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Karlsson draws on the sagas and rich literature of Iceland in presenting this comprehensive history. (PAPER, 418 Pp., \$25.50, **Item ICL17**)

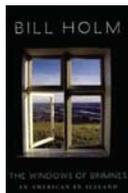


Oslund, Karen. *Iceland Imagined*. University of Washington Press, 2013. This cultural and environmental history explores the geography, literature, language, culture, politics and symbolism of Iceland, Greenland, northern Norway and the Faroe Islands. (PAPER, 260 Pp., \$24.95, **Item ICL57**) \*Note from Prof. Savina: "Based on her Ph.D. work, this environmental history traces how Icelanders and foreigners have viewed Iceland and the rest of the North Atlantic from about the 16<sup>th</sup> century until the present. Her case studies include the Laki eruptions of 1783 and their aftermath, the introduction of reindeer in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, and the current battles over whaling."\*

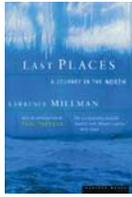
## TRAVEL, BIOGRAPHY & M E M O I R



Brown, Nancy Marie. *The Far Traveler, Voyages of a Viking Woman*. Harcourt Books, 2008. Brown's intriguing account of the life of the young Viking woman Gudrid sheds light on early Norse settlements in Iceland, Newfoundland and beyond. It's an archaeological mystery, a history of ancient seamanship and a biography all rolled into one. (PAPER, 320 Pp., \$16.95, **Item VIK26**)



Holm, Bill. *The Windows of Brimnes, An American in Iceland*. Milkweed Editions, 2008. In these provocative essays, Minnesotan Bill Holm writes about the fate of America from his fisherman's cottage on the shore of a creek in northern Iceland. (PAPER, 216 Pp., \$15.00, **Item ICL63**) \*Note from Prof. Savina: "[relevant to] Skajafjörður and Hofsó (home of the Icelandic Emigration Museum which we will visit on July 18<sup>th</sup>)."\*



Millman, Lawrence, and Paul Theroux (Introduction). *Last Places, A Journey in the North*. Lightning Source, 2000. Millman explores the culture and history of the Faroes, Iceland and Greenland in this hilarious account of his travels in the wake of the ancient Vikings. (PAPER, 242 Pp., \$15.95, **Item ARC54**)



Moss, Sarah. *Names for the Sea, Strangers in Iceland*. Counterpoint, 2013. A stranger in a strange land, British novelist Sarah Moss captures the spirit of Iceland in this tale of a year in the Reykjavik with her husband and two children. (PAPER, 358 Pp., \$17.95, **Item ICL61**)

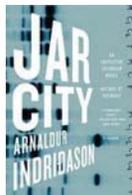


Roberts, David, and Jon Krakauer (Photographer). *Iceland, Land of the Sagas*. Villarde, 1998. Krakauer and colleague Roberts hike and climb around Iceland in this classic travel narrative, reissued as a paperback and featuring Krakauer's color photographs. The book interweaves the natural and cultural history of the island with the authors' own adventures. (PAPER, 160 Pp., \$28.00, **Item ICL07**)

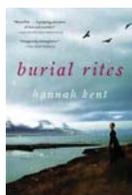


Solnit, Rebecca. *The Faraway Nearby*. Penguin Putnam, 2014. Solnit brings us to the Icelandic arctic as she struggles with her mother's disintegrating memory. In an inspired blend of memoir and essay, she explores identity, empathy, connection and the making of self. (PAPER, 272 Pp., \$17.00, **Item ICL62**)

## LITERATURE



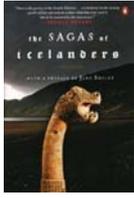
Indridason, Arnaldur. *Jar City*. Picador USA, 2006. Indridason's first moody police procedural finds Reykjavik detective Erlendur Sveinsson investigating the brutal murder of a lonely pensioner and the man's connection to the deaths of a number of young women. Made into a darkly superb film. (PAPER, 288 Pp., \$17.00, **Item ICL27**)



Kent, Hannah. *Burial Rites*. Back Bay Books, 2014. Setting her story against Iceland's stark landscape, Kent reimagines the final days of a young woman who was accused of murder in Iceland in 1829. (PAPER, 311 Pp., \$15.00, **Item ICL70**)



Ólafsdóttir, Auður Ava, and Brian Fitzgibbon (Translator). *Butterflies in November*. Grove Press, 2014. Scorned by love, a quirky, unapologetically independent 33-year-old woman takes a spontaneous trip along Iceland's Ring Road, her best friend's 4-year-old deaf-mute son in tow. Evocative of the Icelandic spirit. (PAPER, 296 Pp., \$15.00, **Item ICL74**)



Smiley, Jane (Editor), and Robert Kellog (Introduction). *The Sagas of Icelanders*. Viking, 2001. Nine sagas and six tales composed between the years 1000 and 1500, including an account of Leif Eriksson's voyage to North America, all newly translated. (PAPER, 848 Pp., \$27.00, **Item ICL13**)

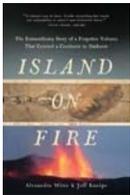
## NATURAL HISTORY & FIELD GUIDES



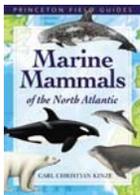
Gundmundsson, Ari Trausti (Contributor), and Feodor Pitcairn (Photographer). *Primordial Landscapes, Iceland Revealed*. powerHouse Books, 2015. Presented here in gorgeous, oversized photos is the extraordinary landscape of Iceland. Award-winning photographer Pitcairn captures volcanoes building textured landscapes, glaciers melting into thunderous waterfalls and many of Iceland's other unique geological forces. (HARD COVER, 256 Pp., \$70.00, **Item ICL77**)



Hoskuldsson, Armann, and Thor Thordarson. *Iceland*. International Specialized Book Services, 2014. This geologic companion to Iceland covers rifting of the crust, volcanic eruptions and glacial and other geologic activity in detail. (PAPER, 272 Pp., \$49.50, **Item ICL56**) \*Note from Prof. Savina: "I will be carrying a copy and so, most likely, will our Icelandic guide. I can help anyone who buys a copy with the technical terms."\*



Kanipe, Jeff, and Alexandra Witze. *Island on Fire: The Extraordinary Story of a Forgotten Volcano That Changed the World*. W. W. Norton & Company, 2015. Two science writers discuss the political and natural ramifications of the 1783 eruption of Iceland's largest volcano, Laki, which led to global death, famine and even revolution. Great for the geologically minded but accessible to all with an interest in volcanoes. (PAPER, 224 Pp., \$16.95, **Item ICL73**)



Kinze, Carl Christian. *Marine Mammals of the North Atlantic*. Princeton University Press, 2003. A guide to the marine mammals of the North Atlantic featuring 250 color illustrations. (PAPER, 192 Pp., \$31.95, **Item FG60**)

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