

## SPAIN & PORTUGAL

### Reading List

#### GENERAL BACKGROUND

***Eyewitness Travel Guide Portugal with Madeira & the Azores***, Eyewitness Guides.

A compact, visual travel guide to the country featuring hundreds of photographs and drawings, an excellent overview of the culture and history of Portugal, and good information about where to go and what to do. With many excellent regional, local and neighborhood maps.

***A Traveler's History of Portugal***, Robertson, Ian.

A lively, admirably concise survey from prehistory to the present. The author has also written the Blue Guides to both Portugal and Spain.

***Eyewitness Guide to Madrid*** (Dorling Kindersley).

***The Regions of Spain: A Reference Guide to History and Culture***, Kern, Robert. Greenwood Press.

***Basque History of the World***, Kurlansky, Mark. Penguin.

An American writer's study of life in the Basque Country, from the origins of the Basque people to their search for an identity in modern Europe.

***The New Spaniards***, Hooper, John. Penguin.

Fascinating and readable chronicle of the making of modern Spain by British journalist Hooper, who was a foreign correspondent in Madrid during the key years of the transition.

***South from Granada***, Brenan, Gerald . Kodansha. The British author's account of life in a Spanish pueblo in the 1920s is still a classic and an inspiration for thousands who have moved to Spain.

***Franco***, Preston, Paul.

A comprehensive biography of Spain's 20th-century dictator.

***Madrid***, Nash, Elizabeth.

An informative, entertaining and joyfully written account of the city.

#### HISTORY

***Homage to Catalonia***, Orwell, George. Harvest Books.

Orwell's poignant account of his involvement in the Spanish Civil War.

***Malaga Burning***, Woolsey, Gamel. Pythia Press.

Originally published as "Death's Other Kingdom", an American woman's eyewitness account of the opening days of the Spanish Civil War.

**Spain: A History**, edited by Carr, Raymond. Oxford University Press.  
A sweeping overview of Spanish history from prehistoric days to modern times.

**A Concise History of Portugal**, Birmingham, David. Cambridge.

## FOOD AND WINE

**The Food and Wine of Spain**, Casas, Penelope. Random House.  
A compendium of great recipes collected by an American food writer who lived in Spain many years.

**Traditional Spanish Cooking**, Mendel, Janet.  
From Andalusia to the Basque Country, American Janet Mendel reveals the flavors of Spain's regional cuisines.

**Wines of Spain**, Read, Jan.  
Authoritative review of modern wine making in Spain.

## SPANISH CULTURE

**Spain: A Literary Companion**, Burns, Jimmy.  
A comprehensive anthology of Spain and its writers.

**Spain, The Root and the Flower**, Crow, John A. University of California Press.  
A very well written, readable account of Spanish cultural history from prehistory to the days of the Romans, Jews, Moors, and Golden Age -- and on to Franco and his legacy in modern Spain. Essential reading for anyone who wants to understand the country and its people.

**A Basic Guide to the Prado**, Buendía, J. Rogelio. A nice introduction to the museum's collection.

**El Prado**, Sancho, José Luis.  
This book about the Prado Museum has been translated into several languages and regularly updated.

**Driving Over Lemons**, Stewart, Chris. Knopf.  
Personal account of settling on a remote farm in Andalusia, funny and touching at the same time.

**Death in the Afternoon**, Hemingway, Ernest.  
Though frowned upon by purist aficionados, Hemingway's explanation of the bullfight is still the most readable book in English on the subject.

## NOVELS

**Roads to Santiago: A Modern Day Pilgrimage Through Spain**, Nooteboom, Cees. Harcourt Press.

**Don Quixote de La Mancha**, Saavedra, Miguel de Cervantes.

**The Olive Field**, Bates, Ralph. The Hogarth Press, London.

**The Nautical Chart**, Perez-Reverte, Arturo. Harcourt Press.

**The City of Marvels**, Mendoza, Eduardo. Harcourt Brace Jovanovich.

**The Hive** by Camilo Jose Cela. Noonday Press. Note: One of several novels by Spain's 1989 Nobel Prize Winner

**The History of the Siege of Lisbon**, Jose Saramago.

**Spain: A History in Art**. Bradley and Smith.

Try pegging that long, complex history to remarkable works of art in fine reproductions. This lavishly illustrated volume repays hours of browsing.

**Iberian Villages**. Carver, Norman F.

Remarkable black and white photographs; informed text.

**The Fifth Column** by Ernest Hemingway.

Hemingway set this play and his short story *The Capital of the World* in Madrid.

**As I Walked Out One Midsummer Morning**, Lee, Laurie.

A charming reminiscence of a young man's walk through Spain in 1934 -- before Franco.

**Iberia**, Michener, James.

A lively account of this best selling author's love affair with Spain.

Useful background, much illumination of that well known "Spanish Character."

**Spain**, Morris, Jan.

An easily read, attractive picture of the art, architecture and temperament of Spain.

**Homage to Catalonia**, Orwell, George.

From trench warfare to partisan politics, Orwell makes Civil War Spain come alive.

**The Spanish Temper**, Prichett, V. S.

An interesting book by a skilled and observant Englishman.

**The Spanish Civil War**. Thomas, Hugh.

There is now an abridged edition of this classic work. Well worth your attention.

**Spain, the Gentle Anarchy**, Wells, B.

The book is as informative as the title implies.

## ART & ARCHITECTURE

**Art and Architecture of Spain** by Javier Arce, Xavier Barral i Altet

**The Arts in Spain (World of Art)** by John F. Moffitt

***Building in a New Spain: Contemporary Spanish Architecture***

by Pauline Saliga, Martha Thorn

***Spanish Contemporary Architecture: The Eighties***

by Xavier Guell, Rykwer

***Arquitectura española contemporánea, 1975/1990 Spanish contemporary architecture, 1975/1990***

by Richard C Levene

***From El Greco to Goya : Painting in Spain 1561-1828 (Perspectives)*** by Janis Tomlinson

***Gaudí : The Man and His Work***

by Joan Bergós, Marc Llimargas