Sri Lanka Reading List

Highly Recommended

- *Insight Guide Sri Lanka*
  This guidebook has beautiful pictures, brief descriptions of major destinations, and most importantly, a good historical and cultural introduction to Sri Lanka

  (to be released in March 2011)

Recommended

- Romesh Gunesekera, *Reef*
  A short novel that reveals much about the culture of Sri Lanka in recent times.

- Michael Ondaatje, *Running in the Family*
  This memoir about his native country is written by the Canadian author of *The English Patient*.

- Shyam Selvadurai, *Funny Boy*
  A short novel about the coming of age of a young boy who struggles with his homosexual identity.

- Walpola Rahula, *What the Buddha Taught*
  A good introduction to Buddhism.

- K. M. de Silva, *A History of Sri Lanka*
  A detailed history from antiquity to modern times by the leading academic historian in Sri Lanka.