

Suggested Reading List for Morocco

Books

In Morocco (*Edith Wharton*)

In Morocco' is Edith Wharton's classic account of her journey to Morocco in the final days of World War I. From Rabat and Fez to Moulay Idriss and Marrakech, Wharton explored the country and its people as research for this book.

The Caliphs House (*Tahir Shah*)

Writer and film-maker Tahir Shah - in his 30s, married, with two small children - was beginning to wilt under British city life. Flying in the face of friends' advice, he longed to fulfill his dream of finding a place bursting with life, colour, history and romance - somewhere far removed from London. Childhood memories of holidaying with his parents, led him to Morocco and to a long-abandoned residence on the edge of Casablanca's shanty town that, rumour had it, once belonged to the city's Caliph. And so the story begins.

The Spiders House (*Paul Bowles*)

Fez, 1954, an American ex-pat Stenham reluctantly accepts a guide for his night-time walk home through the streets of the Medina. A nationalist uprising is transforming the country, much to the annoyance of Stenham, who enjoys the trappings of the old city. His path soon crosses with the young, illiterate son of a healer, another outsider to the newly politicised life of Morocco, in this brutally honest novel of life in the midst of terrorism, violence and the ugly opportunism that accompanies both.

A Year in Marrakech (*Peter Mayne*)

This brilliantly entertaining, insightful classic account of Marrakech captures the rhythm and spirit of life in the alleyways of the Medina in the 1950's.

Living in Morocco (*Lisl Dennis <Photographer> & Landt Dennis*)

Glorious photos bring colorful interiors, distinct architecture and traditional folk art to life in this celebration of Moroccan style and culture.

Marrakesh, through Writers' Eyes (*Barnaby Rogerson*)

A choice collection of travel writing on the Red City by 40 luminaries, including George Orwell, Winston Churchill, Gavin Maxwell and Peter Mayne.

Films

Casablanca (1942)

Set in unoccupied Africa during the early days of World War II: An American expatriate meets a former lover, with unforeseen complications.

****About Morocco but not filmed in Morocco*

Lawrence of Arabia (1962)

Epic rumination on a flamboyant and controversial British military figure and his conflicted loyalties during wartime service.

****Filmed in Morocco but not about Morocco*

Hideous Kinky (1999)

Hideous Kinky is the story of two sisters traveling with their hippie mother from London to Morocco. They encounter many adventures, new experiences, and interesting culture as they tag along on their mother's search for freedom and love. It is told through the eyes of the youngest girl.

And Now Ladies and Gentleman (2002)

Valentin is a criminal mastermind, but his exploits don't prove much in the way of satisfaction. Thus, he sets out on a one-man sailing trip around the world in a last attempt at finding meaning in his life. Meanwhile, in Morocco, a burned-out jazz singer named Jane is trying to forget a fizzled love affair.

Sahara by Michael Palin, BBC Mini series (2002)

In this four part BBC television series presented by British comedian and travel presenter Michael Palin. In it, Palin traveled around the Sahara Desert in Northern and Western Africa in four episodes.

Websites

<https://www.tourisme.gov.ma/en>

<https://www.visitmorocco.com/en>

<http://www.muchmorocco.com/>