The thing about Prague / Rachel Weiss
This is the story of a freewheeling Aussie girl who gives up her life in Sydney to return to Prague, her ancestral home, intending to live there for the rest of her life. In fact, she lasted there for three years before visa restrictions and disillusionment caused her to leave the country. Even though she is at times exasperated by the petty bureaucracy and customs of a country that values beer and potatoes above everything else, and even though she is frustrated by her attempts to master a very difficult language (only spoken by 10 million people), her efforts to engage both socially and romantically with the locals are wonderfully funny. Social embarrassment and mortification rub shoulders with the kind of bureaucratic absurdity that inspired Kafka in former times.

On the noodle road / Jen Lin-Liu
Feasting her way through an Italian honeymoon, Jen Lin-Liu was struck by culinary echoes of the delicacies she ate and cooked back in China, where she'd lived for more than a decade. Who really invented the noodle, she wondered, like many before her. With her new husband's blessing, she set out along the ancient trading route of the Silk Road to discover the connections, both historical and personal, eating a path through western China and on into Central Asia, Iran, Turkey, and across the Mediterranean. Her fascinating journey takes Lin-Liu into the private kitchens where the headscarves come off and women not only knead and simmer but also confess and confide. The thin rounds of dough stuffed with meat that are dumplings in Beijing evolve into mantı in Turkey their tiny size the measure of a bride's worth and end as tortellini in Italy. And as she stirs and tastes, listening to the women talk about their lives and longings, Lin-Liu gains a new appreciation of her own marriage, learning to savour the sweetness of love freely chosen.

The Tao of travel / Paul Theroux
A collection of writings from Paul Theroux's fifty years of travel. Included are writings from other travelers such as Charles Dickens, Eudora Welty, Anton Chekhov, Ernest Hemingway and many others. Part philosophical guide, part miscellany, part reminiscence, The Tao of Travel enumerates “The Contents of Some Travellers’ Bags” and exposes ‘Writers Who Wrote About Places They Never Visited’; it tracks extreme journeys in ‘Travel as an Ordeal’ and highlights some of ‘Travellers’ Favourite Places’. Excerpts from the best of Theroux’s own work are interspersed with selections from travellers both familiar and unexpected.

Sideways on a scooter : life and love in India / Miranda Kennedy
When twentysomething reporter Miranda Kennedy leaves her New York job and travels to India with no employment prospects, she longs to immerse herself in the turmoil and excitement of a rapidly developing country. What she quickly learns in Delhi about renting an apartment as a single woman—it's next to impossible—and the proper way for women in India to ride scooters—perched sideways—are early signs that life here is less Westernized than she'd counted on. Living in Delhi for more than five years, Kennedy experiences friendships, love affairs, and losses that open a window onto the opaque world of Indian politics and culture—and alter her own attitudes about everything. In her effort to understand the hopes and dreams that motivate her new friends, Kennedy peels back India's globalized image as a land of call centers and fast-food chains and finds an ancient place where, in many ways, women’s lives have scarcely changed for centuries.
The art of travel / Alain de Botton
Alain de Botton’s *The Art of Travel* is again a book that combines literary, philosophical, and artistic speculations, as well as bits of biography and autobiography and applies these to a specific subject -- in this case; travel, more or less. De Botton specialises in this approach, it can be found in all his books, fiction or not. In five sections, de Botton moves from Departure to Motives to Landscape to Art to Return, offering for each (but the last) two reflective pieces, such as "On the Sublime". Each piece focusses on a specific place (or several), and is considered through the refractive lens of some literary or artistic guide -- Ruskin, Van Gogh, Edmund Burke, Edward Hopper, among others.

The Friendship highway / Charlie Carroll
Tibet was not just on the horizon, it capped it. Four thousand metres above this city was a country of stone and ice, and, even though it was officially closed, there was still a way in. This is a compelling and unforgettable encounter on the roof of the world. Hoping to reach Tibet after a twenty-year obsession, Charlie Carroll travelled to China. Contending with Chinese bureaucracy, unforgiving terrain and sickness-inducing altitude, Charlie experienced twenty-first-century Tibet in all its heartbreaking beauty. Tibetan-born Lobsang fled the volatile region over the Himalayas, on foot, as a child in 1989. An exile in Nepal, then a student in India, he was called back to Tibet by love. At the end of the road known as the Friendship Highway, he met Charlie and recounted his extraordinary life story, exemplifying the hardship, resilience and hope of modern Tibetan life.

The broken road: from the iron gates to Mt Athos / Patrick Leigh Fermor
A Time of Gifts and Between the Woods and the Water were the first two volumes in a projected trilogy that would describe the walk that Patrick Leigh Fermor undertook at the age of eighteen from the Hook of Holland to Constantinople. ‘When are you going to finish Vol. III?’ was the cry from his fans; but although he wished he could, the words refused to come. The curious thing was that he had not only written an early draft of the last part of the walk, but that it predated the other two. It remains unfinished but *The Broken Road* edited and introduced by Colin Thubron and Artemis Cooper completes an extraordinary journey.

Beneath the blue sky / Dominic Reeve
In a lifetime traversing Britain’s lanes and byways, Dominic Reeve has witnessed a changing world for the Romani Gypsies. Since the 1950s, the horse-drawn wagons have given way to brightly chromed vehicles, stopping-places have disappeared but the Travellers still cling to the precious old traditions and the freedom of an outdoor life. Beneath the Blue Sky tells of horse-fairs and fireside deals, of snowbound Christmases and the joy of taking possession of a new motor. Dominic Reeve recalls feuds and friendships, cycles of parting and meeting, and the struggle in the face of prejudice. Above all, he paints an unforgettable picture of the self-reliance, wit and courage of the Romani people.
**Ox travels : meetings with remarkable travel writers / introduced by Michael Palin**

A collection of travel writing, which will act as a focus for the Oxfam Bookfest in 2011. It features stories from twenty-five travel writers, including Michael Palin, Paul Theroux, Sara Wheeler, William Dalrymple, Patrick Leigh Fermor, Lloyd Jones, Rory Stewart, Jan Morris, Dervla Murphy, Rory MacLean, and others.

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**Train : riding the rails that created the modern world / Tom Zoellner**

A revelatory, entertaining account of the world’s most indispensable mode of transportation Tom Zoellner loves trains with a ferocious passion. In his new book he chronicles the innovation and sociological impact of the railway technology that changed the world, and could very well change it again. From the frigid trans-Siberian railroad to the antiquated Indian Railways to the futuristic MagLev trains, Zoellner offers a stirring story of man’s relationship with trains. Zoellner examines both the mechanics of the rails and their engines and how they helped societies evolve. Not only do trains transport people and goods in an efficient manner, but they also reduce pollution and dependency upon oil. Zoellner also considers America’s culture of ambivalence to mass transit, using the perpetually stalled line between Los Angeles and San Francisco as a case study in bureaucracy and public indifference. Train presents both an entertaining history of railway travel around the world while offering a serious and impassioned case for the future of train travel.

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