

YET MORE EXCELLENT, LITTLE-KNOWN BOOKS (2021)

LECTURE 1: Autobiography, Biography, and Memoir (Kate McCallum)

- 1 Christiane Ritter, *A Woman in the Polar Night*
- 2 Sarah Krosnostein, *The Trauma Cleaner*
- 3 Alan Johnson, *This Boy*
- 4 Lynn Barber, *An Education*
- 5 Richard Shepherd, *Unnatural Causes*
- 6 Deborah Orr, *Motherwell*
- 7 Blake Morrison, *And When Did You Last See Your Father?*
- 8 David Nott, *War Doctor*
- 9 Alexander Maitland, *Wilfred Thesiger*
- 10 Jamie Zeppa, *Beyond the Sky and the Earth*

LECTURE 2: Travel & Exploration: Sea, Mountain, Air, and Desert (Joe Tyrrell)

- 1 Tony Horwitz, *Blue Latitudes*
- 2 Glyn Williams, *Arctic Labyrinth*
- 3 Roland Huntford, *The Last Place*
- 4 David Roberts, *Alone on the Ice*
- 5 Felice Benuzzi, *No Picnic on Mt Kenya*
- 6 Maurice Herzog, *Annapurna*
- 7 Peter Nichols, *A Voyage for Madmen*
- 8 David Lewis, *Icebird*
- 9 Sarah Wheeler, *Travels in a Thin Country*
- 10 Jan Morris, *Venice*

LECTURE 3: Non-fiction: history, design, psychiatry, espionage, food, sport, ecology
(Kate McCallum)

- 1 Kassia St Clair, *The Secret Lives of Color*
- 2 Christopher Alexander, *A Pattern Language*
- 3 Frances Ashcroft, *Life at the Extremes*
- 4 Daniel James Brown, *The Boys in the Boat*
- 5 Amaryllis Fox, *Life Undercover*
- 6 Sean Baumann, *Madness*
- 7 Bill Buford, *Dirt*
- 8 Conor O'Clery, *The Shoemaker and His Daughter*
- 9 Richard Benson, *The Valley*
- 10 Bryce Andrews, *Down from the Mountain*

LECTURE 4: Novellas and quick reads (Finuala Dowling)

- 1 Alan Bennett, *The Uncommon Reader*
- 2 David Malouf, *An Imaginary Life*
- 3 Claire Keegan, *Foster*
- 4 William Trevor, *Reading Turgenev*
- 5 Mariama Bâ, *So Long a Letter*
- 6 Glenway Westcott, *The Pilgrim Hawk*
- 7 Robin Maugham, *The Servant*
- 8 Knut Hamsun, *Hunger*
- 9 Nicholson Baker, *A Box of Matches*
- 10 Audrey Niffenegger, *The Three Incestuous Sisters*

LECTURE 5: Fiction: Novels, crime, poetry, and short stories (Kate McCallum)

- 1 Sigrid Nunez, *The Friend*
- 2 Anna Burns, *Milkman*
- 3 Shirley Jackson, *We Have always Lived in the Castle*
- 4 Madeline Miller, *Circe*
- 5 Min Jin Lee, *Pachinko*
- 6 David Sedaris, *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim*
- 7 William Sieghart *The Poetry Pharmacy*
- 8 Oyinkan Braithwaite, *My Sister the Serial Killer*
- 9 Terry Hayes, *I Am Pilgrim*
- 10 James Hamilton-Paterson, *Cooking with Fernet Branca*