

Travel jaunts between bookends

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only split me away to places I've visited often, but perhaps never "seen" so clearly as when I experienced them on the printed page. The books also, of course, have the potential to shape a part of my future, in a sense. Might I someday find myself strolling the exotic streets of Tangier, traversing faraway Patagonia, or haggling for bargains in the markets of Katmandu, all because I encountered some intriguing words written about them once upon a time? You bet.

ONE OF MY MOST delightful summertime jaunts was taken just recently, after I discovered Stephen W. Plumb's "The Streets Where They Lived: A Walking Guide to the Residences of Famous New Yorkers" (Marlor Press, \$12.95). (This is a record of the places in Manhattan where the famous have lived in approximately the past 100 years," writes Plumb. "It aims to guide the reader, in a series of short walking tours, street-by-street, to the actual houses, apartments, and hotels where they have stayed.")

The book, with a list of more than 400 addresses, including even a few belonging to infamous gangsters, also contains a brief history of each celebrity's residency. If lifestyles of the famous are your thing, you'll want to keep this small paperback at hand the next time you hit the streets of Manhattan. If you're not particularly celebrity-struck, you can still enjoy it as a unique guide to a bit of American history.

For a more exotic journey, you may want to take a look at "Worldwalk" (William Morrow & Co., \$10.95). Steven M. Newman's recent account of his trip around the world — on foot. Newman,

a 28-year-old journalist set out from his home in Bethal, Ohio in 1983, and returned three years later, after having trekked to such far-flung spots as Northern Ireland (where his dirty laundry was mistaken for a bomb), Morocco (where he was nearly done in by a mob of hustlers), Turkey (where he was jailed), Thailand (where he faced machete-wielding bandits on a long, lonely road one night), and beyond. Though Newman's prose is sometimes awkward, and his Pollyanna-like attitude grinds now and then, "Worldwalk" is still a grand adventure.

CLOSER TO HOME, try Jim DuFrone's "Michigan On the Beaten Path" (Globe Pequot Press, \$8.95) to discover relatively-unfamiliar nooks, crannies, and points of interest in the Great Lakes State.

Examples: The Horton Bay General Store, near Charlevoix, which was a frequent haunt of the youthful Ernest Hemingway when he spent his boyhood summers in northwest Michigan. The store (which appeared in his famed short story, "Up in Michigan") was built in 1870 and looks very much the same today as it did then, except that now, even though it still operates as a general store, it is very much a preserved shrine to Hemingway.

Other Hemingway memorabilia can be found at the Little Traverse Historical Museum in Petoskey, which also houses displays devoted to Michigan writer Bruce Catton, who grew up in nearby Benzonia. Among the Catton artifacts at the museum is the original manuscript of "A Stillness at Appomattox," for which Catton won the Pulitzer Prize in 1953.

Happy trails.

Area winners in Concours de'Elegance

Three Southfield residents and a Farmington Hills entry were winners of trophies in the Meadow Brook Hall Concours d'Elegance Sunday on the grounds of the former estate of Mattia Dodge Wilson, on the Oakland University campus.

Winner of the most elegant car awarded was Charles Nagler. Trophies also went to James Bartel for his 1969 Lola 163 Can-Am Race, Marvin Tamaroff with his 1932 V16 Marmon Convertible Sedan, and C&P Smith of Farmington Hills for a 1928 Jaguar Mark IX-4 dr. Salon.

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