

# Books about Corsica

Here is a bibliography of books concerning Corsica in English, as well some guidebooks in French, relevant books on the Mediterranean and Europe and maps of Corsica.

There are many individual links from the books below to [www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk), but feel free to click on the link, if you'd like to see the 300 or so books that amazon lists under [Corsica](#).

## English Bibliography of Corsica.

1. ABRAM David & TAYLOR Theo, [The Rough Guide to Corsica](#) (London, Rough Guides, 2003, 1st ed 1994) - classic of the genre.
2. ABRAM David, [Trekking in Corsica](#) (London, Trailblazer Publications, 2002)
3. AKSYONOV Vassily, [Quest for an Island](#) (New York, 1988)
4. AMSLER Kurt, [Corsica Diving Guide](#) (Swan Hill Press, 2000)
5. ANDERSON Isabel, [A Yacht in the Mediterranean Seas](#) (Boston, Marshall Jones, 1930)
6. ANON, [Christopher Columbus and the Bank of St Georges](#) (Griffiths, 1888)
7. ANON, [General Account and description of the island of Corsica](#) (London, Addison's Head, 1739)
8. ANON, [Guide of the Western Mediterranean](#) (Macmillan, 1904)
9. ANON, [History of Theodore](#) (London, J Roberts, 1739)
10. ANON, [Scribbles in Corsica in 1882](#) (London, Wyman, 1882)
11. ANON, [The Blessings of Liberty Displayed; with the Fall of Corsica, a poem](#) (Bladon, 1769)
12. ANON, [The Caitiff of Corsica \(a play\)](#) (Lackington, Allen & Co, 1808)
13. ANON, [The Mediterranean Illustrated](#) (Thomas Nelson, 1877)
14. ANON, [The Revolutionaries of Genova, including Disturbances in Corsica](#) (Griffiths, 1750)
15. ANON, [Where to go abroad](#) (London, 1893)
16. A LADY, [The Conquest of Corsica by the French - a Tragedy](#) (Chater, 1772)
17. APPLEBY John, [The Dark Corsican](#) (London, Werner Laurie, 1953) - a novel.
18. ARENDT Erich & HAYEK-ARENDR Katja, [Islands of the Mediterranean](#) (London, 1961)
19. ARCHER D, [The Scented Isle](#) (London, 1924)
20. ARDITO Fabrizio, [Corsica](#) (London, Dorling Kindersley Publishing, 2003)
21. ATKINSON David et al, [Lonely Planet Corsica](#) (London, Lonely Planet, 2004) - the latest edition. I spent time with David when he was researching this edition.
22. BAEDEKER, [Southern France including Corsica](#) (1868)
23. BANGS John Kendrick, [Mr. Bonaparte Of Corsica](#) - republished by Kessinger Publishing Co in 2004 (New York, Harper Bros, 1895)
24. BARRY John W, [Studies in Corsica, Sylvan & Social](#) (London, Sampson, Low, Marston, 1893) - I like this one and it's got loads of stuff that's still useful.
25. BENNETT J Henry, [Menton, the Riviera, Corsica and Biarritz as Winter Climates](#) (John Churchill, 1861)
26. BENNETT J Henry, [Winter in the South of Europe](#) (John Churchill, 1885) - about 20% on Corsica.
27. BENNETT J Henry, [Winter and Spring on the Shores of the Mediterranean](#) (J&A Churchill, 1875) - over 10% on Corsica.
28. BENNETT Lindsay, [Berlitz Corsica Pocket Guide](#) (London, 2004) - not bad for a quick introduction if you are coming on hols.
29. BENSON Capt, [Narrative of Lord Byron's Voyage to Corsica and Sardinia](#) (J Limbard, 1824)

30. BENSON Robert, *Sketches of Corsica* (London, Longmans, 1825) - here's another Victorian book that remains a good reference book and I refer to my copy surprisingly frequently.
31. BENT J Theodore, *Genoa: How the Republic Rose and Fell* (London, C Kegan Paul & Co, 1881)
32. BIANCARELLI Bernard tr REEVES Jo, *The Great Hike - all stages of the GR20* (Ajaccio, Albiana, 2001) - this is a good guide and the translation's not bad either. Order it beforehand, or buy it at any Corsican bookshop or many supermarket book sections. Jo Reeves has translated another Corsican book on Ajaccio (Albiana, 2000).
33. BLACK CB, *Itinerary Through Corsica by its Rail, Carriage and Forest Roads* (London, 1888)
34. BOSWELL James, *An Account of Corsica, the Journal of a Tour to that Island and Memoirs of Pascal Paoli* (London, Edward and Charles Dilly, 1768) - reads well still in the 21st century. It is a 'must' for serious Corsophiles. There was a reprint by [Turtle Point Press](#) in 2002 and if not available, you can almost certainly procure an original copy, though you'll pay about £450 for a second edition and £600 for a 1st!
35. BOSWELL James, *British essays in favour of the brave Corsicans* (London, 1769) - currently available in French as *En défense des valeureux Corses* published by Editions Le Rocher in the *Anatolia* collection and translated by Béatrice Vierne.
36. BRADSHAW, *Itinerary of Corsica* (Adams, 1855)
37. BRADY Frank & POTTLE Frederick (eds), *Boswell on the Grand Tour: Italy, Corsica and France 1765-6 - 2 vols* (London, Heinemann, 1955).
38. BRANDON Robin with Rcc Pilotage Foundation, [Corsica and North Sardinia](#) (London, Imray, Laurie & Wilson, 2002)
39. BUHL Fritz W, *Corsica* (New York, Doubleday & Co, 1965)
40. BURNABY Andrew, *Journal of a Tour of Corsica in the year 1766* (London, 1804)
41. CAIRD LH, *The History of Corsica* (London, 1899)
42. CAMPBELL Thomasina, *Notes on the Island of Corsica* (London, Hatchard, 1868) - a modern-style travel book, but not very exciting, even though the woman was such an intrepid Victorian pioneer.
43. CARRINGTON Dorothy, : [This Corsica: A complete guide](#) (London, Hammond, 1962).
44. CARRINGTON Dorothy, [Granite Island: Portrait of Corsica](#) (London, Longmans, 1971 and Penguin, 1984). These are secondhand copies at amazon and Penguin edition is supposedly due for reissue though oddly the title is still available in Corsica at most bookshops and many newspaper shops - I bought a copy for a friend only the other day. It is still available in French under the title [La Corse](#) - this is the book of reference - a classic travel book.
45. CARRINGTON Dorothy, [Napoleon and His Parents: On the Threshold of History](#) (London, Viking, 1988).
46. CARRINGTON Dorothy, [Dream Hunters of Corsica](#) (London, Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 1995 & paper Orion 1996) - for all that is mystical in Corsica.
47. CASTLE Alan, [Corsican High Level Route: Walking the GR20](#) (Cicerone Press, 1987)
48. CAUCHARD Capt, *Geographical... description... of Corsica* (London, 1800)
49. CHAPMAN John Mitchel, *Corsica, an Island of Rest* (London, 1908)
50. CHIARI Joseph, [Collected Poems](#) (Enitharmon Press, 1978)
51. CHIARI Joseph, *The Scented Isle: a parallel between Corsica and the Scottish Highlands* (Glasgow, William Maclellan, 1948)- he was a Corsican, who lived in Scotland for years and wrote in English, including poems and plays (eg Mary Queen of Scots).
52. CHIARI Joseph, *Corsica, Columbus's Isle* (London, Barrie & Rockliffe, 1960).
53. CLARK Denis, *Bandit's Bay. A Story about Corsica* (London & Redhill, Lutterworth, 1946)
54. CLARK Denis, *The Sea Kingdom of Corsica* (Jarrolds, London, 1949)
55. COLLOMB, [Corsica Mountains](#) (GB, West Col Publications, 1990 - 1st ed 1982) - they don't change much.

56. CORSARO Paolo, *[Spada: The Bandit Who Lived for Love and Revenge](#)* (Rivercross Publications, 1988).
57. COWEN William, *Six Weeks in Corsica* (London, 1848)
58. COX Samuel S, *Search for Winter Sunbeams in the Riviera, Corsica, Algiers & Spain* (Samson Low, Son & Marston, 1869)
59. CRAWSHAW Gerry, *[Guide to Corsica and Sardinia](#)* (London, WH Allen, 1987)
60. CROZIER Jacquie, *[Birdwatching Guide to France: South of the Loire Including Corsica](#)* (London, Arelequin Publications, 1998)
61. DANBURY Iris, *The Scented Isle* (Canada, Harlequin Books, 1977)
62. DARRELL Robert (ed), *Spada the Bandit* (London, 1935)
63. DAWSON Simon, *Corsica white water* (Woodeaton, Oxford, T Storry, 1997) - see also his website [www.simondsn.dircon.co.uk](http://www.simondsn.dircon.co.uk).
64. DAVIDSON Angus, *Edward Lear* (London, John Murray, 1968)
65. DAVIES W J K, *[A Contrast in Islands: The Narrow Gauge Railways of Corsica and Sardinia](#)* (East Harling, Plateway Press, 2002)
66. DAVIES Rev Edward WL, *Paul Pendril or Sport and Adventure in Corsica* (Richard Bentley, 1866)
67. DEANE Shirley, *In a Corsican Village* (New York, 1965)
68. DEANE Shirley, *[Feet in the Clouds: in the Mountains of Corsica](#)* (London, John Murray, 1965) British title of above.
69. DEANE Shirley, *Corpse in Corsica* (New York, Vanguard Press, 1968) - a novel.
70. DEANE Shirley, *[Vendetta: a story of the Corsican mountains](#)* (New York, Viking, 1967 & London, Macmillan, 1969)
71. DEMSEY JJ, *Guide to the Riviera: Corsica, Auvergne and Savoy* (Nice, Continental Life, 1927)
72. DILLON Paddy, *[Corsican High Level Route: GR20](#)* (Milnthorpe, Cicerone Press, 2002) - a new ed of Alan Castle's book of 1987.
73. DODGE WP, *As the crow flies. From Corsica to Charing Cross* (New York, Allen, 1893)
74. DRYSDALE Helena, *[Mother Tongues: Travels Through Tribal Europe](#)* (London, Pan Macmillan, 2002)
75. DUGMORE Major A Radclyffe, *Corsica the Beautiful: an impression as it is today and of its history* (New York, Houghton Mifflin, 1927)
76. DUMAS Alexandre, *[The Corsican Brothers](#)* (Buccaneer Books, 1996) - a reprint of the US translation of 1845.
77. EATON Evelyn, *In What Torn Ship* (Grosset and Dunlap, 1944) - about a Corsican patriot.
78. ELLIOT Emma Eleanor, *Life & Letters of Sir G Elliot, Viceroy of Corsica* (London, Longmans, 1874)
79. ELLIOTT William James, *The Wolf of Corsica* (London, Mellifont Press, 1932) - a novel
80. ELSNER Eleanor, *Corsica. The island of beauty.* (Paris-Lyons-Mediterranean Railway, 1929)
81. ELSNER Eleanor, *Corsica, far and near* (London, 1929)
82. ELWELL Charles, *Corsican Excursion* (London, The Bodley Head, 1954) - his trip in 1949 with 12 Edward Lear woodcuts.
83. ELWES A, *A boy's adventures* (Griffiths, 1858)
84. ESTE Margaret d', *Through Corsica with a Camera* (New York, 1905)
85. FACAROS Dana, *[Corsica](#)* (London, Cadogan Guides, 2001)
86. FEATHERSTONE Sir George Ralph, *Through Corsica with a pencil. Brief notes of a tour in the island* (London, Knott, 1914)
87. FINLAYSON Iain, *[The Moth and the Candle: Life of James Boswell](#)* (London, Constable, 1984) - a chapter on 'Mr Corsica Boswell'.
88. FITZGERALD Percy, *King Theodore of Corsica* (London, Vizetelly, 1890)
89. FOLADARE Joseph, *James Boswell and Corsica* (Univ of Yale PhD, 1936) - Foladare is

the reference on the subject.

- 90.FOLARADE Joseph, [\*Boswell's Paoli\*](#) (Archon, Connecticut, Shoe String Press, 1979)
- 91.FORDE Gertrude, *Corsica... rambles* (Bohn, 1863)
- 92.FORDE Gertrude, *A Lady's tour in Corsica* - 2 vols (Longman/Bohn, 1861) - the same book as the one above?
- 93.FORESTER Thomas, *Rambles in the islands of Corsica & Sardinia, with notices of their history, antiquities and present condition* (London, Longman, 1858) - here's another good Victorian travelogue/reference book that has lots to recommend it, if you can put up with the dated language and small print.
- 94.FORTESCUE B, *Napoleon's heritage* (London, 1924)
- 95.FREDERICK (Frederic de Neuhoff), *Description of Corsica* (London, GG & J Robinson, 1795) - by a man who claimed to be the son of Theodore Neuhoff, King of Corsica.
- 96.FRESHFIELD Douglas W, *Below the Snow Line* (London, Constable, 1923)
- 97.FULLER John, [\*Stones and Fires\*](#) (London, Chatto & Windus, 1996)
- 98.FULLER John, [\*Now and for a Time\*](#) (London, Chatto & Windus, 2002) - this and the previous entry contain poems set in and inspired by Corsica, where the author is a frequent visitor.
- 99.GALLENGA Guy Hardwin - 'Snaffle', *The Impossible Island. Corsica, its people and its sport* (London, HF&G Witherby, 1923)
- 100.GALLO Max, [\*Napoleon: The Song of Departure\*](#) (London, Pan Macmillan, 2004) - N's first 30 years.
- 101.GALVIN Sadie, [\*Operation Sadie: How I Rescued My Son from the Foreign Legion\*](#) (London, WH Allen, 1977)
- 102.GANT Roland, [\*Blue Guide to Corsica\*](#) (New York, WW Norton Co Inc, 1996 1st ed 1987) - a bit out of date, but still excellent.
- 103.GEER Walter, *Napoleon and His Family, The Story of a Corsican Clan* (New York, Brentano's, 1927)
- 104.GIACOBBI François, *Corsica* - trans (London, Proffer, 1961)
- 105.GIBBONS Bob & WALTERS Martin, [\*France: Travellers' Nature Guide\*](#) (Oxford, OUP, 2003) - with a chapter on Corsica.
- 106.GIBBONS Wes & HORAK Jana, [\*Corsican Geology: A Field Guide\*](#) (Cardiff, Univ Dept of Extra-Mural Studies, 1985)
- 107.GILZEAN Elizabeth, *Doctor in Corsica* (New York, Harlequin Books) -fiction
- 108.GOTCH Christopher, *Corsica* (London, Peter Garnett, 1950)
- 109.GOSCINNY René, [\*Asterix in Corsica\*](#) (London, Orion, Nov 2004, 1st ed Hodder Childrens' Books, 1982) - Corsicans like it
- 110.GOUJON Olivier, [\*Corsica: Activity & Leisure Holiday Guide\*](#) (London, Hachette, 2001)
- 111.GRANT James, *Island of Gold*
- 112.GREGOROVIVUS Ferdinand, *Corsica in Its Picturesque, Social and Historical Aspects* (London, 1855) - a translation by Martineau.
- 113.GREGOROVIVUS Ferdinand, *Wanderings in Corsica. Its History and Its Heroes* (Edinburgh, 1855) - the same book as the one above, but translated by Muir.
- 114.GREGORIOUS Ferdinand, *Corsica: Picturesque, Historical & Social* (Philadelphia, Parry and Macmillan, 1855) - a translation of Gregorovivus (by Morris).
- 115.GREGORY Desmond, [\*The Ungovernable Rock: History of the Anglo-Corsican Kingdom and Its Role in Britain's Mediterranean Strategy During the Revolutionary War, 1793-97\*](#) (Rutherford, Fareleigh Dickinson University Press, 1985).
- 116.HALL Thadd E, *France & the Eighteenth Century Corsica Question* (New York, 1971).
- 117.HARRISSE H, *Christopher Columbus & the Bank of St George* (1888) - no doubt of interest to those who are convinced that Columbus was born in Calvi and that the enterprising Genoese, who whipped all their Corsican records to Genoa, claimed him as their own.

- 118.HAWKES Robert, *Corsican Death* (1975)
- 119.HAWTHORNE Hildegard, *Corsica, the Surprising Island* (New York, Duffield, 1926)
- 120.HEALY Orla, [Coty: Perfumer and Visionary](#) (Editions Assouline, 2004)
- 121.HEFFERNAN William, [The Corsican](#) - a novel
- 122.HEFFERNAN William, [Corsican Honor](#) (New York, St Martins Press, 1992) sequel to the title above.
- 123.HEIKELL R, *Mediterranean France and Corsica: A Sea Guide* (London, Imray, 1990)
- 124.HERMANN John, *Motorcycle Journeys Through the Alps and Corsica* (North Conway, Whitehorse Press, 2002)
- 125.HIGHAM Roger, [Island roads to Africa](#) (London, Dent, 1968)
- 126.HOGG Garry, *Corsica, The Fragrant Isle* (London, 1973)
- 127.HOUSTON JM, *The Western Mediterranean World* (London, Longmans, 1954)
- 128.HOWELL Edward (Howell-ap-Howell), *The Birthplace and Childhood of Napoleon* (Liverpool, self-published, 1896) - this 54-page book has 18 photographs taken by GE Thompson in 1894.
- 129.HUDDLESTONE Sisley, *Mediterranean Blue* (London, Evans Brothers, 1948)
- 130.HUDSON Grace L, [Corsica World Bibliographical Series, Vol 202](#) (ABC Clio Ltd, 1997)
- 131.HUREAU Jean, *Corsica Today* 1977
- 132.JAFFE Alexandra, [Ideologies in Action: Language Politics on Corsica \(Language, Power & Social Process\)](#) (USA Walter de Gruyter, 1999) - this an outstanding piece of work from a scholar who lived here in a small village in the interior and though there's plenty of academic stuff, I find it an insightful guide to Corsican culture - and she's much respected here.
- 133.JAQUES Francis, [Queen of Corsica](#) (London, The Malone Society, 1989)
- 134.JEHASSE Olivier, *Corsica Island of Beauty* (Plurigraf, 1989)
- 135.JENNINGS Christian, [Mouthful of Rocks: Modern Adventures in the French Foreign Legion](#) (London, Bloomsbury, 1990)
- 136.JUTA René, *Concerning Corsica* (London, John Lane The Bodley Head, 1926) - delightfully personal with evocative illustrations by his wife.
- 137.KALLA-BISHOP PM, [Mediterranean Island Railways](#) (Newton Abbot, David & Charles, 1970)
- 138.KAY FG, *The south of France and Corsica* (Glasgow, Collins, 1976)
- 139.KEYSER William, *I have only one eye* (Calvi, Editions Almar, 1994) - This fictional account of Nelson's seige of Calvi to celebrates the bi-centenary. Illustrated by Alex Lochrie.
- 140.LEAR Edward, [Edward Lear in Corsica: The journal of a landscape painter](#) (London, William Kimber, 1966) - if you want a less expensive way into this terrific early travelogue.
- 141.LEAR Edward, *Journal of a Landscape Painter in Corsica* (London, Bush, 1870) - a classic; a wonderful book that I'd love to own; the other side of Lear..
- 142.LEIGH-FERMOR Patrick, *Mani* ( London, John Murray, 1958)
- 143.L'HERMINIER J, tr Fitzgerald Edward, [Casabianca: The secret missions of a famous submarine](#) (London, John Murray, 1953).
- 144.LIBERTY Jane Stewart, *Pungent Corsican dishes* (c1962) - a Liberty of Liberty's, the store - they have Corsican family connections.
- 145.LOWE John, [Corsica: A Traveller's Guide](#) (London, John Murray, 1987)
- 146.LUCAROTTI Rolli, [Recipes from Corsica](#) (London, Prospect Books, 2003)
- 147.MASON John G, [A fortnight in Corsica, Sardinia and Elba](#) (London, Marshall, 1965)
- 148.MAURICE JF, *The diary of Sir John Moore* - vol 1 (London, 1904) - in his young days he had been sent to negotiate with the Corsicans in 1794, before Nelson took St Florent.
- 149.MAY Jutta, [Visitor's Guide Corsica](#) (London, Visitor Guides, 1996)
- 150.MACKAY Dorothy, [Why Forget?](#) (Edinburgh, Pentland Press, 1988) - a short book of memories, with 36 pp about the author's pre-war travels in Corsica.

151. McERLEAN JMP, [\*Napoleon and Pozzo Di Borgo in Corsica and After, 1764-1821: Not Quite a Vendetta \(Studies in French Civilization\)\*](#) (Edwin Mellen Press, 1996)
152. McLAREN Moray, [\*Corsica Boswell: Paoli, Johnson and freedom\*](#) (London, Secker and Warburg, 1966) - by a fellow Scot. He followed up Boswell's journey after 200 years - and this Scots author knows he fellow countryman, almost as if he'd met him.
153. MERRIMAN Henry Seton, [\*The Isle of Unrest\*](#) (Holicong, PA, Wildside Press, 2004 - reprint, orig ed London, Elder Smith, 1899) - a novel.
154. MERIMÉE Prosper, *Columba* (Maidenhead, McGraw Hill Educational, 1996) - the classic translated into English; a sequel has been written: *Colomba 1923* by Robert Colonna d'Istria (Paris, France-Empire, 2001).
155. MINDER Jean-Paul, *This Way: Corsica* (South Africa, JPM Publications, 1999)
156. MOLINELLI-CANCELLIERI Lucia, *Spada: The Bandit Who Lived For Love & Revenge*
157. MONCRIEFF A Hope, *Where to Go Abroad* (London, A&C Black, 1893)
158. MONKHOUSE FJ, MUIRHEAD F & MONMARCHE M, *Naval Intelligence Division: Corsica - Geographical Handbook Series* (Cambridge, HMSO, 1942)
159. MUHL Heike, *Nelles Guide: Corsica* (London, Nelles Guides & Maps, 1996)
160. MOORE James Carrick, *The life of Lt Gen Sir John Moore KB. By his brother* - 2 vols (London, John Murray, 1833)
161. MUIRHEAD L Russel, *Southern France with Corsica - Blue Guide* (London, Ernest Benn, 1954)
162. MURRAY John (ed), *Handbook for Travellers in the Islands of Corsica and Sardinia* (London, 1868)
163. NEWMAN Bernard, *Savoy! Corsica! Tunis! Mussolini's dream lands* (London, Jenkins, 1940)
164. OPPENHEIM E Phillips, *Quest for Winter Sunshine* (Boston, Little, Brown & Co, 1927)
165. OSBORNE Avril, [\*Casa Di Corse\*](#) (Cambridge, Pegasus, 2003) - fiction on a move to Corsica (why the author has mixed two languages, I'm not sure!)
166. OSMOND John, *Small world. Essays on national minorities and their cultures* (London, Channel 4 TV, 1985) - a chapter on the Corsicans.
167. PAOLI Robert, *La Corse* (bi-lingual: Paris, Les Créations du Pélican, 2000)
168. PARKINSON Roger, [\*Moore of Corunna\*](#) (London, Purnell Book Services, 1976) - the biography of Sir John Moore, the general who was sent to meet with Pasquale Paoli in 1790.
169. PARRIS Bill, [\*The Making of a Legionnaire: My Life in the French Foreign Legion. Parachute Regiment\*](#) (London, Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 2004)
170. PERROT Eugenie, *Corsica cooking of yesterday and today* (Ajaccio, La Marge Editions, 1991) - still available in bookshops in Corsica.
171. PHILIPS John Austin Drury, *The Girl Out in Corsica*, (London, Hutchinson & Co, 1927) - a novel
172. PIDGIN Charles Felton, *The Corsican Lovers. A Story of the Vendetta* (New York, BW Dodge, 1906)
173. PILLEMENT Georges, *Unknown Sardinia and Unknown Corsica : archaeological itineraries* - trans A Rosin (London, Johnson, 1972)
174. PIRIE Valerie, *His Majesty of Corsica* (London, William Collins, 1939) - a biography of King Theodore - a racy story about a racy man, who died a pauper in London - see also the books by Aylmer Vallance & Percy Fitzgerald.
175. POCOCK Tom, ed NASH Michael, *Nelson and the Campaign in Corsica* (Hoylake, [1805 Club](#), 1994)
176. POTTINGER Henry, *Zurlina, a tale of Corsica* (London, 1853) - in verse.
177. PRETTY H & McPHAIL H (tr), [\*Walks in Corsica \(Footpaths of Europe\)\*](#) (London, Robertson McCarta, 1990)
178. PRICE Gillian, [\*Walking in Corsica: Long-distance and Short Walks\*](#) (London, Cicerone

- Press, 2003)
179. PRINGLE, *Through Corsica with a Mule* (c1949)
  180. QUIGLEY Martin, *A Tent on Corsica (GI Tail Gunner)* (Lion Book, 1953) - a WWII novel.
  181. QUILLER-COUCH Sir Arthur, *Sir John Constantine - Memoirs of His Adventures Abroad and Particularly in the Island of Corsica* (Smith, Elder & Co, 1906) - a thriller of sorts.
  182. RAMSAY Robert, *Corsican Time-bomb* (Manchester, Manchester University Press, 1983)
  183. RANKIN Lt Col Sir Reginald, *A Notebook on Corsica and Elsewhere* (London, John Lane the Bodley Head, 1930)
  184. RENWICK G, *Romantic Corsica. Wanderings in Napoleon's Isle* (London, Fisher Unwin, 1909)
  185. RIBTON Dr, *Corsica in 1868* (Visconti 1868)
  186. RICHARDS Brooks, *Secret Flotillas: Clandestine Sea Operations in the Mediterranean. North Africa and the Adriatic, 1940-44 Vol 2 (Government Official Histories)* (London, Frank Cass Publishers, 2004) - clandestine naval operations in WWII, including missions to Corsica and from Bastia.
  187. RICHARDSON, *Corsica: a poetical address* (Glasgow, Foulis, 1769)
  188. ROCHFORD Noel, *Corsica: Car Tours and Walks* (London, Sunflower Books, 1993)
  189. ROSS Alan, *South to Sardinia* (London, Hamish Hamilton, 1954)
  190. ROSS Alan, *The Bandit on the Billiard Table* (London, Hamish Hamilton, 1954)
  191. ROSS Alan & MINTON John (illus), *Time Was away: A Notebook in Corsica* (London, John Lehmann, 1948 - reissued by Collins Harvill 1989) - a personal perspective by the poet with drawings by John Minton.
  192. ROUSSEAU Jean-Jacques, *Political Writing including Part 1 of the Constitutional Project for Corsica* (London, Thomas Nelson & Co, 1953)
  193. SALA George Augustus, *A Journey Due South* (Vizetelly & Co, 1885) - about 20% on Corsica.
  194. SAND George, *George Sand and Chopin* (Pennsylvania, Kirkgate Press, 1902) - 'Being a letter written by George Sand describing her experiences at the the time she took Chopin to Corsica for his health',
  195. SANSOM William, *South: Aspects and images from Corsica, Italy, and Southern France* (1948, Penguin edition 1952)
  196. SARASIN JG (pseud), *Corsican Justice* (London, Hutchinson, 1926) - a novel.
  197. SAVIGEAR Peter, *Corsica : Regional Autonomy or Violence?* (London, Institute for the Study of Conflict, 1983) - Peter was a political scientist much loved by many Corsican activists; he had intended retiring here, but an early death prevented this; I had the pleasure of owning his olive mill in the mountains.
  198. SCHAUSEIL Alfons, *Corsica Insight Pocket Guide* (Hong Kong, APA Publications, 2003)
  199. SCHOM Alan, *Napoleon Bonaparte* (London, HarperCollins, 2001)
  200. SCHUTZ Jutta et al, *Corsica Insight Guide* (Hong Kong, APA Publications, 1999)
  201. SEBALD W G, *Campo Santo* trans Anthea Bell (London, Hamish Hamilton, 2005) - essays, including four on Corsica; he was planning a book on Corsica before he died; the cover picture shows Piana in 1932).
  202. SEDILLOT René (trans Mary Ann Hargrove-Schneilin), *Corsica* (Paris, Sun, 1979)
  203. SHELDON Sidney, *Morning, Noon and Night* (New York, Morrow, 1995) - novel about a strange drowning off Corsica, reminiscent of Maxwell's disappearance and a recent disappearance of a Calvi lawyer.
  204. SIMMS WF, *Railways of Corsica* (WF Simms, 1997)
  205. SMITH Don, *Secret mission: Corsica* (London, Award/Tandem, 1968)
  206. SMYTHE FS, *Climbs and ski runs: Mountaineering and sk-ing in the Alps, Great Britain and Corsica* (London, Blackwood, 1929 and A&C Black 1957).

207. SOUTHEY Robert, *Horatio Nelson - an English officer in Corsica in the century of light*.
208. STEWART Anna Reid, *Two Young Corsicans: A Boy and His Colt* (Philadelphia, JB Lippincott, 1944)
209. STEWART Newton V, *A Son of the Emperor* (London, Methuen & Co, 1909) - a novel.
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Dorothy Carrington (Frederika, Lady Rose), the author of the seminal work on Corsica in English - Granite Island (1971) - died in January 2002 at the age of 91. She was both an outstanding scholar (the first to be awarded an honorary doctorate by the *Université de Corse* in 1991) of Corsica and of Napoleon Bonaparte. Her last book, published posthumously is of the writings of Napoleon's father - she wrote this directly in French. She was instrumental in the uncovering of the carved neolithic menhirs of Filitosa and wrote widely on the white witches of Corsica. She came from the Gloucester landed gentry and first came to Corsica in 1948, settling here permanently in the fifties. An amazing bird, who was the most respected Corsican academic researcher of Corsican history and culture.

## Books & Guides about Corsica in French.

If you are interested in a bibliography of books about Corsica in French, [here's a good one](#).

An excellent source of [Corsican books in French](#), is alapage.com, my partner; at this link you'll find over 700 titles. As well as many classics, tourism, history and political titles, there are scads of guidebooks. Another good source is one of the Corsican publishers, [Albiana](#).

Among the guidebooks, for example, they have the classic Guide Michelin of Corsica, or the two outstandingly good Gallimard guides - best in their class: [Haute Corse](#) and [Corse du Sud](#) (I recommend them strongly). Another popular title is [Le Guide Routard](#) and The [Hachette Guide of Corsica](#) - the Blue Guide is attractive and reliable. In the IGN series, there is one for the [North](#) and another for the [South](#).

Another excellent book, not really a guide book as such, though it can be used this way: [Monuments de Corse](#) - it describes 100 monuments and how to reach them, region by region. The monuments are from the origins of Corsica, such as standing stones and Genoese towers, to the modern era with examples such as tower houses of the C16 to Eiffel's rail bridge at Vivario. For those of you who want to explore the 'real Corsica' this illustrated book will take you to places, you would otherwise miss. many are not listed in regular guidebooks.

## A selection of books on the Mediterranean and Europe.

**Cookery:**

- [Healthy Mediterranean Cooking](#) by Lorraine Whiteside;
- [The Mediterranean Diet: Newly Revised and Updated](#) by Marissa Cloutier & Eve Adamson;

- [\*Olive Oil Cookery: The Mediterranean Diet\*](#) by Maher Abbas & Marilyn Spiegl;
- [\*The Essential Olive Oil Companion\*](#) by Anne Dolamore, illustrated by Madeleine David (if you want to read about Corsican olive oil, click here);
- [\*Mediterranean Cookery\*](#) (Penguin) by Claudia Roden;
- [\*Claudia Roden's Foolproof Mediterranean Cooking\*](#);
- and the same author's [\*Claudia Roden's Invitation to Mediterranean Cooking: 150 Vegetarian and Seafood Recipes\*](#);
- [\*Mediterranean Seafood\*](#) by Alan Davidson;
- [\*Elizabeth David Classics: "Mediterranean Food", "French Country Cooking" and "Summer Cooking"\*](#) by Elizabeth David;
- [\*Mediterranean Cook\*](#) by Paul Gayler;
- [\*Mediterranean Recipes\*](#) by Polly Baptist;
- [\*Mediterranean Cook Book\*](#) by Maryanne Blacker;
- [\*The Mediterranean Diet Cookbook: A Delicious Alternative for Lifelong Health\*](#) : a delicious alternative for lifelong health, by Nancy Harmon Jenkins;
- [\*Healthy Mediterranean Cooking\*](#) by Rena Salaman;
- [\*Mediterranean Light: Delicious Recipes from the World's Healthiest Cuisine\*](#) : delicious recipes from the world's healthiest cuisine by Martha Rose Schulman;
- [\*Olive Oil Cookery: The Mediterranean Diet\*](#) by Maher Abbas & Marilyn Spiegl;
- [\*Healthy Mediterranean: Good Food Full of Zest and Flavour \(The Contemporary Kitchen\)\*](#) : good food full of zest and flavor by Joanna Farrow;
- [\*Mediterranean Herbs: Fresh and Savory Flavors from the Mediterranean Garden\*](#) : fresh and savoury flavours from the Mediterranean garden by Georgeanne Brennan.
- [\*The Healthy Feast: Cooking Light with Mediterranean Oils\*](#) : Cooking Light with Mediterranean Oils by Mark Emmerson;
- [\*Light Mediterranean Cookbook\*](#) by Frederic Lebain;
- [\*Light & Healthy Mediterranean Cooking\*](#) by Judith Wills. *Phew, what a list, eh?*

#### **Fauna:**

- [\*Complete Mediterranean Wildlife\*](#) by Paul Sterry;
- [\*The Complete Guide to the Birdlife of Britain and Europe\*](#) by Peter Hayman and Rob Hume;
- [\*Kingfisher Field Guide to the Birds of Britain and Europe\*](#) by John Gooders;
- [\*France: Travellers' Nature Guide\*](#) by Bob Gibbons & Martin Walters;
- [\*Sea Fishes and Invertebrates of the Mediterranean\*](#) by Lawson Wood;
- [\*Birds of Europe: With North Africa and the Middle East\*](#) by Lars Jonsson;
- [\*Mediterranean Tortoises\*](#) by Brian Pursall.

#### **Flora:**

- [\*Mediterranean Orchids\*](#) by JD Lepper;
- [\*Wildflowers of the Mediterranean \(DK Handbooks\)\*](#) by David Burnie;
- [\*Flora and Fauna of the Mediterranean Sea\*](#) by Andrew C Campbell;

- [\*Mediterranean Ornamental Flora: Ground Covering and Carpeting Plants\*](#) by Xavier Bellido.

### Gardening:

- [\*The Mediterranean Gardener\*](#) by Hugo Latimer, illustrated by Nicolo Grass;
- [\*Gardens by the Sea\*](#) by Alexandra D'Arnoux, Erica Lennard & Bruno de Laubadère;
- [\*Garden Plants for Mediterranean Climates\*](#) by Graham Payne;
- [\*Gardening the Mediterranean Way: Practical Solutions for Summer-dry Climates\*](#) by Heidi Gildemeister.

### History:

- [\*The Mediterranean in History\*](#) David Abulafia, ed;
- [\*The Oxford Illustrated History of Prehistoric Europe\*](#) by Barry W Cunliffe;
- [\*Prehistoric Europe\*](#) by Timothy Champion, Clive Gamble & Stephen Shennan;
- [\*Tombs, Temples and Their Orientations: a new perspective on Mediterranean Prehistory\*](#) by Michael Hoskin;
- [\*The Mediterranean in the Ancient World\*](#) by Fernand Braudel;
- [\*The Archaeology of Mediterranean Prehistory \(Blackwell Studies in Global Archaeology\)\*](#) by Emma Blake & A Bernard Knapp;
- [\*Megalithic European: The 21st Century Traveller in Prehistoric Europe\*](#) by Julian Cope;
- [\*Europe in the Neolithic: The Creation of New Worlds\*](#) - by Alisdair Whittle..

### Railways:

- [\*Great Railway Journeys of Europe Insight Guide\*](#) by Insight Guides (includes Corsica).

## Maps of Corsica.

There are many different kinds of map available. If you want to start basic, the Corsican Tourism Agency produces a mini-map that folds to credit card size. Or you can download a [Map of Corsica](#) right here from Corsica Isula!

However here are a few maps that are easily obtained. You can see details and order them direct by clicking on their titles. The basic standby is of course the good old yellow Michelin - it's regularly updated, of course; it's cheap and available in newsagents all over Corsica.

The AA have issued [a road map of Corsica](#).

An alternative is the IGN map of Corsica, which is more detailed. The IGN maps 73 (north) and 74 (south) are at 1cm = 1km and then it's the Top 100 series (1cm = 1km) & Top 25 series (1cm = 250m), which is probably as detailed as you'll ever need. These are available at newsagents and supermarkets in Corsica.

There are two alternatives you might want to try. One is the [Corsica Insight Travel Map](#), which is laminated. The other is the new Rough Guides map [Corsica](#): this one is made of rip-proof, waterproof Polyart paper, durable enough to survive a dip in the sea.