

The Drifters James A Michener

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Caravans - James A. Michener 2014-02-18

First published in 1963, James A. Michener's gripping chronicle of the social and political landscape of Afghanistan is more relevant now than ever. Combining fact with riveting adventure and intrigue, Michener follows a military man tasked, in the years after World War II, with a dangerous assignment: finding and returning a young American woman living in Afghanistan to her distraught family after she suddenly and mysteriously disappears. A timeless tale of love and emotional drama set against the backdrop of one of the most important countries in the world today, *Caravans* captures the tension of the postwar period, the sweep of Afghanistan's remarkable history, and the inescapable allure of the past. BONUS: This edition includes an excerpt from James A. Michener's *Hawaii*. Praise for *Caravans* "Brilliant . . . an extraordinary novel . . . The old nomadic trails across the mountains spring into existence."—The New York Times "Romantic and adventurous . . . [Michener] has a wonderful empathy for the wild and free and an understanding of the reasons behind the kind of cruelty that goes with it."—Newsday "Michener has done for Afghanistan what . . . his first [book] did for the South Pacific."—The New York Herald Tribune

Creatures of the Kingdom - James A. Michener 2014-04-15

In sixteen wonderful stories, Pulitzer Prize-winning author James A. Michener burrows deep into the secret lives of animals and the hidden world of nature. Here he sheds light on nature's most awesome and beguiling handiwork, from the sublime shaping and reshaping of earth's lands and seas to a ridiculous armadillo's assault on a bit of Texas real estate that paid off handsomely. Handpicked from Michener's most popular books, these mini-masterpieces are imbued with the music of the spheres and the heartbeat of creation. Praise for *Creatures of the Kingdom* "[Creatures of the Kingdom contains] the dramatic elements of a life—the wonder of birth, rites of passage, lots of conflict, much of it physical and bloody, and death. . . . As characters in a James Michener novel, a beaver can know loneliness, a buffalo can bide his time, a salmon can feel encouraged, and a woolly mammoth can 'luxuriate' in the ecological rewards of a plains fire."—Boston Sunday Herald "Dramatic . . . enthralling . . . expertly crafted . . . Michener treats each of these creatures with fundamental respect, and in many cases, admiration and awe, if not outright love."—The Virginian-Pilot "Anyone who has read a James Michener novel knows that it's a learning experience as well as an adventure."—The Sacramento Bee "Delightful . . . nature writing at its most fluid and involving."—Booklist

Chesapeake - James A. Michener 2013-12-17

In this classic novel, James A. Michener brings his grand epic tradition to bear on the four-hundred-year saga of America's Eastern Shore, from its Native American roots to the modern age. In the early 1600s, young Edmund Steed is desperate to escape religious persecution in England. After joining Captain John Smith on a harrowing journey across the Atlantic, Steed makes a life for himself in the New World, establishing a remarkable dynasty that parallels the emergence of America. Through the extraordinary tale of one man's dream, Michener tells intertwining stories of family and national heritage, introducing us along the way to Quakers, pirates, planters, slaves, abolitionists, and notorious politicians, all making their way through American history in the common pursuit of freedom. BONUS: This edition includes an excerpt from James A. Michener's *Hawaii*. Praise for *Chesapeake* "Another of James Michener's great mines of narrative, character and lore."—The Wall Street Journal "[A] marvelous panorama of history seen in the

lives of symbolic people of the ages . . . An emotionally and intellectually appealing book."—The Atlanta Journal-Constitution "Michener's most ambitious work of fiction in theme and scope."—The Philadelphia Inquirer "Magnificently written . . . one of those rare novels that is enthusiastically passed from friend to friend."—Associated Press

Texas - James A. Michener 2014-01-21

Spanning four and a half centuries, James A. Michener's monumental saga chronicles the epic history of Texas, from its Spanish roots in the age of the conquistadors to its current reputation as one of America's most affluent, diverse, and provocative states. Among his finely drawn cast of characters, emotional and political alliances are made and broken, as the loyalties established over the course of each turbulent age inevitably collapse under the weight of wealth and industry. With Michener as our guide, Texas is a tale of patriotism and statesmanship, growth and development, violence and betrayal—a stunning achievement by a literary master. BONUS: This edition includes an excerpt from James A. Michener's *Hawaii*. Praise for *Texas* "Fascinating."—Time "A book about oil and water, rangers and outlaws, frontier and settlement, money and power . . . [James A. Michener] manages to make history vivid."—The Boston Globe "A sweeping panorama . . . [Michener] grapples earnestly with the Texas character in a way that Texas's own writers often don't."—The Washington Post Book World "Vast, sprawling, and eclectic in population and geography, the state has just the sort of larger-than-life history that lends itself to Mr. Michener's taste for multigenerational epics."—The New York Times

Poland - James A. Michener 2014-03-18

"A Michener epic is far more than a bedtime reader, it's an experience. Poland is a monumental effort, a magnificent guide to a better understanding of the country's tribulations."—Chicago Tribune In this sweeping novel, James A. Michener chronicles eight tumultuous centuries as three Polish families live out their destinies. The Counts Lubonski, the petty nobles Bukowksi, and the peasants Buk are at some times fiercely united, at others tragically divided. With an inspiring tradition of resistance to brutal invaders, from the barbarians to the Nazis, and a heritage of pride that burns through eras of romantic passion and courageous solidarity, their common story reaches a breathtaking culmination in the historic showdown between the ruthless Communists and rebellious farmers of the modern age. Like the heroic land that is its subject, Poland teems with vivid events, unforgettable characters, and the unfolding drama of an entire nation. BONUS: This edition includes an excerpt from James A. Michener's *Centennial*. Praise for *Poland* "Engrossing . . . a page-turner in the grand Michener tradition."—The Washington Post "Stunning . . . an unmatched overview of Polish history . . . The families themselves come very much alive, and through them, Poland itself."—USA Today "A titanic documentary novel."—The Wall Street Journal

Bangkok Wakes to Rain - Pitchaya Sudbanthad 2020-02-18

"Recreates the experience of living in Thailand's aqueous climate so viscerally that you can feel the water rising around your ankles." —Ron Charles, Washington Post "Important, ambitious, and accomplished." —Mohsin Hamid, New York Times bestselling author of *Exit West* A missionary doctor pines for his native New England even as he succumbs to the vibrant chaos of nineteenth-century Siam. A post-World War II society woman marries, mothers, and holds court, little suspecting her solitary fate. A jazz pianist in the age of rock, haunted by his own ghosts, is summoned to appease the house's resident spirits. In the present, a

young woman tries to outpace the long shadow of her political past. And in a New Krungthep yet to come, savvy teenagers row tourists past landmarks of the drowned old city they themselves do not remember. Time collapses as these lives collide and converge, linked by the forces voraciously making and remaking the amphibious, ever-morphing capital itself. *Bangkok Wakes to Rain* is an elegy for what time erases and a love song to all that persists, yearning, into the unknowable future.

The Calligrapher - Edward Docx 2005

After meeting the enigmatic Madeleine, Jasper, a calligrapher and notorious seducer, finds himself falling in love and discovers in the poems of John Donne, which he has been transcribing, the meaning of love and life.

Alaska - James A. Michener 2013-12-17

In this sweeping epic of the northernmost American frontier, James A. Michener guides us through Alaska's fierce terrain and history, from the long-forgotten past to the bustling present. As his characters struggle for survival, Michener weaves together the exciting high points of Alaska's story: its brutal origins; the American acquisition; the gold rush; the tremendous growth and exploitation of the salmon industry; the arduous construction of the Alcan Highway, undertaken to defend the territory during World War II. A spellbinding portrait of a human community fighting to establish its place in the world, Alaska traces a bold and majestic saga of the enduring spirit of a land and its people. BONUS: This edition includes an excerpt from James A. Michener's Hawaii. Praise for Alaska "Few will escape the allure of the land and people [Michener] describes. . . . Alaska takes the reader on a journey through one of the bleakest, richest, most foreboding, and highly inviting territories in our Republic, if not the world. . . . The characters that Michener creates are bigger than life."—Los Angeles Times Book Review "Always the master of exhaustive historical research, Michener tracks the settling of Alaska [in] vividly detailed scenes and well-developed characters."—Boston Herald "Michener is still, sentence for sentence, writing's fastest attention grabber."—The New York Times

Caravans - James A. Michener 1993-01

Centennial - James A. Michener 2014-01-21

Written to commemorate the Bicentennial in 1976, James A. Michener's magnificent saga of the West is an enthralling celebration of the frontier. Brimming with the glory of America's past, the story of Colorado—the Centennial State—is manifested through its people: Lame Beaver, the Arapaho chieftain and warrior, and his Comanche and Pawnee enemies; Levi Zandt, fleeing with his child bride from the Amish country; the cowboy, Jim Lloyd, who falls in love with a wealthy and cultured Englishwoman, Charlotte Seccombe. In *Centennial*, trappers, traders, homesteaders, gold seekers, ranchers, and hunters are brought together in the dramatic conflicts that shape the destiny of the legendary West—and the entire country. BONUS: This edition includes an excerpt from James A. Michener's Hawaii. Praise for *Centennial* "A hell of a book . . . While he fascinates and engrosses, Michener also educates."—Los Angeles Times "An engrossing book . . . imaginative and intricate . . . teeming with people and giving a marvelous sense of the land."—The Plain Dealer "Michener is America's best writer, and he proves it once again in *Centennial*. . . . If you're a Michener fan, this book is a must. And if you're not a Michener fan, *Centennial* will make you one."—The Pittsburgh Press "An absorbing work . . . Michener is a superb storyteller."—BusinessWeek

The Fires of Spring - James A. Michener 2014-04-15

An intimate early novel from James A. Michener, now remembered as the beloved master of the historical epic, *The Fires of Spring* unfolds with the bittersweet drama of a boy's perilous journey into manhood. David Harper is an orphan, seemingly doomed to loneliness and poverty. As an adolescent con artist and petty thief, David spends his days grifting at an amusement park, the place where he first learns about women and the mysteries of love. Soon he discovers that his longing to embrace the world is stronger than the harsh realities that constrain him. Featuring autobiographical touches from Michener's own life story, *The Fires of Spring* is more than a novel: It's a rich slice of American life, brimming with wisdom, longing, and compassion. BONUS: This edition includes an excerpt from James A. Michener's Hawaii. Praise for *The Fires of Spring* "A warm-hearted, readable story, crammed with lively incident and remarkable characters."—The Atlantic "Heartfelt . . . immensely readable . . . Michener is a born writer."—The New

York Times "Michener is a gifted storyteller."—Kirkus Reviews "Brilliantly done."—Library Journal

The Covenant - James A. Michener 2014-03-18

James A. Michener's masterly chronicle of South Africa is an epic tale of adventurers, scoundrels, and ministers, the best and worst of two continents who carve an empire out of a vast wilderness. From the Java-born Van Doorn family tree springs two great branches: one nurtures lush vineyards, the other settles the interior to become the first Trekboers and Afrikaners. The Nxumalos, inhabitants of a peaceful village unchanged for centuries, unite warrior tribes into the powerful Zulu nation. And the wealthy Saltwoods are missionaries and settlers who join the masses to influence the wars and politics that ravage a nation. Rivalries and passions spill across the land of *The Covenant*, a story of courage and heroism, love and loyalty, and cruelty and betrayal, as generations fight to forge a new world. BONUS: This edition includes an excerpt from James A. Michener's Hawaii. Praise for *The Covenant* "A prodigious endeavor . . . Nowhere else could an American reader unfamiliar with South Africa get so full an understanding of its problems in so engaging a form."—The New York Times Book Review

Mexico - James A. Michener 2015-04-07

Pulitzer Prize-winning author James A. Michener, whose novels hurtle from the far reaches of history to the dark corners of the world, paints an intoxicating portrait of a land whose past and present are as turbulent, fascinating, and colorful as any other on Earth. When an American journalist travels to report on the upcoming duel between two great matadors, he is ultimately swept up in the dramatic story of his own Mexican ancestry—from the brilliance and brutality of the ancients, to the iron fist of the invading Spaniards, to modern Mexico, fighting through dust and bloodshed to build a nation upon the ashes of revolution. Architectural splendors, frenzied bullfights, horrific human sacrifice: Michener weaves them all into an epic human story that ranks with the best of his beloved bestselling novels. Praise for *Mexico* "Michener the storyteller at his finest . . . There are splendid and authentic scenes in the plaza de toros that are as dramatic as any written by Ernest Hemingway or Barnaby Conrad."—The New York Times Book Review "Astounding . . . fast-moving, intriguing . . . Michener is back in huge, familiar form with Mexico."—Los Angeles Daily News "An enthralling story . . . Michener artfully combines the history of Mexico with the art of bullfighting, teaching the reader about both and telling a grand story at the same time."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch "A novel of epic proportions, abounding in visual and historical detail."—Richmond Times-Dispatch

Return to Paradise - James A. Michener 2014-03-18

James A. Michener, the master of historical fiction, revisits the scenes of his first great work, *Tales of the South Pacific*, the Pulitzer Prize winner that brought him international acclaim. In this sequel collection, Michener once again evokes the magic of the extraordinary isles in the Pacific—from Fiji and Gaudalcanal to New Zealand and Papua New Guinea—through stories that burst with adventure, charm, and local color. For Michener's many fans around the globe, *Return to Paradise* is a precious second look at a land of enchantment by one of the most gifted storytellers of the twentieth century. BONUS: This edition includes an excerpt from James A. Michener's Hawaii. Praise for *Return to Paradise* "A brilliant book and a worthy successor to *Tales of the South Pacific*."—The Atlanta Constitution "This is a book that should be read by everyone. . . . All who have seen the South Pacific will find on every page the odors of frangipani, copra, blood, and beer."—The New York Times "There's drama and pathos and adventure and humanity . . . and a very high degree of excellence. Michener can write."—Kirkus Reviews

The Drifters - James A. Michener 2015-05-05

In this triumphant bestseller, renowned novelist James A. Michener unfolds a powerful and poignant drama of disenchanting youth during the Vietnam era. Against exotic backdrops including Spain, Morocco, and Mozambique, he weaves together the heady dreams, shocking tribulations, and heartwarming bonds of six young runaways cast adrift in the world—as well as the hedonistic pursuit of drugs and pleasure that collapses all around them. With the sure touch of a master, Michener pulls us into the private world of these unforgettable characters, exposing their innermost desires with remarkable candor and infinite compassion. Praise for *The Drifters* "A blockbuster of a book . . . full of surprise, drama, and fascination."—Philadelphia Bulletin "Rings with authentic detail and clearly descriptive sights and smells . . . The *Drifters* is to the generation gap what *The Source* was to Israel."—Publishers Weekly "[The *Drifters*]

conveys a sense of a new time, a new generation.”—Chicago Sun-Times “Michener has slid open a window on the world of the dropout and has spared no effort to make the reader aware of this new world.”—The Salt Lake Tribune

Caribbean - James A. Michener 2014-02-18

In this acclaimed classic novel, James A. Michener sweeps readers off to the Caribbean, bringing to life the eternal allure and tumultuous history of this glittering string of islands. From the 1310 conquest of the Arawaks by cannibals to the decline of the Mayan empire, from Columbus’s arrival to buccaneer Henry Morgan’s notorious reign, from the bloody slave revolt on Haiti to the rise of Cuba’s Fidel Castro, Caribbean packs seven hundred dramatic years into a tale teeming with revolution and romance, authentic characters and thunderous destinies. Through absorbing, magnificent prose, Michener captures the essence of the islands in all of their awe-inspiring scope and wonder. BONUS: This edition includes an excerpt from James A. Michener's Hawaii. Praise for Caribbean “Michener is a master.”—Boston Herald “A grand epic . . . [James A. Michener] sympathizes with the struggles of the region’s most oppressed, and succeeds in presenting the Caribbean in its rich diversity.”—The Plain Dealer “Remarkable and praiseworthy . . . utterly engaging.”—The Washington Post Book World “Even American tourists familiar with some of the serene islands will find themselves enlightened. . . . In Caribbean, there appears to be a strong aura of truth behind the storytelling.”—The New York Times

The Novel - James A. Michener 2015-08-11

In this riveting, ambitious novel from James A. Michener, the renowned chronicler of epic history turns his extraordinary imagination to a world he knew better than anyone: the world of books. Lukas Yoder, a novelist who has enjoyed a long, successful career, has finished what he believes to be his final work. Then a tragedy strikes in his community, and he becomes obsessed with writing about it. Meanwhile, Yoder’s editor fights to preserve her integrity—and her author—as her firm becomes the target of a corporate takeover; a local critic who teaches literature struggles with his ambitions and with his feelings about Yoder’s success; and a devoted reader holds the key to solving the mystery that haunts Yoder’s hometown. Praise for The Novel “Michener explores some of the deepest issues raised by narrative literature.”—The New York Times “A good, old-fashioned, sink-your-teeth-into-it story . . . The Novel lets us see an unfamiliar side of the author, at the same time portraying the delicate, complex relationship among editors, agents and writers.”—The Philadelphia Inquirer “Michener loves literature, and his information about some of his favorite reading is almost as alluring as his explanation of how to handle a manuscript.”—Associated Press “So absorbing you simply will not want [it] to end.”—Charleston News & Courier

The Bridge at Andau - James A. Michener 2015-06-09

The Bridge at Andau is James A. Michener at his most gripping. His classic nonfiction account of a doomed uprising is as searing and unforgettable as any of his bestselling novels. For five brief, glorious days in the autumn of 1956, the Hungarian revolution gave its people a glimpse at a different kind of future—until, at four o’clock in the morning on a Sunday in November, the citizens of Budapest awoke to the shattering sound of Russian tanks ravaging their streets. The revolution was over. But freedom beckoned in the form of a small footbridge at Andau, on the Austrian border. By an accident of history it became, for a few harrowing weeks, one of the most important crossings in the world, as the soul of a nation fled across its unsteady planks. Praise for The Bridge at Andau “Precise, vivid . . . immeasurably stirring.”—The Atlantic Monthly “Dramatic, chilling, enraging.”—San Francisco Chronicle “Superb.”—Kirkus Reviews “Highly recommended reading.”—Library Journal

Sports in America - James A. Michener 2014-04-15

Originally published in 1976, James A. Michener’s explosive, spectacular Sports in America is a prescient examination of the crisis in American sports that is still unfolding to this day. Pro basketball players are banned for narcotics use, while a Major League pitcher is arrested for smuggling drugs across the Mexican border. The NFL’s “injury report” grows longer every Sunday. Corruption and recruiting violations plague collegiate sports as the “winning is everything” mentality trickles down to the Little League level. With his lifelong enthusiasm for sports in evidence, the incomparable Michener tackles this subject thoroughly and leaves us amazed and appalled by what we’ve learned, yet still loving the games we grew up on. BONUS: This edition includes an excerpt from James A. Michener's Hawaii. Praise for Sports in America “A

comprehensive, controversial examination of sports as a major force in American life.”—Los Angeles Times “Michener’s life was saved by sports twice. In return, he has issued a long, lovingly critical, prodigiously researched account of the passions and politics of America at organized play. Rich in anecdote, source material and his own shrewd commentary.”—The New York Times Book Review “Like just about everything James Michener has produced, Sports in America is a thoughtful, well-written document that’s thoroughly researched. . . . For anyone interested in how the ball bounces in the U.S. of A., the answers are all here.”—The Wall Street Journal “Encyclopedic . . . amusing and sometimes alarming.”—The Washington Post

Recessional - James A. Michener 2015-09-08

In this remarkable novel, Pulitzer Prize-winning author James A. Michener draws on his unparalleled gift for storytelling, his deep understanding of American society, and his own life experiences to illuminate the challenges of aging and the folly of youth. As the new director of a Florida retirement home known as the Palms, Andy Zorn suffers no shortage of loving support from his “elders,” a group of five passionate, outspoken residents. Still, Andy’s shortcomings tear him apart. But when he meets an extraordinary young woman who has been forced to rebuild her life after suffering crippling injuries, he finds himself falling in love. And with a few gentle jabs from his more mature friends, he discovers a wonderful new purpose in life. Praise for Recessional “The best moments in the novel occur when the characters disclose what’s in their hearts and minds with rueful, snappy humor.”—The New York Times Book Review “Michener hooks you with wonderfully humorous scenes. These are then interwoven between the moments of pain and heartache brought about by life choices we all must make.”—Tulsa World “Engaging . . . One will be drawn into the novelist’s world. . . . The lush natural setting provides James Michener plenty to show and tell.”—The Washington Times

The Drifters - James Albert Michener 1971

Eight wanderers, spanning three generations, find themselves thrown together in the Spanish resort town Torremolinos

A Life Lived on the Edge - Doug Stanyon 2017-11-25

Doug Stanyon grew up in Rhodesia and joined the British South Africa Police Force as a 16 year-old cadet in 1962, receiving a disciplined and rigorous training as a professional policeman. As a regular policeman he served in the rural areas where police duties required investigations of all crimes, long patrols in national parks, tribal areas and farmlands, a fine life for a young man, notwithstanding the hard-drinking culture that prevailed. After six years, he resigned to travel the world with almost identical experiences as portrayed in James Michener's "The Drifters." Returning to the country of his birth, penniless and emaciated, he re-joined the Police force, with his experience soon became a Detective. Most of his service thereafter was in the wartime environment which prevailed from 1972 onwards. He served in the CID, in the investigation of terrorist atrocities, prosecution of terrorists and their sympathisers, the gathering and dissemination of information concerning terrorist activities. Doug Stanyon became an experienced policeman involved in fighting a vicious guerrilla war. Notwithstanding a certain defiance and impatience with slow-to-change desk wallahs, he was promoted to the rank of Detective Inspector. Unable to accept the surrender of his beloved country to the enemies he had fought, he resigned in 1980 and emigrated to Australia, which after a hard orientation. He revolutionised the Transportation and Risk Management of the "Valuables in Transit" Security Industry largely using the procedures and knowledge absorbed during his service as a member of the BSAP Regiment.

Legacy - James A. Michener 2014-04-15

In this sweeping novel inspired by the Iran-Contra affair, master storyteller James A. Michener conjures the triumphs and tragedies of one family and their dynamic role in the history of the United States and its founding document. Over a tense weekend of reflection, Major Norman Starr of the National Security Council prepares to appear before a congressional committee to publicly account for his covert actions. Hoping to learn something from his proud, troubled heritage, Starr looks for guidance in the lives of his ancestors: all-Americans who weren’t always right. From a framer of the Constitution to a slave owner, from a Supreme Court justice to a courageous suffragist, each recalls an important legacy that Starr must somehow reconcile with his own perilous dilemma. BONUS: This edition includes an excerpt from James A.

Michener's Hawaii. Praise for Legacy "Michener has left his own legacy. . . . [He] is an educator, not just in history but in ethics, and like any good educator, he's not afraid to confront a complex world."—Edward Rutherford, Chicago Tribune "Michener tells interesting stories about the Constitution, even if they are fiction. He brings the document alive. . . . Each tale is told with the Michener flair."—United Press International "An impressive amount of historical drama . . . Captivating historical vignettes [are] woven skillfully within Starr's talks with his loving wife and loyal attorney."—Kirkus Reviews "A revealing book . . . about the forging of the Constitution and the crises that shaped it."—Associated Press

This Noble Land - James A. Michener 2016-03-08

In such modern classics as Chesapeake, Centennial, Hawaii, Alaska, and Texas, James A. Michener proved time and again that his understanding of and love for his country was unparalleled. This Noble Land is Michener's most personal statement about America, an examination of the issues that threaten to fragment and undermine the nation—racial conflict, the widening gulf between rich and poor, the decline of education, the inadequacies of our health care system—as well as a thought-provoking prescription for sustaining our "outstanding success." Infused with the wisdom and passion of a lifetime, This Noble Land stands as a wake-up call for a troubled era. Praise for This Noble Land "A book-length essay on the often worrying, often inspiring course of America in the nine decades of Michener's life."—The Washington Post "Michener is more interested in fixing the problems than in fixing the blame."—The Dallas Morning News "Michener's are the beach books that, unlike most other beach books, leave you smarter than you were when you started reading. Each delivers the product of all that research, doled out to the reader at just the right rate. You know right away who the bad guys are—the petty ones, the stingy ones. The heroes are generous and energetic and smart and, above all, unprejudiced. The real-life villains in This Noble Land are the people Michener perceives as 'petty, mean and vengeful.'"—St. Louis Post-Dispatch "Stirring . . . an admirable effort to define what has made our country great and how to preserve what is best about it."—Kirkus Reviews

Hawaii - James A. Michener 2013-11-26

Pulitzer Prize-winning author James A. Michener brings Hawaii's epic history vividly to life in a classic saga that has captivated readers since its initial publication in 1959. As the volcanic Hawaiian Islands sprout from the ocean floor, the land remains untouched for centuries—until, little more than a thousand years ago, Polynesian seafarers make the perilous journey across the Pacific, flourishing in this tropical paradise according to their ancient traditions. Then, in the early nineteenth century, American missionaries arrive, bringing with them a new creed and a new way of life. Based on exhaustive research and told in Michener's immersive prose, Hawaii is the story of disparate peoples struggling to keep their identity, live in harmony, and, ultimately, join together. **BONUS:** This edition includes an excerpt from James A. Michener's Centennial. Praise for Hawaii "Wonderful . . . [a] mammoth epic of the islands."—The Baltimore Sun "One novel you must not miss! A tremendous work from every point of view—thrilling, exciting, lusty, vivid, stupendous."—Chicago Tribune "From Michener's devotion to the islands, he has written a monumental chronicle of Hawaii, an extraordinary and fascinating novel."—Saturday Review "Memorable . . . a superb biography of a people."—Houston Chronicle

James A. Michener's USA - James Albert Michener 1981

A personal and pictorial view of five regions of the United States includes conversations with residents of each region on present-day social, economic, political, and cultural events and trends

The Last Leaves Falling - Fox Benwell 2016-06-07

In Japan, teenaged Abe Sora, who is afflicted with "Lou Gehrig's Disease," finds friends online and elicits their help to end his suffering.

Space - James Albert Michener 1983

Engineer Stanley Mott, astronomy student John Pope, naval hero Norman Grant, and rocket engineer Dieter Kolff serve as principals in the forty-year history of America's space program and share the complex drama with numerous others

The Bridges at Toko-Ri - James A. Michener 2015-05-05

In one of his beloved early bestsellers, Pulitzer Prize-winning author James A. Michener crafts a tale of the American men who fought the Korean War, detailing their exploits in the air as well as their lives on the

ground. Young and innocent, they arrive in a place they have barely ever heard of, on a ship massive enough to carry planes and helicopters. Trained as professionals, they prepare for the rituals of war that countless men before them have endured, and face the same fears. They are American fighter pilots. Together they face an enemy they do not understand, knowing their only hope for survival is to win. Praise for The Bridges at Toko-Ri "A vivid and moving story, as well as an exciting one . . . The humanity of the people is deeply felt."—Chicago Tribune "The Banshees screaming over Korea, the perilous landings on an aircraft carrier deck 'bouncing around like a derelict rowboat,' a helicopter rescue from the freezing waters . . . all are stirringly rendered."—The Denver Post "Michener's best . . . a story of action, ideas, and civilization's responsibilities."—Saturday Review

A Pillar of Iron - Taylor Caldwell 2017-01-31

New York Times Bestseller: A magnificent novel of ancient Rome and the tragic life of Cicero, who tried in vain to save the republic he loved from tyranny. In this riveting tale, the Roman Empire in its final glory is seen through the eyes of philosopher, orator, and political theorist Marcus Tullius Cicero. From his birth in 106 BC in the hill town of Arpinum, Cicero, the educated son of a wealthy member of the equestrian order, is destined for greatness. At a young age, he discovers the legend of the Unknown God, the coming Messiah, and it propels the rising lawyer on a journey of spiritual conflict and self-discovery. From his tumultuous family life to his tenuous alliance with Julius Caesar to a fateful love affair with the Roman empress Livia and, finally, to the political role that will make him a target of powerful enemies, A Pillar of Iron is the story of Cicero's legacy as one the greatest influences on Western civilization. Based on hundreds of speeches, voluminous private correspondence, and ancient texts and manuscripts, this bestselling epic brings into focus Cicero's complicated relationships with his contemporaries, including Caesar, Mark Antony, and Crassus, and brilliantly captures the pageantry, turmoil, and intrigue of life in ancient Rome. According to legendary editor Maxwell Perkins, author "Taylor Caldwell is a storyteller first, last and foremost, and once you begin reading one of her books, you can't help finishing it." This ebook features an illustrated biography of Taylor Caldwell including rare images from the author's estate.

Kent State - James Albert Michener 1982

All of James A. Michener's storytelling and reportorial skills are brought to the fore in this stunning and heartbreaking examination of the events that led to the 1970 shootings at Kent State, which shook the country to the roots and had a profound impact on the anti-war movement.

The Drifters - James Albert Michener 1971

Winter in Madrid - C. J. Sansom 2014-01-07

Fans of Carlos Ruiz Zafón's The Shadow of the Wind and Sebastian Faulks' Birdsong will fall in love with Winter in Madrid, the arresting novel from C.J. Sansom. In September 1940, the Spanish Civil War is over and Madrid lies in ruins while the Germans continue their march through Europe. Britain stands alone as General Franco considers whether to abandon neutrality and enter the war. Into this uncertain world comes Harry Brett, a privileged young man who was recently traumatized by his experience in Dunkirk and is now a reluctant spy for the British Secret Service. Sent to gain the confidence of Sandy Forsyth, an old school friend turned shadowy Madrid businessman, Brett finds himself involved in a dangerous game and surrounded by memories. Meanwhile, Sandy's girlfriend, ex-Red Cross nurse Barbara Clare, is engaged in a secret mission of her own. A vivid and haunting depiction of wartime Spain, Winter in Madrid is an intimate and riveting tale that offers a remarkable sense of history unfolding, and reveals the profound impact of impossible choices.

The Drifters - James A. Michener 1983-10-01

In his triumphant best seller, James Michener unfolds a powerful and poignant drama of six young runaways adrift in a world they have created out of dreams, drugs, and dedication to pleasure. With the sure touch of a master, Michener pulls us into the dark center of their private world, whether it's in Spain, Marrakech, or Mozambique, and exposes the naked nerve ends with shocking candor and infinite compassion. "A superior, picaresque novel...and a revealing mirror held up to contemporary society." JOHN BARKHAM REVIEWS Copyright © Libri GmbH. All rights reserved.

"Michener's the Name" - Robert Vavra 2006

James A Michener is one of America's most renowned and beloved authors. His books have sold more copies than those of Ernest Hemingway and John Steinbeck combined. He won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1948 for 'Tales of the South Pacific', which inspired the Rogers and Hammerstein Broadway musical 'South Pacific'. A very private man, Michener guarded his personal life and remained a mystery to his fans. He dropped his guard only with friends, including author and photographer Robert Vavra. In MICHENER'S THE NAME, Vavra invites Michener fans into the author's life with a singular portrait that spans nearly forty years. When they met, Michener was fifty-four years old and Vavra twenty-six. Throughout their ensuing 36-year friendship, Vavra would photograph Michener at work and at play. MICHENER'S THE NAME offers images taken by one photographer over decades, with captions drawn from conversations and letters between Michener and Vavra and other friends that offer a deep look into Michener's life.

The Source - James A. Michener 2013-11-26

In his signature style of grand storytelling, James A. Michener transports us back thousands of years to the Holy Land. Through the discoveries of modern archaeologists excavating the site of Tell Makor, Michener vividly re-creates life in an ancient city and traces the profound history of the Jewish people—from the persecution of the early Hebrews, the rise of Christianity, and the Crusades to the founding of Israel and the modern conflict in the Middle East. An epic tale of love, strength, and faith, The Source is a richly written saga that encompasses the history of Western civilization and the great religious and cultural ideas that have shaped our world. BONUS: This edition includes an excerpt from James A. Michener's Hawaii. Praise for The Source "Fascinating . . . stunning . . . [a] wonderful rampage through history . . . Biblical history, as seen through the eyes of a professor who is puzzled, appalled, delighted, enriched and impoverished by the spectacle of a land where all men are archeologists."—The New York Times "A sweeping [novel] filled with excitement—pagan ritual, the clash of armies, ancient and modern: the evolving drama of man's faith."—The Philadelphia Inquirer "Magnificent . . . a superlative piece of writing both in scope and technique . . . one of the great books of this generation."—San Francisco Call Bulletin

Miracle in Seville - James A. Michener 2015-12-08

James A. Michener, the Pulitzer Prize-winning master of the historical saga, returns to his beloved Spain with this magical novel of Seville at Easter time, a season of splendid pageantry, thrilling bullfights, deep piety—and the possibility of miracles. An American sports journalist has come to the city to report on efforts by the rancher Don Cayetano Mota to revive his once-proud line of bulls. Not only does Mota pray to the Virgin Mary, but he takes on herculean acts of devotion during the solemn celebrations of Holy Week. With treacherous enemies waiting in the ring, Mota's struggle taps deeply into life's mysteries, shaking the newspaperman's skepticism and opening his eyes to the wonder of faith. Featuring illustrations by the American bullfighter John Fulton, Miracle in Seville is Michener at his most dazzling. Praise for Miracle in Seville "Eloquent . . . a vintage demonstration of Michener storytelling . . . What emerges most strongly is the real admiration and awe that lovers of bullfighting feel for the toro bravo."—The New York Times Book Review "Compelling . . . told with an understanding of and appreciation for a culture where matadors are artists and miracles are possible."—Chicago Tribune

Sayonara - James A. Michener 2015-08-11

From a great master of historical fiction comes a brilliant tale of love amid war. James A. Michener

combines powerful storytelling with deep sensitivity in this novel of a U.S. Army man who, against all odds, falls for a fascinating Japanese woman. Stationed in the exotic Far East, Major Lloyd Gruver considers himself lucky. The son of a general, dating the daughter of another powerful military family, he can look forward to a bright future. And he just can't understand guys like Private Joe Kelly, who throw away their lives in the States by marrying local girls. But then Lloyd meets Hana-ogi. After that, nothing matters anymore . . . nothing but her. Praise for James A. Michener "A master storyteller . . . Michener, by any standards, is a phenomenon."—The Wall Street Journal "Sentence for sentence, writing's fastest attention grabber."—The New York Times "Michener has become an institution in America, ranking somewhere between Disneyland and the Library of Congress. You learn a lot from him."—Chicago Tribune "While he fascinates and engrosses, Michener also educates."—Los Angeles Times

Journey - James A. Michener 2014-03-18

One of the premier novelists of the twentieth century, James A. Michener captures a frenzied time when sane men and women risked their very lives in a forbidding Arctic land to win a dazzling and elusive prize: Yukon gold. In 1897, gold fever sweeps the world. The promise of untold riches lures thousands of dreamers from all walks of life on a perilous trek toward fortune, failure—or death. Journey is an immersive account of the adventures of four English aristocrats and their Irish servant as they haul across cruel Canadian terrain toward the Klondike gold fields. Vivid and sweeping, featuring Michener's probing insights into the follies and grandeur of the human spirit, this is the kind of novel only he could write. BONUS: This edition includes an excerpt from James A. Michener's Hawaii. Praise for Journey "Stunning . . . Michener at his best."—Houston Chronicle "Michener brings sharply into focus the hardships encountered by those who dreamed of striking it rich."—Associated Press "Michener has amassed a peerless reputation as the heralded dean of the historical tome. . . . Journey is a book that envelops the reader in an atmosphere of hazardous escapades."—Richmond Times-Dispatch "Remarkable . . . superb literature."—The Pittsburgh Press

Iberia - James A. Michener 2013-07-03

Spain is an immemorial land like no other, one that James A. Michener, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author and celebrated citizen of the world, came to love as his own. Iberia is Michener's enduring nonfiction tribute to his cherished second home. In the fresh and vivid prose that is his trademark, he not only reveals the celebrated history of bullfighters and warrior kings, painters and processions, cathedrals and olive orchards, he also shares the intimate, often hidden country he came to know, where the congeniality of living souls is thrust against the dark weight of history. Wild, contradictory, passionately beautiful, this is Spain as experienced by a master writer. BONUS: This edition includes an excerpt from James A. Michener's Hawaii. Praise for Iberia "From the glories of the Prado to the loneliest stone villages, here is Spain, castle of old dreams and new realities."—The New York Times "Massive, beautiful . . . unquestionably some of the best writing on Spain [and] the best that Mr. Michener has ever done on any subject."—The Wall Street Journal "A dazzling panorama . . . one of the richest and most satisfying books about Spain in living memory."—Saturday Review "Kaleidoscopic . . . This book will make you fall in love with Spain."—The Houston Post