

Ida Pfeiffer (1797-1858)

Austrian traveler and writer who made two Round-the-World trips in the mid-19th-century.

- Visit to the Holy Land, Egypt and Italy (1852) **SR 915.694 PFE***

Lady Hester Stanhope (1776-1839)

British socialite, traveler and adventurer whose archaeological expedition to Ashkelon in 1815 is considered the first modern excavation in the Holy Land.

- Memoirs of the Lady Hester Stanhope (1846: 3 volumes) **B STA**
- Lady Hester Stanhope (1909) – Julia Roundell **B STA**
- Star of the Morning: The Extraordinary Life of Lady Hester Stanhope (2008) – Kirsten Ellis **B STA**

Edith Durham (1863-1944)

Traveler, artist and anthropologist whose writings on the Balkans – and particularly Albania – were considered pre-eminent. Her work is illustrated with her own sketches.

- The Burden of the Balkans (1905) **914.96 DUR**

Alexandra David-Néel (1868-1969)

Belgian-French explorer, spiritualist, Buddhist and anarchist, whose writings on Tibet influenced Jack Kerouac and Allen Ginsberg.

- My Journey to Lhasa (1983; originally published 1924) **915.15 DAV**

Josephine Diebitsch Peary (1863-1955)

American author and Arctic explorer, alongside her husband, Robert Peary.

- My Arctic Journal (1893) **919.8 PEA**. For further accounts of Arctic exploration, see our separate guide Arctic Exploration

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General Histories of Exploration

- A History of Exploration: From the Earliest Times to the Present Day (1950) – Percy Sykes **910.9 SYK**
- Narratives of Exploration and Adventure (1958) – ed., Allan Nevins **973 FRE**

General Histories of Women Explorers

- Spinsters Abroad: Victorian Lady Explorers (1989) – Dea Birkett **910.4 BIR**
- On Top of The World: Five Women Explorers in Tibet (1976) – Laura Miller **915.15 MIL**

Yorkshire Explorers

Amy Johnson (1903 -1941)

Born in Kingston-upon-Hull, Amy Johnson was a pioneering aviatrix and the first female pilot to fly alone from Britain to Australia.

- Winged Victory: The Story of Amy Johnson (1966) – Elizabeth Grey **YB JOH**
- Amy Johnson (1977) – Constance Babington Smith **B JOH**
- Amy Johnson: Queen of the Air (1980) – Gordon Snell **YB JOH**
- Amy Johnson (1987) – Eva Bailey **YB JOH**
- Amy Johnson: Enigma in the Sky (2002) – David Luff **YB JOH**
- Missing, Believed Killed (2010) – Roy Coyners Nesbit **Y 363.1 NES**. Includes a chapter on Amy Johnson's disappearance in 1941

Isabella Bird (1831-1904)

From Boroughbridge near Harrogate, Isabella Bird was a 19th-century explorer, writer, photographer and naturalist. She was the first woman to be elected Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

- Unbeaten Tracks in Japan (1880) **Y 915.2 BIR**
- Korea and Her Neighbours (1898 – writing as Mrs. Bishop) **951.9 BIR**
- The Yangtze Valley and Beyond (1899 – as Mrs. Bishop) **Y 915.1 BIR**

Other Women Explorers

Freya Stark (1893-1993)

Recipient of the Royal Geographical Society's *Back Award* in 1933, Freya Stark was best known for her travels in the Middle East and Afghanistan.

- The Valley of Assassins: And Other Persian Travels (1934) **915.5 STA**
- Baghdad Sketches (1939) **956.7 STA**
- The Southern Gates of Arabia: A Journey in the Hadhramaut (1940) **915.33 STA**
- A Winter in Arabia (1948) **915.33 STA**
- Traveller's Prelude (1950) **B STA**
- Beyond Euphrates: Autobiography, 1928-1933 (1951) **B STA**
- The Coast of Incense: Autobiography, 1933-1939 (1953) **B STA**
- Ionia: A Quest (1954) **915.61 STA**
- The Lycian Shore (1956) **914.95 STA**
- Alexander's Path: From Caria to Cilicia (1958) **915.61 STA**
- Dust in the Lion's Paw: Autobiography, 1939-1946 (1961) **B STA**
- A Tower in a Wall: Conversations with Dame Freya Stark (1982) – Alexander Maitland **B STA**

Gertrude Bell (1868-1926)

One of the most influential individuals of the 20th-century, Gertrude Bell was a traveler, writer, political officer, administrator, spy and archaeologist who played a pivotal role in mapping the boundaries of the Middle-East.

- The Desert and the Sown (1907) **956 BEL**
- Daughter of the Desert: The Remarkable Life of Gertrude Bell (2007) - Georgina Howell **B BEL**

Mary Kingsley (1862-1900)

English explorer and ethnographer whose writings helped shaped European perceptions of African cultures.

- Travels in West Africa (1897) **916.7 KIN**
- West African Studies (1899) **966 KIN**
- The Life of Mary Kingsley (1932) – Stephen Lucius Gwynn **B KIN**