

# Appendix 2

## FURTHER INFORMATION

### BOOKS

**Travellers' tales** Herodotus and Strabo both wrote about Georgia in classical times.

- Anderson, Tony *Bread and Ashes: A Journey through the Mountains of Georgia* Vintage, 2004. A rather episodic but very atmospheric and informative account of hiking through much of the Georgian Caucasus.
- Bitov, Andrei *A Captive of the Caucasus* Weidenfeld & Nicholson/Harvill, 1993. Full of associative anecdotes, more a journey through the literary culture of Russia than through Georgia and Armenia.
- Bullough, Oliver *Let Our Fame Be Great: Journeys among the Defiant People of the Caucasus* Allen Lane, 2010.
- Dumas, Alexandre the elder *Adventures in the Caucasus* (1859) Owen/Chiltern Books, 1962.
- Farson, Daniel *A Dry Ship to the Mountains* Michael Joseph, 1994/Penguin, 1995. Following his father's footsteps (see following entry).
- Farson, Negley *Caucasian Journey* Evans, 1951/Penguin, 1988.
- Griffin, Nicholas *Caucasus: In the Wake of Warriors* Review, 2001. Published in the USA as *Caucasus, A Journey to the Land between Christianity and Islam*, taking us through Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan on the trail of Shamil.
- Keun, Odette *In the Land of the Golden Fleece* London, 1924.
- Maclean, Fitzroy *Eastern Approaches* Cape, 1949/Penguin, 2004.
- Maclean, Fitzroy *To Caucasus* Cape, 1976.
- Marsden, Philip *The Spirit Wrestlers* HarperCollins, 1998. A beautifully written quest to find the surviving Doukhobors, a dissident Russian Orthodox sect, ending up in Javakheti.
- Nansen, Fridthof *Through the Caucasus to the Volga* George Allen & Unwin, 1931.
- Nasmyth, Peter *Georgia, in the Mountains of Poetry* RoutledgeCurzon, 2006. An updated version of *Georgia: A Rebel in the Caucasus* (1992), this is a beautifully evocative account of travels in post-Soviet Georgia.
- Pereira, Michael *Across the Caucasus* Geoffrey Bles, 1973.
- Russell, Mary *Please Don't Call It Soviet Georgia* Serpent's Tail, 1991.
- Severin, Tim *The Jason Voyage* Arrow, 1990.
- Shaw, Peter *Hole: Kidnapped in Georgia* Accent Press, 2006. A gripping account of Shaw's 2000 kidnapping ordeal, which also offers insights into the social and political background.
- Stevenson, Wendell *Stories I Stole* Atlantic Books/Grove Press, 2003. An evocative view of 1990s Georgia through the eyes of a young foreign correspondent.
- Steinbeck, John A *Russian Journal* Viking, 1948/Penguin, 1999. Including 44 pages on Georgia, with photos by Robert Capa.
- Thubron, Colin *Where Nights Are Longest* Atlantic Monthly Press, 1984.

### History and politics

- Allen, W E D *History of the Georgian People* Barnes & Noble, 1971.
- Almond, Mark *Post-Communist Georgia: A Short History* CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2012. A pretty negative view of the first 20 years of Georgia's post-Soviet history.



- Asmus, Ronald D *A Little War That Shook the World: Georgia, Russia, and the Future of the West* Palgrave Macmillan, 2009. An account of the five-day war of 2008 by an American diplomat who was involved at the time.
- Aves, Jonathan *Paths to National Independence in Georgia 1987–90* School of Slavonic and East European Studies, 1991.
- Aves, Jonathan *Post-Soviet Transcaucasia* Royal Institute of International Affairs Post-Soviet Business Forum, 1993.
- Aves, Jonathan *Georgia: From Chaos to Stability* Royal Institute of International Affairs, Former Soviet South Project, 1996.
- Awde, N (ed) *Ancient Peoples of the Caucasus: A Handbook* Curzon, 1999.
- Baddeley, J F *The Russian Conquest of the Caucasus* Nabu Press, 2010 (paperback reprint of a 1908 classic, also free online).
- Braund, David *Georgia in Antiquity* Clarendon, 1994.
- Chervonnaya, Svetlana *Conflict in the Caucasus – Georgia, Abkhazia and the Russian Shadow* Gothic Image Publications, Glastonbury, 1995.
- Coppieters, Bruno and Legvold, Robert (eds) *Statehood and Security: Georgia after the Rose Revolution* American Academy Studies in Global Security, MIT Press, 2005.
- Cornell, S E and Frederick Starr, S (eds) *The Guns of August 2008: Russia's War in Georgia* M E Sharpe, 2009. An edited collection of essays by Russian, Georgian, European and American experts on the Caucasus.
- Curtis, Glenn E (ed) *Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia* Bernan Lanham, Maryland, 1995.
- de Waal, Thomas *The Caucasus: An Introduction* OUP USA, 2010. Written after the 2008 war, an interesting look at the American and Russian roles in the Rose Revolution and Saakashvili government.
- Djilas, Milovan *Conversations with Stalin* Penguin, 2014. Based on three visits to Moscow in the 1940s, this shows the Yugoslav vice president shifting from awe to disillusion.
- Gahrton, Per *Georgia: Pawn in the New Great Game* Pluto Press, 2010.
- Goldenberg, S A *Pride of Small Nations: The Caucasus and Post-Soviet Disorder* Zed Books, London, 1994.
- Goltz, Thomas *Georgia Diary: A Chronicle of War and Political Chaos in the Post-Soviet Caucasus* M E Sharpe, 2006. An entertaining and perceptive account of journalistic travels across the Caucasus.
- Jones, Stephen F 'Georgia: A Failed Democratic Transition', in *Nations & Politics in the Soviet Successor States* (ed) I Bremmer, Cambridge UP, 1993.
- King, Charles *The Ghost of Freedom, A Modern History of the Caucasus* Oxford UP, 2009. Starting with the arrival of Russian imperialists at the end of the 18th century, this deftly picks through the complex strands leading to the modern nations of the Caucasus.
- Kleveman, Lutz *The New Great Game* Atlantic Books, 2003. A compelling account of the politicking and arm-twisting involved in extracting oil and gas from Central Asia and the Caspian, and building pipelines across the Caucasus.
- Kotkin, Stephen *Stalin Vol 1: Paradoxes of Power, 1878–1928* Penguin, 2014. The latest biography of Stalin, using new archive material to understand his formative years in the Caucasus.
- Lang, D M *Last Years of the Georgian Monarchy 1658–1832* Columbia UP, 1957.
- Lang, D M *Modern History of Soviet Georgia* Grove Press, 1962.
- Lang, D M *The Georgians* Thames & Hudson, 1966.
- Lee, Eric *The Experiment – Georgia's Forgotten Revolution 1918–21* ZED Books, 2017. An excellent account of Georgia's experiment with democratic socialism which might have led to a less oppressive alternative to the Bolshevik nightmare ([www.ericlee.info/theexperiment](http://www.ericlee.info/theexperiment)).
- Rayfield, Donald *Edge of Empires, A History of Georgia* Reaktion/Chicago UP, 2012. A wide-ranging examination of Georgia from the earliest civilisations to the Saakashvili era.
- Sebag-Montefiore, Simon *Young Stalin* Weidenfeld & Nicholson, 2007. The prequel to the successful *Stalin: Court of the Red Tsar*. The story of his childhood in Georgia and the revolutionary exploits across the Caucasus that made him what he later became.



- Shevardnadze, Eduard *The Future Belongs to Freedom* Sinclair Stevenson, 1991.
- Skinner, Peter *Georgia – The Land Below the Caucasus* Mta Publications/Central Books, UK, 2014. A new history of Georgia from Hellenic times to the Soviet takeover of 1921 with 20 detailed maps and well-chosen photos.
- Suny, Ronald *The Making of the Georgian Nation* IB Tauris, London 1989; 2nd edition Indiana UP, 1994.
- van der Leeuw, Charles *Storm over the Caucasus* Curzon, 1998.
- Waters, Chris (ed) *The State of Law in the South Caucasus* Euro-Asian Studies, Palgrave Macmillan 2005. Not just the law, but the way in which judicial, governmental, commercial and criminal interests are bound together in the Caucasus.
- Wheatley, Jonathan *Georgia from National Awakening to Rose Revolution: Delayed Transition in the Former Soviet Union* Ashgate Publishing, 2005. A very academic approach to recent Georgian history.
- Wright, J F R et al (eds) *Transcaucasian Boundaries* UCL Press, 1996.

**Literature** Some excellent new Georgian writing has been published in English by the Dalkey Archive ([www.dalkeyarchive.com/product-tag/georgian-literature-series](http://www.dalkeyarchive.com/product-tag/georgian-literature-series)).

- Cobham, Leah *Nino's Song* TWH Publishing, 2016. An insightful women's-eye view of Georgia, presented in prose, poetry and diary excerpts.
- Coffin, Lyn & Jokhadze, Gia *Georgian Poetry: Rustaveli to Galaktion* Slavica Publishers/Indiana UP, 2013. An anthology of nine poets (some in both English and Georgian) from the 12th to the 20th century.
- Highway, Elizabeth (ed & trans) *Contemporary Georgian Fiction* Dalkey Archive, 2012. A good collection of short stories, written by 20 authors over a span of 50 years.
- Karumidze, Zurab *Dagny, or a Love Feast* Dalkey Archive Press, 2014. A complicated and ambitious phantasmagoria of mysticism and eroticism via Stalin, Bach's Art of Fugue and much else, this tells the story of Edvard Munch's muse who died in a Tbilisi hotel in 1901.
- Khantadze, Archil (trans) *12 Short Stories – A Key to the Georgian Mentality* Shemetsneba, 2009. Folk tales, really, that offer humorous insights into the Georgian mind.
- Khantadze, Jumber *The Amorous Detective and Other Stories* Shemetsneba, 2012. Stories of Georgian life under communism that read a bit like oral history.
- Lermontov, Mikhail *A Hero of Our Time* Penguin, 1977. Look out also for the Nabokov translation (1958).
- Morgan Jones, Chris *The Searcher* Pan Macmillan 2016. A fast-moving thriller with a reluctant hero thrown into the chaos of Georgia's conflict with Russia.
- Nicholson, Anthea *The Banner of the Passing Clouds* Granta, 2013. Odd insights into Georgian life under communism (from the 1950s) and during the civil war.
- Pasternak, Boris *Letters to Georgian Friends* Penguin, 1971. Letters written by the author of Dr Zhivago in 1931–59, notably to the poets Titsian Tabidze and Paolo Iashvili, both to be killed in Stalin's purges.
- Pushkin, Alexander *Journey to Arzrum (ie: Erzurum)* Ardis, 1974. Also included in *Tales of Belkin and Other Prose Writings* Penguin, 1998.
- Rustaveli, Shota, translated by Lynn Coffin, *The Knight in the Panther Skin* Poezia Press, 2017. An excellent new verse translation of the national epic; also available are earlier translations by R H Stevenson (SUNY Press, 1977) and Venera Urushadze (Sabchota Sakartvelo, 1986/Nova Science, 1999).
- Said, Kurban Ali and Nino *Vintage*, 2000. Set in Baku, an Azeri-Georgian Romeo and Juliet by a mystery author; full of romantic colour and period detail.
- Tabidze, Galaktion, translated by Merabishvili, Innes *Discover Galaktion: Galaktion Tabidze: A Selection of His Poems in a New Parallel Translation* Critical, Cultural and Communications Press, 2017



## Wildlife guides

- Flint, Vladimir *Field Guide to the Birds of Russia and the Adjacent Territories* Princeton UP, 1984. English, Russian and scientific names.
- Gavashelishvili, Lexo et al *A Birdwatching Guide to Georgia* Buneba, 2005. Available through [wnhbs.com](http://wnhbs.com) in Europe or Buteo Books in the Americas, an excellent guide to birding sites which covers flora and other wildlife.
- Knystautas, A *Birds of Russia* Collins, 1993. Good photos, English and scientific (not Russian or Georgian) names.

## Food and wine

- Capalbo, Carla *Tasting Georgia – A Food and Wine Journey in the Caucasus* Pallas Athene, 2017. A superb guide to Georgian cuisine, with 70 recipes, fabulous photos and a lot of information on food and wine culture.
- Goldstein, Darra *The Georgian Feast* University of California Press, 1993.
- Feiring, Alice *For the Love of Wine* University of Nebraska Press, 2016. Everything you need to know about natural qvevri wines.
- Hercules, Olia *Kaukasis* Octopus/Mitchell Beazley, 2017. Less definitive than Capalbo's book but perhaps more useful for home cooking.
- Hudin, Miquel and Kholodilina, Daria *Georgia: A Guide to the Cradle of Wine* Vinologue, 2017. The definitive guide to Georgia's wines, region by region, with winery profiles and hundreds of tasting notes.
- Saldadze, Anna and Gigauri, David *Be My Guest – The Georgian Recipe for Cooking Success* Sulakauri Publishing, 2013.
- Tuskadze, Tiko *Supra – A Feast of Georgian Cooking* Anova Pavilion, 2017. Authentic family recipes.

## Miscellaneous

- Baerug, Richard *Europe's Unknown Fairytale Land* Sulakauri (Georgia)/Forlagshuset i Vestfold (Norway), 2016. An account of the first hiking and skiing circuits of the whole of Svaneti, with excellent photos by Shako Margian (Georgia), full of cultural background, as well as practical guidance.
- Bender, Friedrich *Classic Climbs in the Caucasus* Diadem, London/Menasha Ridge, Birmingham, Alabama, 1992.
- Gachechilidze, Revaz *The New Georgia: Space, Society, Politics* UCL Press, 1995. A geography text.
- Häberli, Katharina and Harker, Andrew *Under Eagles' Wings: Hikes, Bikes, Horseback and Skitours in Georgia* H & H Travelogue, 2005.
- Kolomiets, Yury and Solovyev, Aleksey *Trekking in the Caucasus* Cicerone, 1994.
- Nasmyth, Peter *Walking in the Caucasus: Georgia* MTA Publications/IB Tauris, 2005.
- Rayfield, Donald *The Literature of Georgia: A History* Clarendon, 1994 (revised 2010).
- Salkeld, Audrey and Bermudez, Jose *On the Edge of Europe: Mountaineering in the Caucasus* The Mountaineers, 1994.
- Salkeld, Audrey and Bermudez, Jose *The Forgotten Range of Europe: An Anthology of Exploration in the Caucasus* Teach Yourself, 1993.
- Soltes, O *National Treasures of Georgia* Philip Wilson, 2001.
- Wheeler, Angela *Architecture Guide to Tbilisi* DOM Publishers, 2018.

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- Brummell, Paul *Kazakhstan* (3rd edition) Bradt Travel Guides, 2018
- Darke, Diana *Eastern Turkey* (2nd edition) Bradt Travel Guides, 2014



Holding, Deirdre *Armenia: with Nagorno Karabagh* (4th edition) Bradt Travel Guides, 2014  
 Ibbotson, Sophie *Tajikistan* (2nd edition) Bradt Travel Guides, 2017  
 Ibbotson, Sophie and Lovell-Hoare, Max *Uzbekistan* (2nd edition) Bradt Travel Guides, 2016  
 Mitchell, Laurence *Kyrgyzstan* (3rd edition) Bradt Travel Guides, 2015  
 Roberts, Nigel *Belarus* (3rd edition) Bradt Travel Guides, 2015  
 Taylor, Neil *Estonia* (7th edition) Bradt Travel Guides, 2014

## WEBSITES

**w agenda.ge** Online news.  
**w amcham.ge, yell.ge** For business contacts.  
**w biodiversity-georgia.net** Every single species (provisionally).  
**w bu.edu/iscip** Academic material.  
**w cenn.org** The Caucasus Environmental NGO Network (CENN) website; for a round-up of environmental and NGO activities.  
**w cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/gg.html** The CIA Factbook.  
**w civil.ge** Detailed news from Georgia, especially relating to civil society and NGOs.  
**w depts.washington.edu/dtcg** The University of Washington's Georgian Digital Test Collective.  
**w georgia.travel** The Georgian government's useful tourism website.  
**w georgia.usembassy.gov** US government information (US embassy in Tbilisi).  
**w georgiatoday.ge** The website of *Georgia Today*.  
**w jam-news.net** Online news.  
**w messenger.com.ge** The website of *The Messenger*.  
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**w sarke.com** The website of the *Daily News and Weekly Economic Review*.  
**w svanetitrekking.ge/eng/index.htm** Guide to trekking in Svaneti.  
**w tabula.ge/en** Online news  
**w tbilisiguide.ge** A useful online resource about Tbilisi.  
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