

GEOGRAPHY READING LIST



THERE IS NO PLANET B: A HANDBOOK FOR THE MAKE OR BREAK YEARS MIKE BERNERS-LEE

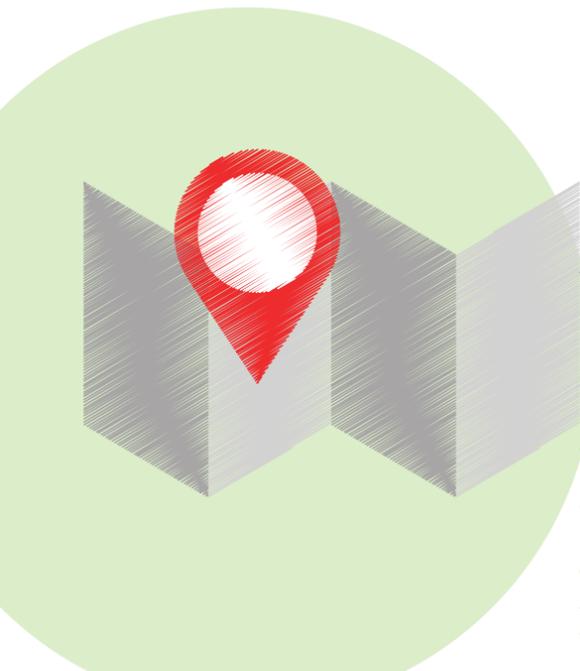
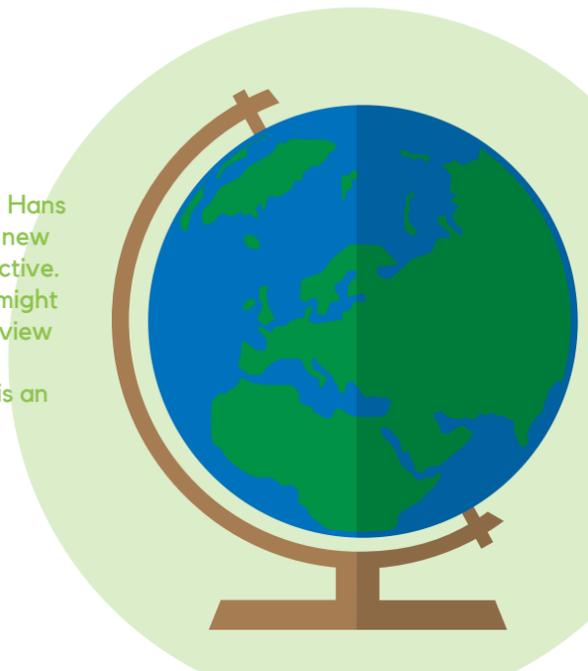
Feeding the world, climate change, biodiversity, antibiotics, plastics - the list of concerns seems endless. But what is most pressing, what are the knock-on effects of our actions, and what should we do first? Do we all need to become vegetarian? How can we fly in a low-carbon world? Should we frack? How can we take control of technology? Does it all come down to population? And, given the global nature of the challenges we now face, what on Earth can any of us do?

Fortunately, Mike Berners-Lee has crunched the numbers and plotted a course of action that is practical and even enjoyable. *There is No Planet B* maps it out in an accessible and entertaining way, filled with astonishing facts and analysis.

FACTFULNESS: TEN REASONS WE'RE WRONG ABOUT THE WORLD – AND WHY THINGS ARE BETTER THAN YOU THINK HANS ROSLING

When asked simple questions about global trends - why the world's population is increasing; how many young women go to school; how many of us live in poverty - we systematically get the answers wrong. So wrong that a chimpanzee choosing answers at random will consistently outguess journalists, Nobel laureates, and investment bankers.

In *Factfulness*, Professor of International Health and a man who can make data sing, Hans Rosling, together with his two long-time collaborators Anna and Ola, offers a radical new explanation of why this happens, and reveals the ten instincts that distort our perspective. It turns out that the world, for all its imperfections, is in a much better state than we might think. But when we worry about everything all the time instead of embracing a worldview based on facts, we can lose our ability to focus on the things that threaten us most. Inspiring and revelatory, filled with lively anecdotes and moving stories, *Factfulness* is an urgent and essential book that will change the way you see the world.



BEYOND THE MAP: UNRULY ENCLAVES, GHOSTLY PLACES, EMERGING LANDS AND OUR SEARCH FOR NEW UTOPIAS ALISTAIR BONNETT

Geography is getting stranger. Out there, fleets of new islands are under construction and micro-nations are struggling into the light. As new borders and boundaries ebb and flow with increasing speed, it feels as if our old maps are being discarded, redrawn or torn up.

Alastair Bonnett uncovers the stories of thirty-nine extraordinary places, each of which challenges us to re-imagine the world around us. From emerging islands, disruptive enclaves and bold utopian visions to uncanny ruins, ghostly tunnels and hidden landscapes – these are destinations that lie beyond ordinary coordinates.

A follow on from the critically acclaimed *Off the Map*, this is a timely and fascinating discussion of place, ownership and ideas of state.

THE MAKING OF THE BRITISH LANDSCAPE: FROM THE ICE AGE TO THE PRESENT NICHOLAS CRANE

How much do we really know about the place we call 'home'? In this sweeping, timely book, Nicholas Crane tells the story of Britain. The British landscape has been continuously occupied by humans for 12,000 years, from the end of the Ice Age to the twenty-first century. It has been transformed from a European peninsula of glacier and tundra to an island of glittering cities and exquisite countryside.

In this geographical journey through time, we discover the ancient relationship between people and place and the deep-rooted tensions between town and countryside. The twin drivers of landscape change - climate and population - have arguably wielded as much influence on our habitat as monarchs and politics. From tsunamis and farming to Roman debacles and industrial cataclysms, from Stonehenge to high-rise and hamlet to metropolis, this is a book about change and adaptation. As Britain lurches from an exploitative past towards a more sustainable future, this is the story of our age.



ADVENTURES IN THE ANTHROPOCENE: A JOURNEY TO THE HEART OF THE PLANET WE MADE GAIA VINCE

We live in epoch-making times. The changes we humans have made in recent decades have altered our world beyond anything it has experienced in its 4.6 billion-year history. As a result, our planet is said to be crossing into the Anthropocene – the Age of Humans.

Gaia Vince decided to travel the world at the start of this new age to see what life is really like for the people on the frontline of the planet we've made. From artificial glaciers in the Himalayas to painted mountains in Peru, electrified reefs in the Maldives to garbage islands in the Caribbean, Gaia found people doing the most extraordinary things to solve the problems that we ourselves have created. These stories show what the Anthropocene means for all of us – and they illuminate how we might engineer Earth for our future.

DON'T GO THERE: FROM CHERNOBYL TO NORTH KOREA—ONE MAN'S QUEST TO LOSE HIMSELF AND FIND EVERYONE ELSE IN THE WORLD'S STRANGEST PLACES ADAM FLETCHER

They shouldn't have tear-gassed best-selling author Adam Fletcher. It made him mad. And it made him curious... In this unusual, hilarious travel memoir he sets out on a quest to visit some of the strangest places in the world. There's something he wants to know. Something no-one is telling him.

To get the answer he'll enter a Chinese blizzard armed with only a pack of biscuits, ponder the apocalypse in Chernobyl, be chased down by the Croatian police on his way to the newest country in the world, meet the Devil incarnate on a night bus in Moldova, ruin a socialist mass dance, and come face-to-face with two (dead) dictators in North Korea. But this quest to understand the world (and himself) will also threaten his sanity, safety and relationship to his eccentric girlfriend. Will it be worth it? *Don't Go There* is packed full of interesting characters, uncomfortable moments, unusual destinations, and British humour from one of the most promising new travel writers of his generation.