

Suggested Reading List for Brazil

Books

Lonely Planet Brazil (*Lonely Planet*)

Brazil is blessed with powdery white-sand beaches, verdant rainforests and rhythm-filled metropolises. Its attractions extend from frozen-in-time colonial towns, coral-fringed tropical islands and otherworldly landscapes of canyons and waterfalls to a national joie de vivre that embraces good food, great music and fabulous festivals.

Party at Carnaval in Rio, come face to face with monkeys and other creatures in the Amazon, or snorkel the aquatic life-filled natural aquariums of Bonito, all with your trusted travel companion. Get to the heart of Brazil and begin your journey now!

The Rough Guide to Brazil (*Oliver Marshal, Dilwyn Jenkins & David Cleary*)

Filled with entertaining in-depth accounts of all the major cities and towns, as well as the best beaches, jungle tours, and hiking trips. A full colour introduction gives an immediate flavour of the vibrant country with striking photographs of the country's many attractions and activities, from joining the parades at the Rio Carnival to taking a boat trip up the Amazon. There is informative background on everything from Brazilian art to the most infamous favelas giving the reader a sound context to help understand the country. Practical advice on getting around is supported by over 70 maps and plans and extensive listings sections giving insightful reviews into accommodation, restaurants and bars.

Futebol Nation (*David Goldblatt*)

The Futebol Nation is an extraordinary chronicle of a nation that has won the World Cup five times and produced players of miraculous skill, such as Pelé, Garrincha, Rivaldo, Zico, Ronaldo, and Ronaldinho. It shows why the phrase O Jogo Bonito—the Beautiful Game—has justly entered the global lexicon. Yet there is another side to Brazil and its game, one that reflects the harsh sociological realities of the “futebol nation.” David Goldblatt explores the grinding poverty that creates a vast pool of hungry players, Brazil's corrupt institutions exemplified by its soccer authorities, and the pervasive violence that has seeped onto the field and into the stands.

Brazil (*John Updike*)

The novel concerns the enduring if much-beleaguered romance between a beach rat and petty thief named Tristão and Isabel, the bored daughter of a diplomat. Their striking differences in race and class are only somewhat less of an obstacle in Rio, than they would be nearly anywhere else. Opposition to the match is immediate and persistent. Both families present obstacles of various kinds; Isabel's father even resorts finally to hiring gunmen to separate them by force. Though separated for years, they are reunited and run away to try their luck in the gold mines of Serra do Buraco. After years of toil, during which Isabel bears two children (sired by other men) and Tristão discovers and then loses the nugget that would make their fortune, they are forced to flee once more to escape her father's minions.

Rio de Janeiro: Extreme City (*Luiz Eduardo Soares*)

A book as rich and sprawling as the seductive metropolis it evokes, Rio de Janeiro builds a kaleidoscopic portrait of this city of extremes, and its history of conflict and corruption. Award-winning novelist, ex-government minister and sociologist Luiz Eduardo Soares tells the story of Rio through the everyday lives of its people: gangsters and police, activists, politicians and struggling migrant workers, each with their own version of the city. Taking us on a journey into Rio's intricate

world of favelas, beaches and corridors of power, Soares reveals one of the most extraordinary cities in the world in all its seething, agonistic beauty.

Heliopolis (*James Scudamore*)

Born in a São Paulo shantytown, Ludo undergoes a remarkable transformation from one side of the city's impermeable social divide to the other. Rescued and raised by a plutocrat, Zeno Generoso, Ludo finds himself entrenched in the gated, guarded community of the super-rich. Now 27, Ludo works for a vacuous "communications company" that markets unaffordable products aimed at the very underclass into which he was born and from which he escaped. To make matters more complicated, he has developed an obsessive, adulterous love for his adoptive sister, whose husband is his only friend.

Brazil on the Rise: The Story of a Country Transformed (*Larry Rohter & Palgrave MacMillan*)

In this hugely praised narrative, New York Times reporter Larry Rohter takes the reader on a lively trip through Brazil's history, culture, and booming economy. Going beyond the popular stereotypes of samba, supermodels, and soccer, he shows us a stunning and varied landscape--from breathtaking tropical beaches to the lush and dangerous Amazon rainforest--and how a complex and vibrant people defy definition. He charts Brazil's amazing jump from a debtor nation to one of the world's fastest growing economies, unravels the myth of Brazil's sexually charged culture, and portrays in vivid color the underbelly of impoverished favelas. With Brazil leading the charge of the Latin American decade, this critically acclaimed history is the authoritative guide to understanding its meteoric rise.

Websites

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Blogs

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