Here is a brief selection of favorite, new and hard-to-find books, prepared for your Galapagos journey. Using the links in blue you can purchase each book at the best available price, directly through Amazon.com.

**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**

Weiner, Jonathan.  
*The Beak of the Finch.*  
This Pulitzer Prize-winning work is an accessible look at the modern debate on the mode and rhythm of evolution, using the story of Peter and Rosemary Grant and their ground-breaking field work on Daphne Major as an example.  
(PAPER, 332 Pp., $16.95)  
BUY: [https://amzn.to/2NtOhYz](https://amzn.to/2NtOhYz)

Darwin, Charles.  
*Voyage of the Beagle.*  
The wide-eyed tale of a young man on a five-year voyage that changed his life -- and our way of thinking about the world. First published in 1839, it is still a marvelous introduction to the wildlife, nature and allure of South America.  
(PAPER, 468 Pp., $12.95)  
BUY: [https://amzn.to/2NxNyFQ](https://amzn.to/2NxNyFQ)

Jackson, Michael.  
*Galapagos, A Natural History.*  
This comprehensive guide to the natural history of the Galapagos is practically mandatory reading -- the single best introduction to the geology and climate, habitats, plants, birds, animals, ecology and evolution.  
(PAPER, 316 Pp., $29.95)  
BUY: [https://amzn.to/2tZhM1t](https://amzn.to/2tZhM1t)

Horwell, David, and Pete Oxford.  
*Galapagos Wildlife, A Visitor’s Guide.*  
With chapters on visitor sites, history, conservation and habitats, this compact photographic guide introduces birds, reptiles, marine and other life of the archipelago.  
(PAPER, 156 Pp., $22.99)  
BUY: [https://amzn.to/2u2AgJ6](https://amzn.to/2u2AgJ6)

Ocean Explorer Maps.  
*Galapagos Islands Explorer Map.*  
Not just handy for keeping track of your Galapagos cruise, this detailed map (1:400,000) of the islands includes illustrated biographies of famous visitors and a wildlife guide.  
(MAP Pp., $12.95)  
BUY: [https://amzn.to/2KEWIt6](https://amzn.to/2KEWIt6)

Humann, Paul.  
*Reef Fish Identification, Galapagos.*  
With its hundreds of well-chosen color photographs and descriptions, this field guide is essential for underwater enthusiasts.  
(FLEXI-BOUND, 200 Pp., $39.95)  
BUY: [https://amzn.to/2KRfp1H](https://amzn.to/2KRfp1H)
SUGGESTED READING
GALAPAGOS & ECUADOR

LITERATURE


Hickman weaves original accounts by Galapagos whalers, gentleman pirates, fateful castaways, settlers and scientists, including Ambrose Crowley, Herman Melville, Charles Darwin and William Beebe, in these tales of the colorful human history of the archipelago.

(PAPER, 225 Pp., $32.95)


In this madcap classic, Vonnegut’s narrator lives in a future where the human race has been wiped out -- all except for a small group who boarded the “nature cruise of the century” only to get stranded in the Galapagos.

(PAPER, 283 Pp., $16.00)

MAPS & GUIDEBOOKS


Presenting the natural history, politics, culture, wildlife and attractions of Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands with style and authority.

(PAPER, 352 Pp., $24.99)

HISTORY, CULTURE & EXPLORATION


Colorful early settlers including Dr. Ritter, Baroness Wagner von Bosquet and her three lovers and sturdy Margaret Wittmer enliven John Treherne’s riveting, real-life tale of murder in paradise.

(PAPER, 240 Pp., $29.95)

BUY: [https://amzn.to/2lU6w25](https://amzn.to/2lU6w25)

BUY: [https://amzn.to/2lXFr8X](https://amzn.to/2lXFr8X)

BUY: [https://amzn.to/2IZXEff](https://amzn.to/2IZXEff)

BUY: [https://amzn.to/2lWPGu3](https://amzn.to/2lWPGu3)
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**NATURAL HISTORY & FIELD GUIDES**

- **Celter Visual Arts Inc.**
  - *Galapagos Birds Life.*
  - Celso Montalvo, 2011.

  Spot, identify and appreciate the avian life of the Galapagos with this laminated, submersible accordion-style fold-out guide. Vivid images of a wide variety of birds are paired with English and Spanish names, approximate size and a handy check box to keep track of your sightings.

  *(PLASTIC CARD, Pp., $11.99)*

  [BUY: https://amzn.to/2KX2NXf](https://amzn.to/2KX2NXf)

- **Celter Visual Arts Inc.**
  - *Galapagos Wildlife.*
  - Celso Montalvo, 2011.

  Spot, identify and appreciate the wildlife of the Galapagos with this laminated, submersible accordion-style fold-out guide. Vivid images of birds, fishes, invertebrates, reptiles and mammals are paired with English and Spanish names, approximate size and a handy check box to keep track of your sightings.

  *(PLASTIC CARD, Pp., $14.99)*

  [BUY: https://amzn.to/2K1ly2Cb](https://amzn.to/2K1ly2Cb)

- **Nicholls, Henry.**
  - *The Galapagos, A Natural History.*
  - Perseus, 2014.

  Editor of the Galapagos Conservation Trust magazine and author of Lonesome George, Henry Nicholls charts the human and natural history of the archipelago from its early origins through famous visitors and current conservation challenges.

  *(HARD COVER, 224 Pp., $27.99)*

  [BUY: https://amzn.to/2IZeniD](https://amzn.to/2IZeniD)

- **De Roy, Tui.**
  - *Galapagos, Islands Born of Fire.*

  A stunning celebration of the landscapes, wildlife and habitats of the Galapagos by a photographer who was raised in the archipelago. Tenth anniversary edition.

  *(HARD COVER, 168 Pp., $29.95)*

  [BUY: https://amzn.to/2uc6Ffw](https://amzn.to/2uc6Ffw)