

LONG LIST OF FAVOURITE TREE & NATURE BOOKS

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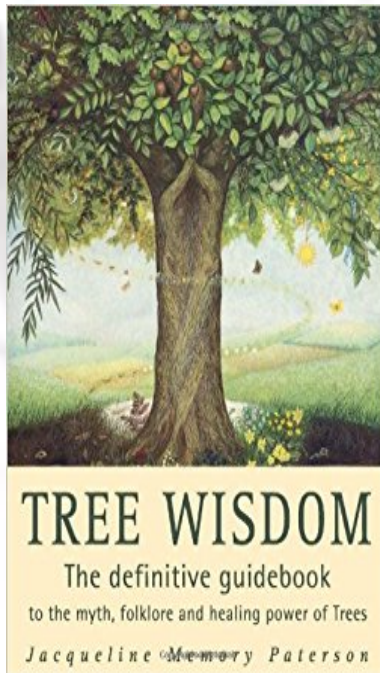
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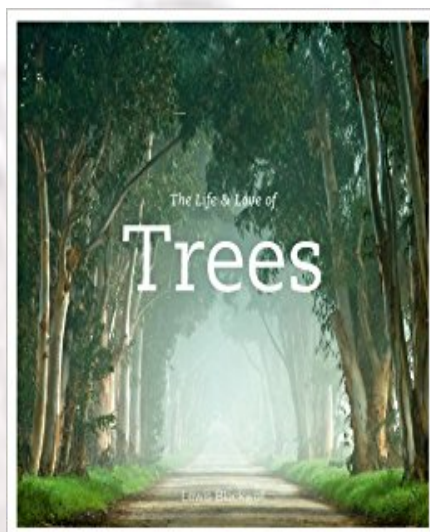


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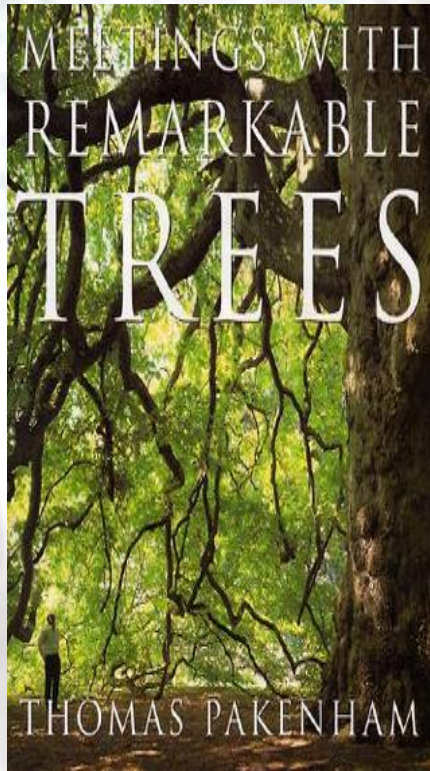
Tree Wisdom – Jacqueline Memory Paterson

This was the first book that I read from cover to cover about trees. It opens with a moving story of the author learning that some old trees were to be cut down by a farmer. It is one of the most comprehensive books about the spiritual customs, legends and myths about many of the trees native to the UK. Unfortunately the author passed away in 2004 but this is still one of my all time favourite books about trees.



The Life and Love Of Trees – Lewis Blackwell

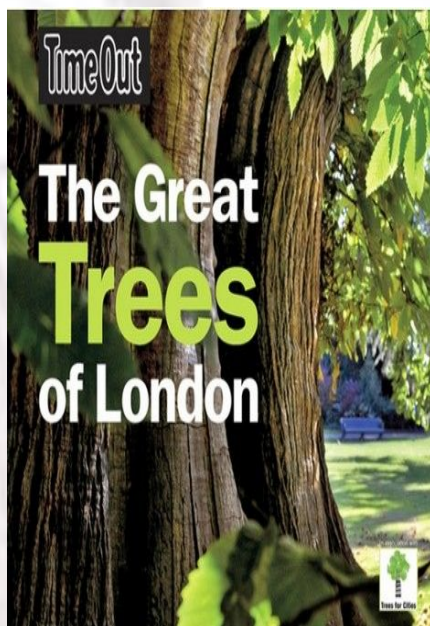
The images and photography in this book are exquisite and beautiful to the eye and many simply take your breath away. It's a definite coffee table and the words don't disappoint. His language is poetic and evocative and full of great stories and history.



Meetings with Remarkable Trees, Remarkable Trees Of the World & The Remarkable Baobab Tree – Thomas Pakenham

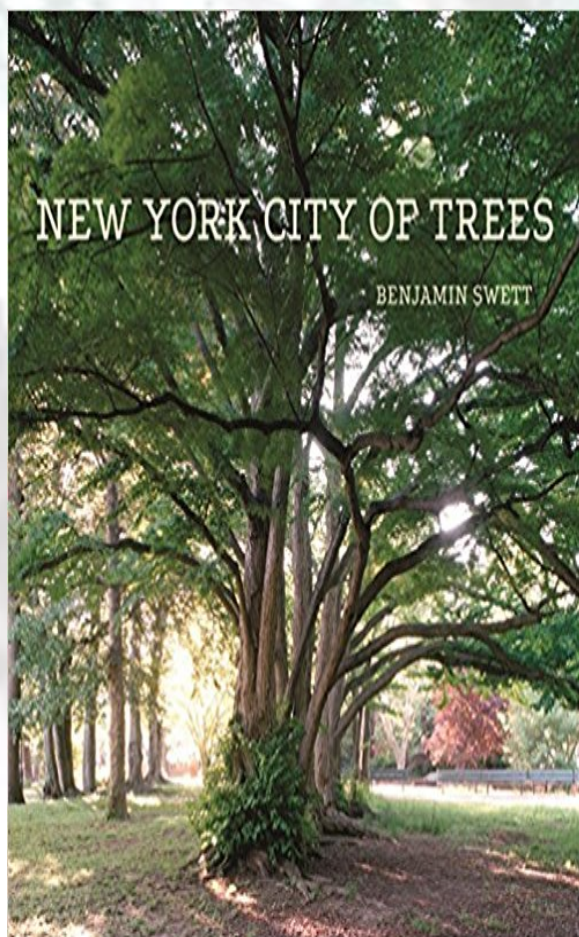
I was absolutely captivated by this series when it was first on television on the BBC and even more delighted by the books that followed. Pakenham has documented in such an accessible way many of the stories and legends associated with many of the worlds greatest and oldest trees. He has a way of taking stunning images of trees that convey the scale of the trees size in a shoot with great skill. It was Pakenham

who re-stimulated my curiosity about the great Baobab tree, which led to a surprise discovery of an ancient Baobab on the island of Barbados where my parents are from. Any of his books on trees would be a great buy.



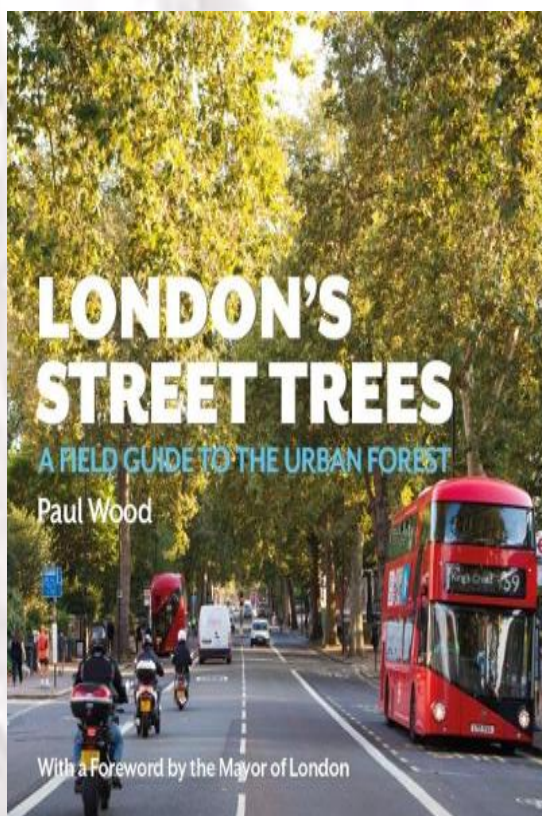
The Great Trees Of London – Time Out

Love, love this book because of the intimacy it gives into the stories associated with trees in London. It's great to be given the location, which means you can be on the lookout for a tree on your travels. It also covers the South, North, West and East of London and celebrates the many great trees of the city.



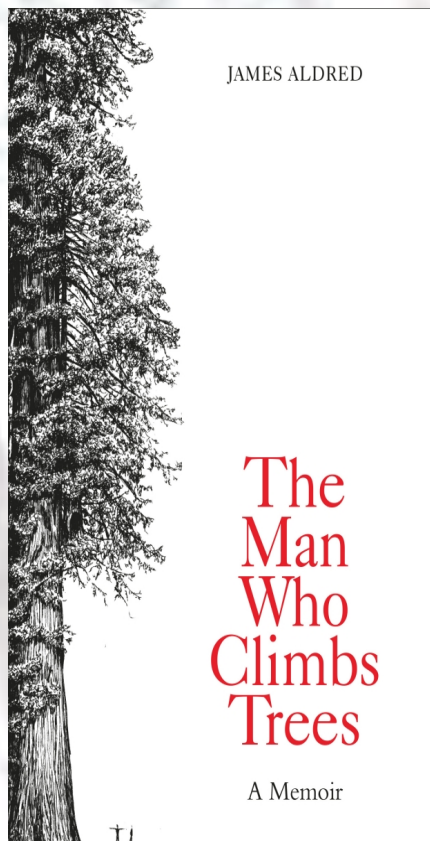
New York City Of Trees – Benjamin Swett

Did you know that New York was built on an ancient forest? This book is a gem and highlights some of New York's finest trees some of which have since died. It's a great one to tuck into your suitcase and travel with on the next visit to New York. You can bet that a visit to a tree is also a visit to an interesting area of neighbourhood. I am wondering if the publication of this book inspired London's Street Trees by Paul Wood. There's a real similarity between the two.



London's Street Trees – Paul Wood

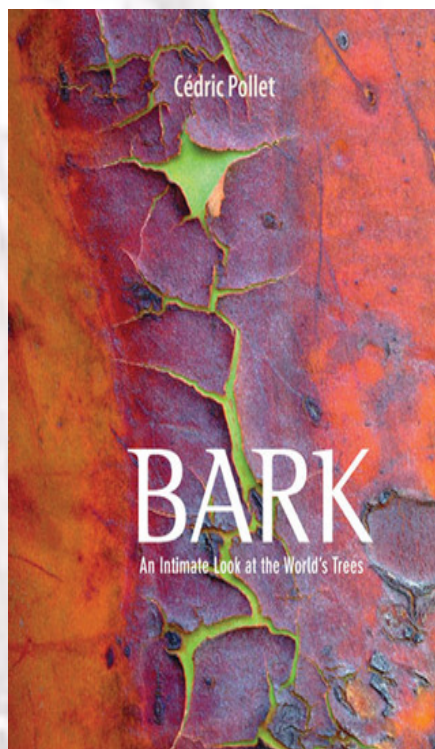
This is the book I am slightly envious only because Paul Wood (can you believe the name) is a man who really knows his trees. Packed with photo's that identifies almost every type of tree in the capital. If you find yourself wanting even more you can find even more trees on his Instagram account @thestreettree I hope he develops an App to go with this gem of a book.



The Man Who Climbs Trees – James Aldred

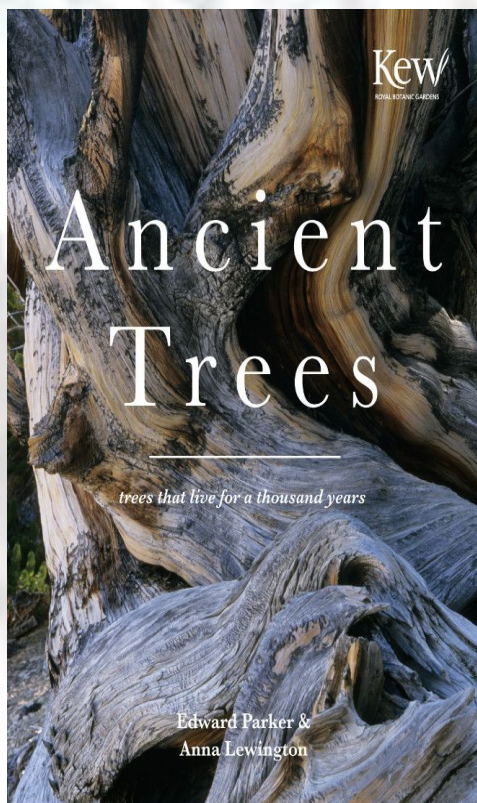
This was my favourite read of 2017 and came in as a complete surprise. I am sure this is going to win book awards, as his writing is so engaging. It's part memoir and a rousing account of many of the world's lesser-known magnificent trees that live untouched in the few remaining forests that have survived across the five continents. This is an adventure book and it will have your heart racing but it is also superbly written and a loving narrative about trees and nature along with many grizzling accounts of animal attacks on

the body. But don't let that put you off. I am sure once you start you won't want to put it down.



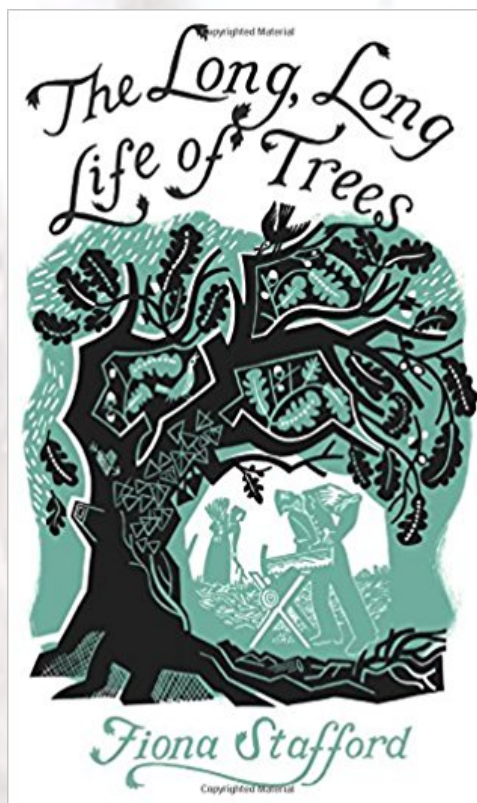
Bark – An intimate look at the world's trees – Cédric Pollet

Bark is a stunning tribute to the fact that there is more going on with bark than meets the eye. It's a visual course in detail and really seeing all the different patterns and textures that make up the bark of different trees and the text does each shoot or image great justice. This is a book to savour and enjoy a slow read over time.



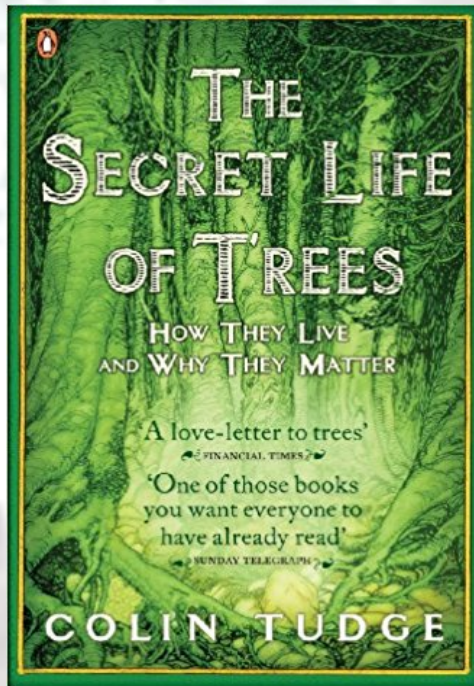
Ancient Trees – Anna Lewington & Edward Parker

This was a surprise Xmas gift from my daughter and I was delighted with it. The book is a textured cloth cover, which gives it a really nice feel and the images by Edward Parker are soothing and calming and I eventually did do a Photographing Trees course with him at Kew Gardens. It's easy to read and the photographs keep you interested all the way through with lots of juicy history and stories about the trees.



The Long, Long Life Of Trees – Fiona Stafford

Packed full of research and social history this is a deep burrow into the cultural and social history of trees across the UK. The research is detailed and illuminating. It is clear as you leaf through each chapter which focuses on a different tree about the authors passion and love of trees and the determination to share why trees matter both past, present and future.



The Secret Life of Trees – Colin Tudge

This is a classic book of trees with the best tag line – A love letter to trees. It opens up the reader to so much more about the tree that is not visible to the eye. Tudge's love of nature is clearly evident in his botanical knowledge of trees and nature. It might take some time to make your way through this one.



Writing With Fabulous Trees by Jackee Holder & Shaun Levin

And finally this list wouldn't be complete without my pocket sized Writing With Fabulous Trees Writing Map. The pocket sized fold out map includes 12 tree inspired self-reflective prompts that keeps your personal relationship to trees connected on paper and in life. They're great for journal entries, sharing tree stories or for having fun with family or friends when you want to do something different. Aimed at adults many of the prompts can be adapted for use with children.



Tree & Nature Related Resources online

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www.treesforcities.org

www.commonground.org

www.ancienttreeforum.co.uk

www.treecouncil.org.uk

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