

Writing Your Life Memoir Reading List

Maya Angelou, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*
Russell Baker, *Growing Up* (Pulitzer Prize-winning memoir)
Martha Beck, *Expecting Adam*
Rick Bragg, *All Over But the Shoutin'*
Rick Bragg, *Ava's Man*
Rick Bragg, *The Prince of Frogtown*
Bill Bryson, *A Walk in the Woods*
Bill Bryson, *The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid...A Memoir*
Frank Conroy, *Stop – Time* (considered the forerunner of modern memoir)
Annie Dillard & Cort Conley (editors), *Modern American Memoirs*
Michael Gates Gill, *How Starbucks Saved My Life*
Mikal Gilmore, *Shot in the Heart*
J.T. Glisson, *The Creek*
Vivian Gornick, *Fierce Attachments*
Lucy Grealy, *Autobiography of a Face*
Patricia Hampl, *A Romantic Education*
Patricia Hampl, *Virgin Time...In Search of the Contemplative Life*
Homer Hickam, *Rocket Boys*
River Jordan, *Praying for Strangers*
Carolyn Jourdan, *Heart in the Right Place*
Mary Karr, *The Liar's Club*
Tracy Kidder, *My Detachment*
Haven Kimmel, *A Girl Named Zippy*
Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, *Cross Creek*
Caroline Knapp, *Drinking...A Love Story*
Amy Krouse Rosenthal, *Encyclopedia of an Ordinary Life*
Mike Leonard, *The Ride of Our Lives*
Steve Lopez, *The Soloist*
Jacki Lyden, *Daughter of the Queen of Sheba*
Nancy Mairs, *Voice Lessons*
James McBride, *The Color of Water*
Mary McCarthy, *Memories of a Catholic Girlhood*
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Frank McCourt, *Angela's Ashes: A Memoir*
Frank McCourt, *Teacher Man*
Frank McCourt, *Tis*
Paula McLain, *Like Family: Growing Up in Other People's Houses*
Kathleen Norris, *Dakota*
Kathleen Norris, *Dakota: A Spiritual Geography*
Kathleen Norris, *The Cloister Walk*
Barack Obama, *Dreams from My Father*

Michael Pollan, *A Place of My Own*
Michael Pollan, *A Place of My Own: The Architecture of Daydreams*
Barbara Robinette Moss, *Change Me Into Zeus' Daughter*
Barbara Robinette Moss, *Fierce*
Will Schwalbe, *The End of Your Life Book Club*
Alice Sebold, *Lucky: A Memoir*
Rachel Simon, *Riding the Bus with My Sister*
Terry Tempest Williams, *Refuge...An Unnatural History of Family and Place*
Stephen Tobolowsky, *The Dangerous Animals Club*
Jeanette Walls, *The Glass Castle*
Eudora Welty, *One Writer's Beginnings*
Edith Wharton, *A Backward Glance*
E. B. White, *Essays of E.B. White*
Neil White, *In the Sanctuary of Outcasts*
Tobias Wolff, *This Boy's Life: A Memoir*