

LITERARY DESTINATIONS

From Paris to Jamaica, we seek out destinations given the gold stamp by some of the world's most renowned authors. Whether you're a bibliophile or a novelist on the pursuit of inspiration, treat yourself to a well-deserved change of scenery — as all these greats have.

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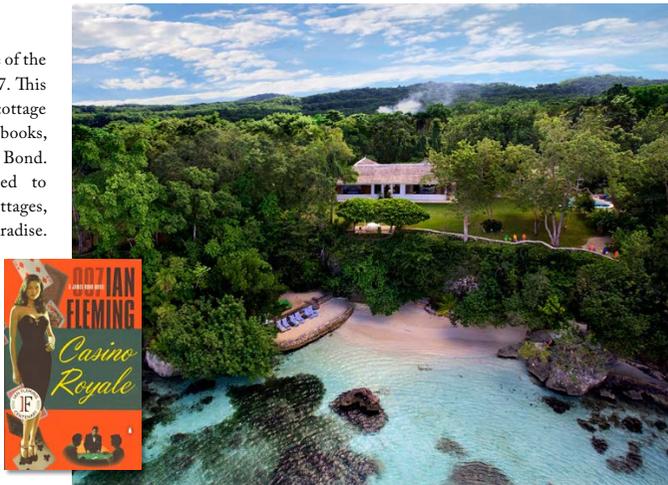


RUDYARD KIPLING Naulakhae in Vermont, USA

The year was 1896. The setting was the countryside of Dummerston, Vermont; the Connecticut River nestled nearby, with snowy mountains painting the background. Writer Rudyard Kipling cozies up in front of his fireplace, as he pens the adventures of Mowgli and his friends from the beloved story of *The Jungle Book*. Some hundred years later, this quaint house is owned by the American Landmark Trust and accepts bookings for accommodations. The house, named “Naulakha” by the author who had built it in 1893 as a dream house for his family, fits up to eight guests — who are all invited to enjoy the warmth of a bustling fireplace at the Nobel laureate’s old desk.

IAN FLEMING Golden Eye in Jamaica

It’s a luxury boutique to die for: the home of the world’s favorite secret service agent, 007. This Caribbean villa was once the vacation cottage of Ian Fleming, in which he wrote all 14 books, 12 novels and two short stories on James Bond. The cottage has since been expanded to accommodate several other vacation cottages, making this boutique hotel a small paradise. The famed island location boasts of stunning private beaches and what is now recognized as the secluded “Fleming Cave”, surrounded by almond trees that had been planted by the English author himself. Leaving his mark all over the island, Fleming has also been kind enough to leave behind his red bullet-wood desk, exactly as it was.



GEORGE SHAW Reid's Palace in Madeira, Portugal

It was at Reid’s Palace that the Anglo-Irish playwright and critic George Shaw treated himself to an extended vacation, and inadvertently cured himself of all writer’s block on a diet of long hours in the sun and tango lessons. To this day, guests still ask for the George Bernard Shaw Suite. Built in 1890 by Scotsman William Reid, this luxury hotel has maintained its modest, dignified elegance — set in the islands of Madeira, Portugal, a trip to Reid’s Palace is a well-deserved retreat, a pampering in the language of rest, relaxation, gardens and sunshine.

SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR Les Deux Magots in Paris, France

Nothing quite fuels the mind like the charm of quiet contemplation with a cuppa coffee or tea at Les Deux Magots — a ritual known to be favored by the likes of Simone de Beauvoir, Jean-Paul Sartre, Ernest Hemingway, and Albert Camus. Settled in Saint-Germain-des-Prés, this Parisian café has soul so closely tied to literature that it has often been referenced by authors in their novels, including *The Chariot Makers* by Steve Matchett, in which he calls it “the first café in the quarter to be blessed by the morning sun.”

