

Travel

Books

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Movies

Restaurants

NYC/Brooklyn

San Diego

Baltimore

Dewey Beach

Chicago

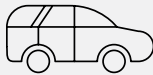
Washington, D.C.

I traveled a lot this year. Whether it was a quick weekend trips with friends, or a longer trip in a new place, I found myself exploring new cities, new spaces, and finding new treasures in places I already knew. I was lucky enough to share my trips with incredible friends, my loving family, and a few of my co-workers, too!

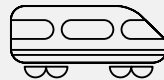
TRAVEL



Traveled by:
BUS



Traveled by:
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PLANE

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A low-angle photograph of a tall, multi-story brick skyscraper in New York City, with a hazy sky in the background. The text 'NYC / BROOKLYN' is overlaid vertically in a large, bold, blue font, and '2015' is in the top right corner in a smaller, black, serif font.

NYC / BROOKLYN

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NYC/Brooklyn

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Distance from home: 106mi

Duration: 1 day / 6 hours / 30 minutes (average)

Traveled For: Leisure

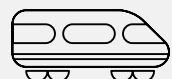
Traveled With: Chris, Julia, Kale, Joe (separate trips)

Restaurants Visited: 12

VYNL	Ovest Pizzoteca
Cha Pa's Noodles and Grill	Talde
Craftbar	Dough
Parker & Quinn	Bergen Bagels
Brooklyn Public House	Speedy Romeo
Thistle Hill Tavern	Alice's Arbor

Instagram Photos: 5

Favorite Thing: 'Hamilton' Broadway show



NYC/Brooklyn

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SAN DIEGO



San Diego, CA

Travel / 20
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Distance from home: 2,700mi

Duration: 5 days / 9 hours / 40 minutes

Traveled For: Leisure

Traveled With: Julia, Catherine

Restaurants Visited: 13

Cafe Athena

Gelato Bus Stop

Maritza's

Baja Betty's

Pacific Beach Bar & Grill

Parkhouse Eatery

Prepkitchen

Gossip Grill

Tent City

Bottega Italiana

Wonderful Sushi

Hash House A Go Go

Parma

Instagram Photos: 5

Favorite Thing(s): La Jolla beach & visiting Cousin Rita



San Diego, CA

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BALTIMORE

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Baltimore, MD

Travel / 20
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Distance from home: 97mi

Duration: 0 days / 22 hours / 30 minutes

Traveled For: Leisure

Traveled With: Chris

Restaurants Visited: 4

Little Havana

The Rowhouse Grille

Pitango Gelato

Sláinte Irish Pub and Restaurant

Instagram Photos: 1

Favorite Thing: Late night game of Spades



Baltimore, MD

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DEWEY BEACH



Dewey Beach, DE

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Distance from home: 120mi

Duration: 4 days / 19 hours / 30 minutes

Traveled For: Leisure

Traveled With: Mom, Dad, Sister, Aunt Susan

Restaurants Visited: 5

Woody's

Mixx & Mingle

Dogfish Head Brewings & Eats

Vanderwende's

The Wharf

Instagram Photos: 3

Favorite Thing: Beach time with family



Dewey Beach, DE

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CHICAGO



Chicago, IL

Distance from home: 760mi

Duration: 3 days / 15 hours / 20 minutes

Traveled For: Leisure

Traveled With: Chris

Restaurants Visited: 8

Au Cheval

Mott St.

Taverna 750

HERO Coffee Bar

Lincoln Station

Little Goat

Max's Take Out

Bohemian House

Instagram Photos: 3

Favorite Thing: Brunch at Little Goat (twice)



Chicago, IL

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WASHINGTON, D.C.



Washington, D.C.

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Distance from home: 136mi

Duration: 3 days / 1 hours / 20 minutes (average)

Traveled For: Work

Traveled With: Co-Workers

Restaurants Visited: 8

Pret A Manger

Justin's Cafe

Woodward Table

Kramerbooks & Afterwords Cafe

Lot 38 Espresso Bar

Sweetgreen

Medium Rare

Due South

Instagram Photos: 2

Favorite Thing: Kramerbooks & Afterwords Cafe



Washington, D.C.

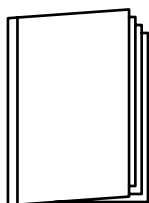
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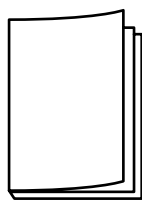
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I spend a lot of time on the subway, train, bus, or trolley, and have found myself to be an avid reader. In 2014, I made a concerted effort to read from a more diverse pool of writers. In 2015, I specifically tried to read works by anyone who wasn't: a white American straight dude (which was really easy, and led me to some truly amazing and exciting books.) Oh, and I finally finished the Harry Potter series (only 8 years late.)

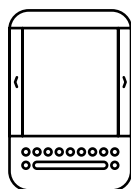
BOOKS



HARDCOVER



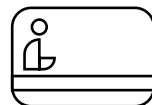
PAPERBACK



e-READER



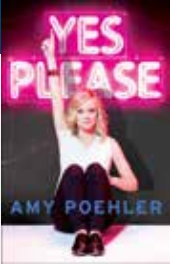
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FAVORITES



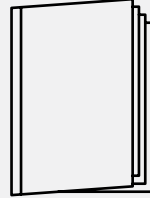
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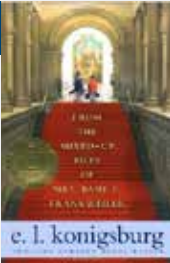
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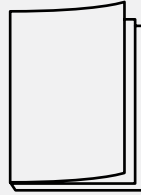
Yes Please
Amy Poehler, 2014



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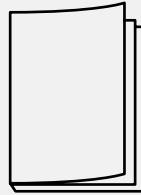
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler
E. L. Konigsburg, 1967



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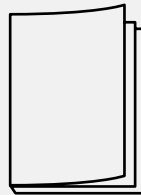
The Bell Jar
Sylvia Plath, 1963



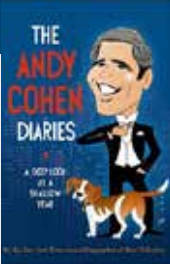
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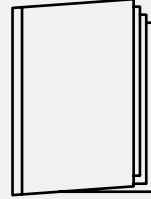
The Flamethrowers
Rachel Kushner, 2013



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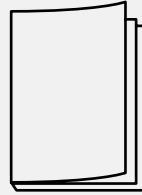
The Andy Cohen Diaries
Andy Cohen, 2014



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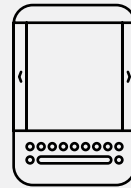
Just Kids
Patti Smith, 2010



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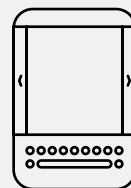
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince
JK Rowling, 2005



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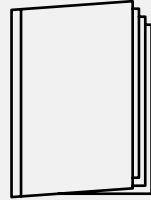
Marketing Beef
Rick Bettencourt, 2014



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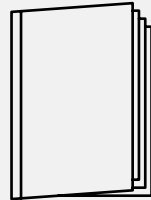
The Girl on the Train
Paula Hawkins, 2015



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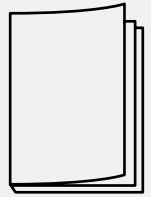
Hamlet
William Shakespeare,
1599-1602



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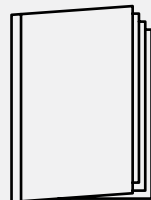
*Who's Afraid of
Virginia Woolf?*
Edward Albee, 1962



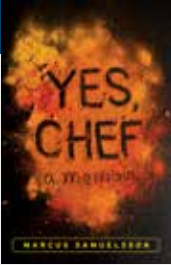
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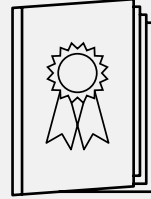
*Harry Potter and the
Deathly Hallows*
JK Rowling, 2007



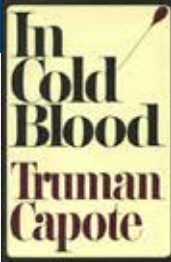
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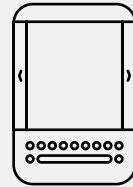
Yes, Chef
Marcus Samuelsson, 2012



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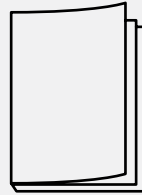
In Cold Blood
Truman Capote, 1965



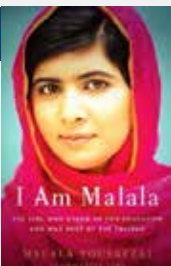
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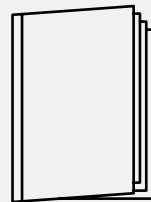
Never Let Me Go
Kazuo Ishiguro, 2005



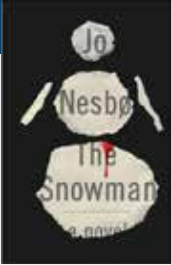
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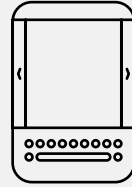
*I Am Malala: The Girl
Who Stood Up for Edu-
cation and Was Shot by
the Taliban*
Malala Yousafzai, 2013



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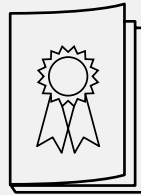
The Snowman
Jo Nesbø, 2005



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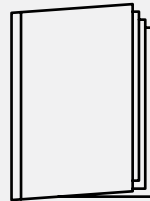
Fun Home
Alison Bechdel, 2008



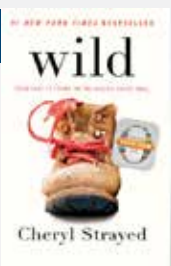
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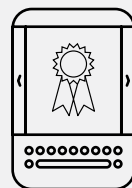
Eleanor & Park
Rainbow Rowell, 2013



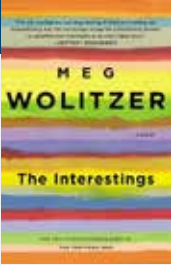
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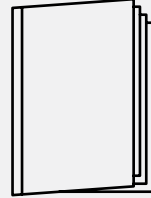
Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail
Cheryl Strayed, 2012



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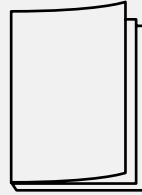
The Interestings
Meg Wolitzer, 2013



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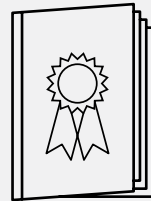
The Kite Runner
Khaled Hosseini, 2003



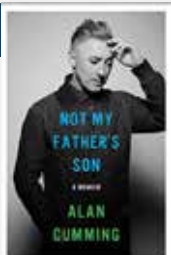
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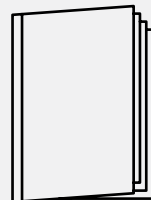
H is for Hawk
Helen Macdonald, 2014



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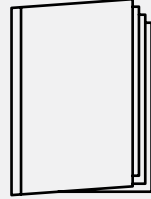
*Not My Father's Son:
A Memoir*
Alan Cumming, 2014



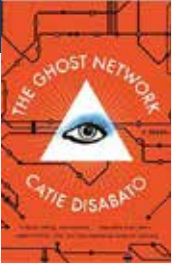
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In the Country: Stories
Mia Alvar, 2015



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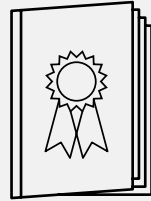
The Ghost Network
Catie Disabato, 2015



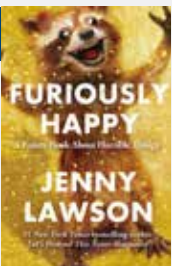
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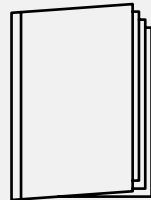
Why Not Me?
Mindy Kaling, 2015



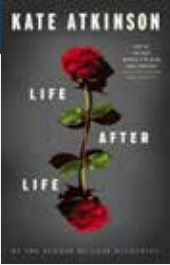
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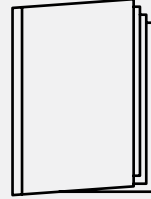
Furiously Happy: A Funny Book About Horrible Things
Jenny Lawson, 2015



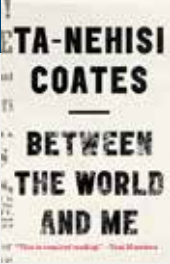
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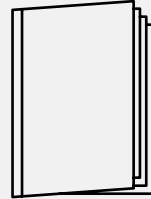
Life After Life
Kate Atkinson, 2014



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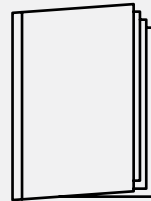
Between the World and Me
Ta-Nehisi Coates, 2015



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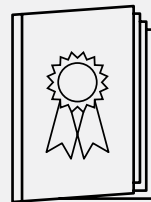
M Train
Patti Smith, 2015



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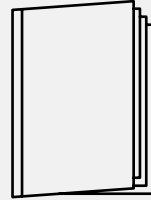
Fates & Furies
Lauren Groff, 2015



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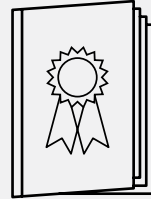
*Fantastic Beasts and
Where to Find Them*
JK Rowling, 2001



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All the Light We Cannot See
Anthony Doerr, 2014



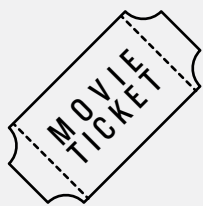
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And 33/34 were by authors who weren't a white,
American, straight dude (sorry Anthony Doerr.)

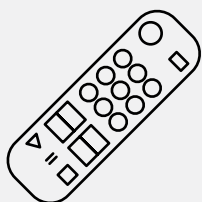
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I used to watch a lot more movies (I had more solid chunks of free time in college.) In 2015, I saw 37 movies, which is pretty good considering everything else I spent time enjoying this year. I revisited some old favorites, checked out some classics I missed, and saw plenty of movies in the theater.

MOVIES



Watched:
IN THE THEATER



Watched:
AT HOME



I've never seen this
movie before



One of my
FAVORITES

key



1

Into the Woods

Rob Marshall, 2014
Watched: 1/1/15



2

Logorama

Ludovic Houplain, Herve de Crecy, François Alaux, 2009
Watched: 1/1/15



3

Please Subscribe

Dan Dobi, 2014
Watched: 1/1/15



4

Snowpiercer

Bong Joon-ho, 2014
Watched: 1/3/15



5

I Know That Voice

Lawrence Shapiro, 2013
Watched: 1/5/15



6

That Awkward Moment

Tom Gormican, 2014
Watched: 1/1/15





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Whiplash

Damien Chazelle, 2014
Watched: 1/31/15



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The Imitation Game

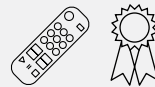
Morten Tyldum, 2014
Watched: 2/5/15



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Match Point

Woody Allen, 2006
Watched: 2/20/15



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Still Alice

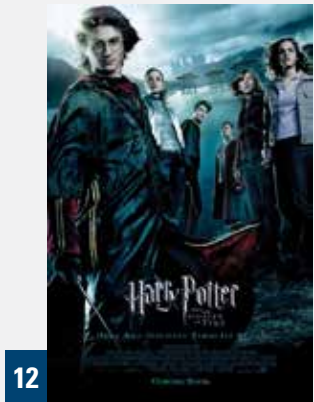
Wash Westmoreland, 2014
Watched: 2/21/15



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Fed Up

Stephanie Soechtig, 2014
Watched: 3/10/15



12

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

Mike Newell, 2005
Watched: 3/29/15





13

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix
David Yates, 2007
Watched: 4/3/15



14

The Sound of Music
Robert Wise, 1965
Watched: 4/19/15



15

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince
David Yates, 2009
Watched: 5/13/15



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Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1
David Yates, 2010
Watched: 5/18/15



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Pitch Perfect
Elizabeth Banks, 2015
Watched: 5/30/15



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Mean Girls
Mark Waters, 2004
Watched: 6/11/15
(outdoor screening)

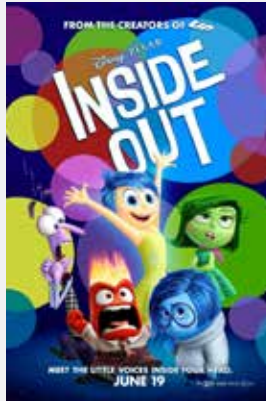




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Spy

Paul Feig, 2015
Watched: 6/17/15



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Inside Out

Pete Docter, 2015
Watched: 7/3/15



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The Overnight

Patrick Brice, 2015
Watched: 7/10/15



22

Wayne's World

Penelope Spheeris, 1992
Watched: 7/11/15



23

Pee Wee's Big Adventure

Tim Burton, 1985
Watched: 7/16/15
(outdoor screening)



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Trainwreck

Judd Apatow, 2015
Watched: 7/20/15





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Magic Mike XXL

Gregory Jacobs, 2015
Watched: 7/26/15



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Tig

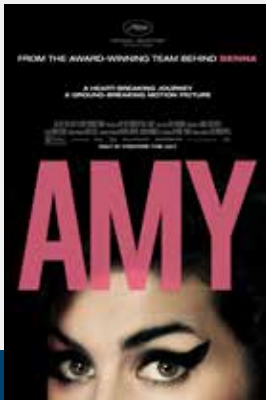
Kristina Goolsby,
Ashley York, 2015
Watched: 7/26/15



27

The Search for General Tso

Ian Cheney, 2014
Watched: 7/29/15



28

Amy

Asif Kapadia, 2015
Watched: 8/6/15



29

Wild

Jean-Marc Vallée, 2014
Watched: 9/8/15



30

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2

David Yates, 2011
Watched: 9/25/15





31

Sicario

Denis Villeneuve, 2015
Watched: 10/16/15



32

Do I Sound Gay?

David Thorpe, 2015
Watched: 11/4/15



33

Spotlight

Thomas McCarthy, 2015
Watched: 11/21/15



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*Pentatonix:
On My Way Home*

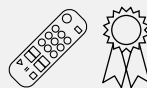
Devin Chanda, Matt Mitchener,
James Rothman, 2015
Watched: 11/23/15



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*National Lampoon's
Christmas Vacation*

Jeremiah S. Chechik, 1989
Watched: 11/27/15



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Sisters

Jason Moore, 2015
Watched: 12/23/15





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Home Alone

Chris Columbus, 1990

Watched: 12/27/15



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***Home Alone:
Lost in New York***

Chris Columbus, 1992

Watched: 12/29/15



TOTAL: 38

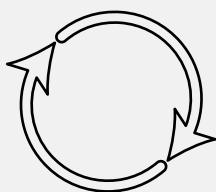
31 movies were "new" to me

15 movies seen in theaters

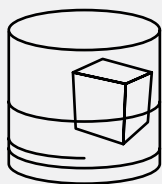
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I have a lot of pride in Philadelphia's food. It is so far beyond just cheesesteaks and soft pretzels - and continues to become more exciting, diverse, and inventive each year. I have a running list of places I need to check out, places I need to re-visit - maybe I will find a way to tackle all of them in 2016. But in 2015, I managed to check out 52 restaurants/eateries that I had never been to. It was a super fun, delicious, and (mostly) successful journey through Philadelphia.

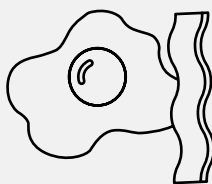
RESTAURANTS



It was so good,
I've been back!



Tasty drinks
:)



Breakfast/
Brunch



One of my
FAVORITES

key

1 *Zavino*



Owner/Hospitality Group: Zavino Hospitality Group

3200 Chestnut Street

Visited: 1/3/15

2 *Pei Wei Asian Diner*



4040 City Avenue

Visited: 1/10/15

3 *The Kite & Key*



1836 Callowhill Street

Visited: 1/11/15

4 *Pho 75*



1122 Washington Avenue
Visited: 1/23/15



Pho with well-done Brisket

5 *Pumpkin*

Owner/Hospitality Group: Ian Moroney

1713 South Street

Visited: 1/27/15

6 *Jake's Sandwich Board*



125 South 40th Street

Visited: 1/31/15

7 *Donuts Plus*



4325 Chestnut Street

Visited: 2/3/15

8 *Enjoy's Pizza*

210 South 40th Street

Visited: 2/7/15

9 *Lo Spiedo*

Owner/Hospitality Group: Marc Vetri / Vetri Family

4503 South Broad Street

Visited: 2/11/15

10 *Renzi's Pizza*

2728 Orthodox Street

Visited: 2/14/15

11 *Spice 28*

1228 Chestnut Street

Visited: 2/16/15

12 *William Street Commons*



3900 Chestnut Street

Visited: 2/18/15

13 *Rosa's Pizza*

4503 South Broad Street

Visited: 3/10/15

14 *Bareburger*

2728 Orthodox Street

Visited: 3/26/15

15 *Igloo Frozen Yogurt*

1228 Chestnut Street

Visited: 3/26/15

16 *Nomad Roman*



1305 Locust Street

Visited: 4/6/15



17 *Han Dynasty*



Owner/Hospitality Group: Han Chiang

123 Chestnut Street

Visited: 4/10/15



18 *Juniper Commons*

521 South Broad Street

Visited: 4/11/15

19 *Knead Bagels*

725 Walnut Street

Visited: 4/12/15

20 *Top of the Hill Cafe*

184 East Evergreen Avenue

Visited: 4/18/15

21 *Silk City*

Owner/Hospitality Group: Mark Bee

435 Spring Garden Street

Visited: 4/18/15

22 *Kanella*

1001 Spruce Street

Visited: 5/2/15

23 *Saad's*



4500 Walnut Street

Visited: 5/15/15

24 *Rex 1516*



1516 South Street

Visited: 5/28/15

25 Zahav



Owner/Hospitality Group: Michael Solomonov / CookNSolo
237 St James Place



Visited: 6/3/15



Clockwise from left:
Salatim // Sirloin, Lamb Merguez, Rice Pilaf //
Fried cauliflower with house made Labneh

26 Hawthorne's Biercafe



738 S 11th Street

Visited: 6/6/15



Left to right:

Hawthornes Omelet: Braised Short Rib, Caramelized Onion, Sharp Cheddar //

The Crabby Dick: Homemade Jumbo Lump Crab Cake Sandwiched inside an Artisan Bun Topped with Two Poached Eggs, Hollandaise & Spicy Chipotle Aioli

27 *The Fat Ham*



Owner/Hospitality Group: Kevin Sbraga / Sbraga Dining

3131 Walnut Street

Visited: 6/11/15

28 *Wishbone*

4034 Walnut Street

Visited: 6/17/15

29 *Kung Fu Hoagies*

4360 Chester Avenue

Visited: 6/20/15

30 *American Sardine Bar*



1800 Federal Street

Visited: 6/23/15



Salt & pepper fries w/ pickle dip & Pickled eggs

32 *Dan Dan*



126 S 16th Street

Visited: 7/16/15



Dan Dan noodles

33 Parc



Owner/Hospitality Group: Steven Starr

227 S 18th Street

Visited: 7/25/15



Egg white omelet with ratatouille & goat cheese

35 Percy Street BBQ



Owner/Hospitality Group: Michael Solomonov / CookNSolo
900 South Street



Visited: 8/14/15



Clockwise from top:
BBQ Fries // Pimento cheese spread // Mac & Cheese

31 Big Gay Ice Cream

521 South Broad Street

Visited: 7/9/15

34 Dim Sum Garden



1020 Race Street

Visited: 7/30/15

36 Morgan's Pier

Owner/Hospitality Group: Nick Elmi

221 North Columbus Boulevard

Visited: 8/16/15

37 *The Industry*



1401 E Moyamensing Avenue

Visited: 8/22/15



Clockwise from top:
Korean BBQ pork belly sandwich // Mac & cheese croquettes // Wild boar ragout

38 *The Olde Bar*

Owner/Hospitality Group: *Jose Garces / Garces Restaurant Group*
125 Walnut Street
Visited: 9/28/15

39 *Sancho Pistola's*

19 West Girard Avenue
Visited: 10/9/15

40 *Lee's Deli*



4700 Baltimore Avenue
Visited: 10/17/15

41 *Mama Palma's Gourmet Pizza*

2229 Spruce Street

Visited: 10/28/15



Pesto pizza

42 *Dizengoff*



Owner/Hospitality Group: Michael Solomonov / CookNSolo

1625 Sansom Street

Visited: 10/31/15



Tehina Hummus with fresh-baked pita, seasonal salads and Israeli pickles

43 *Charlie was a sinner.*



Owner/Hospitality Group: Nicole Marquis
131 South 13th Street
Visited: 11/9/15

44 *Stargazy*



Owner/Hospitality Group: Sam Jacobson
1838 East Passyunk Avenue
Visited: 11/11/15

45 *Bing Bing Dim Sum*



Owner/Hospitality Group: Ben Puchowitz & Shawn Darragh
1848 East Passyunk Avenue
Visited: 11/11/15

46 *Spice C*

131 North 10th Street
Visited: 11/13/15



Laurel



Owner/Hospitality Group: Nick Elmi
1617 East Passyunk Avenue



Visited: 11/20/15

** While I have been to Laurel before, I celebrated my 25th birthday here this year. Had to share :)*



I do not remember the specifics of the entire 8-course tasting menu, but I do remember it was a spectacular meal

47 *Amada*

Owner/Hospitality Group: Jose Garces / Garces Restaurant Group
217 Chestnut Street
Visited: 11/21/15

48 *Plenty Cafe*

1602 Spruce Street
Visited: 12/5/15

49 *Clarkville*



Owner/Hospitality Group: Leigh Maida, Brendan Hartranft, Brendan Kelly
4301 Baltimore Avenue
Visited: 12/10/15

50 *CoZara*

Owner/Hospitality Group: Hiroyuki Tanaka
3200 Chestnut Street
Visited: 12/12/15

51 *P'Unk Burger*

1823 East Passyunk Avenue
Visited: 12/13/15

52 Bud & Marilyn's



Owner/Hospitality Group: We Love 13th Street

1234 Locust Street

Visited: 12/28/15



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2015

2015 brought a lot of fun, new experiences, and learning opportunities for me. As I reflect on the year, and look into 2016, I hope I continue to surprise myself, find new adventures, learn from other people, and eat some great food.

Lastly,

Favorite Travel: Chicago
Favorite Book: All the Light We Cannot See
Favorite Movie: Spotlight
Favorite Restaurant: Zahav

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