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Travel Writing in an Age of Global Quarantine is an anthology of travel accounts by a diverse range of writers and academics. Challenging conventional academic 'authority', each contributor writes, from memory during the covid-19 lockdown, about a place they have previously visited, 'accompanied' by an historical traveller who published an account of the same place.

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