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It's easy to confuse the aptly named restaurant, Biblioteka, for a library. From *Love in the Time of Cholera* to *One Hundred Years of Solitude*, the works of Colombia's beloved Gabriel García Márquez line the walls. The hotel also offers literary immersion tours honoring the legendary author.



France

Le Pavillon des Lettres

Each of the 26 rooms (one for each letter of the alphabet) at this literature-inspired Paris hotel is named after a famous author (K for Kafka, S for Shakespeare). Bibliophiles looking to stay in bed can opt for the recently launched Literary Room Service menu, which delivers books to guests.



Japan

Book and Bed Tokyo

This bookshop-themed hostel doesn't guarantee a good night's sleep, but with bookshelves lining the walls, it's only a matter of time before guests' eyelids start to droop as they slip into a literary-induced slumber.



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Nerds are welcome here

Argentine writer Jorge Luis Borges couldn't sleep unless he was surrounded by books, and if you're anything like him, finding quality rest can be tough, especially on the road. Luckily, a crop of new literary properties caters to the traveling bibliophile



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Big fish live on small islands

A two-star Michelin chef is operating in a tiny Maine town

MOST TWO-STAR MICHELIN CHEFS plate food in sprawling metropolises like Paris or Chicago, but this summer, chef Ryan McCaskey, who earned his stars at Chicago's Acadia, will be whipping up seafood creations in Stonington, Maine, population 1,000 or so, on remote Deer Isle.

The seaside eatery, called Acadia House Provisions, will run late June to mid-October, and pays homage to Maine with classics such as lobster rolls, clam chowder and rustic roasted chicken. All ingredients except sugar are sourced from Maine—McCaskey gets his lobster from his neighbor on the island and snags lichen, spruce tips and wild onions from his own yard.

"This will be fun, simple food that people know," says, McCaskey, "but with Acadia's attention to detail." To ensure execution, he's bringing in team members from Chicago. Even so, the lobster roll is all about his childhood memories: chilled lobster with just a hint of mayo, lemon juice and paprika, with a New England-style hot dog bun toasted in butter on the outside, steamy soft inside. "To me that's perfect." —AMBER GIBSON

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