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Shiny Travel Objects: March 28, 2010

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You've probably noticed I changed the name of this weekly column from "Recommended Reads" to "Shiny Travel Objects". Why did I do this? Aside from the fact that "Recommend Reads" is BORING, I had an epiphany this week that not all my recommendations are going to be printed text that you can read. Some will be videos or podcasts. Duh. I can't believe I didn't think of that before.

What *are* Shiny Travel Objects? Certainly not empty diversions, but rather the travel-related media that most caught my attention this week. I am a big fan of the late, lamented Joss Whedon series, *Firefly*, and the adjective they used all the time for things they thought were cool was "shiny". I always liked that. So I'm borrowing it. Until I can think of something better.

My first recommendation is a podcast from [WDWToday](#) featuring guest **Erin Foster** ([@MomsPanelErin](#)), a member of Disney's Mom's Panel, who talks about her solo trips to Walt Disney World and offers her insights and advice into the solo Disney experience. Here it is, [Episode 696](#).

And more goodness for solo travelers comes from **Suzy Guese**, who offers some tips for solo travelers who are feeling a little blue in [Curing the Solo Travel Loneliness Monster](#) at her blog, [SuzyGuese.com](#).

Next up was a flashback to my college Classics course, where I learned about all those far-fetched Greek myths. At **Virtual Wayfarer**, **Alex Berger** comes up with a very interesting theory for [A Possible Origin for the Scylla and Charybdis Myth](#) that involves a natural underwater phenomenon. You *must* watch the video, it's pretty cool.

At **MatadorNetwork**, **Benita Hussain** tells a story about surfing that is more than about just surfing, but a lovely metaphor for a life crisis in [Fear of the Big Drop](#). This is a beautifully-written article that impressed me quite a lot. Check it out.

Last but by no means least, **Keith Savage** shows us once again what a great writer he is in [Travel Bug: An Origin Story](#) on **Traveling Savage**. I especially loved the opening paragraphs that establish a sense of place in Doolin, Ireland. It's like a word painting. I felt like I was there with him. Nice job, Keith.

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No apologies necessary, Benita. You're very welcome. I loved your piece. You're an excellent writer.

2.  [Benita Hussain](#)
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
I'm sorry for my delay, but thank you so much for the shout-out regarding my surfing story. I'm very flattered that you could appreciate the piece!

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You're very welcome, Suzy. I enjoyed your article.

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Thanks Lorraine! That's 2 votes in favor of the new title. Hmm...maybe it's a keeper?

5.  [suzyguese](#)
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Thank you so much for the mention here! It's an honor to be one of the shiny travel objects!

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Excellent suggestions and I really like your new title, "Shiny Travel Objects." Very intriguing!

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Thank you, Sheila!

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Never stop writing, Keith. You've got a talent for it.

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Love the new title...and that bunny photo is oh so appropriate for it!

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Glad you enjoyed the post, Gray. Thanks for including me in your round-up.

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