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No no the TBR pile, but book mountains of another kind! There's many who prefer a nice leisurely holiday perhaps walking along a beach or wandering in and out village streets. But there are others who prefer to go walking to discover the delights of the region they visit. There are some great mountainous adventures out there in the form of literary packages such as these: No effort involved but if you buy the hardback you will lose some calories and if you take the book on a walking holiday with you, so much the better! Discover Book Mountain in Spijkenisse, Netherlands: Peek through a transparent pyramid and drink in the mountain made of books. MVRDV designed this unique building near Rotterdam with 9,300 square meters of glass, stairs, and reading material culminating into a wide open reading space at the top, to challenge the intimidating stuffiness of libraries of old. Mountains of disused knowledge return to what they really are: mountains. They erode a bit and become hills. Then they flatten and become fields. For more creative book carvings, check out: Art Carved into Books. Jim. This is simply amazing, I can't even begin to imagine how long it must've taken to do just one of these. Following the maximum permitted volume the Book Mountain is covered by a barn shaped glass envelope with wooden trusses resulting in a transparent almost open air library. Underneath the glass is a public space without air conditioning. In summer natural ventilation and sun screens result in a comfortable indoor climate, in winter under-floor heating and double glazing maintain a stable interior environment.