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While on sabbatical last year I was invited to several academic programs in Brazil and in Chile, and I reunited with Colby friends—and friends of Colby friends—along the way. In Sao Paulo Mark and Sonya Abrams, brother of the late Rick Abrams ’78 and brother and sister-in-law of Susan Kenyon ’78, treated me to a fabulous Japanese dinner. The following night Rafael Campos, husband of Marina Grande Campos ’94, took me to a wonderful Italian restaurant while Marina and their girls were in St. Petersburg. In Rio, I enjoyed my evening with the consul general of the United States, John Creamer, and his wife, Liza, introduced to my husband, Professor Sandy Maisel, and I by Andrew Rudman ’87. I cheered Abbott Matthews ’13 as she placed third in her age cohort in the Rio half-marathon, and we caught up again in Brasília, where she is serving as a Fulbrighter. My other night in Brasília was with friends of Ted and Anne Clarke Wolff ’85. The embracing nature of the Colby network is truly amazing.

But I digress.

On very long trips like this one I enjoy both listening—I have become quite a fan of Audible on my cell phone, especially for the airport drives—and reading. My travels were made more pleasurable by:

- *Thinking, Fast and Slow* by Daniel Kahneman
- *Think Like a Freak* by Stephen Dubner and Steven Levitt
- *Brazil* by Michael Reid
- *Whiskey Tango Foxtrot* by David Shafer
- *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd
- *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr