



BETWEEN THE COVERS



Heavy? Classic? Must read? Serious? Literature

1984, by George Orwell
Jane Eyre, by Charlotte Bronte
The Unbearable Lightness of Being, by Milan Kundera
Atlas Shrugged, by Ayn Rand
Brave New World, by Aldous Huxley
Year of Wonders: a Novel of the Plague, by Geraldine Brooks
The Plague, by Albert Camus
Ulysses, by James Joyce
The Count of Monte Cristo, by Alexandre Dumas
A Separate Peace, by John Knowles
The Trial, by Franz Kafka
Anna Karenina, by Leo Tolstoy
2001: A Space Odyssey, by Arthur C. Clarke
The Age of Innocence, by Edith Wharton
The Alchemist, by Paulo Coelho
Winesburg, Ohio, by Sherwood Anderson
The Sound and the Fury, by William Faulkner
Invisible Man, by Ralph Ellison
The Great Gatsby, by F. Scott Fitzgerald
Native Son, by Richard Wright
The Metamorphosis, by Franz Kafka
To the Lighthouse, by Virginia Woolf
Les Miserables, by Victor Hugo
The Hobbit, by J.R.R. Tolkien
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, by Betty Smith
Gone with the Wind, by Margaret Mitchell
Of Human Bondage, by W. Somerset Maugham
Walden, by Henry David Thoreau
Dubliners, by James Joyce
Steppenwolf, by Hermann Hesse
Salvage the Bones, by Jesmyn Ward
All the King's Men, by Robert Penn Warren
Great Expectations, by Charles Dickens
Far From the Madding Crowd, by Thomas Hardy
O Pioneers!, by Willa Cather
You Can't Go Home Again, by Thomas Wolfe

Or one of these personal choice options:

Any novel by John Steinbeck
Any novel by Toni Morrison
Any novel written by a Russian author (i.e., Dostoyevsky, Gogol, Pasternak, Chekhov, Pushkin, Griboyedov)
Any novel by Thomas Hardy
Any novel by Charles Dickens





Business

The 7 habits of highly effective people, by Stephen R. Covey

How to win friends and influence people, by Dale Carnegie

Chasing daylight: how my forthcoming death transformed my life: a final account, by Eugene O’Kelly with Andrew Postman

Never give in! : The best of Winston Churchill’s speeches , by Winston Churchill

In search of excellence: lessons from America’s best-run companies, by Thomas J. Peters

Who says elephants can’t dance? Inside IBM’s historic turnaround, by Louis V. Gerstner

Execution: the discipline of getting things done, by Larry Bossidy

How to become a rainmaker: the rules for getting and keeping customers and clients, by Jeffrey J. Fox

Why we buy: the science of shopping, by Paco Underhill

The tipping point: how little things can make a big difference, by Malcolm Gladwell

Imagine: how creativity works, by Jonah Lehrer

Financial intelligence for entrepreneurs: what you really need to know about number, by Karen Berman, Joe Knight with John Case

Out of the crisis, by W. Edwards Deming

First, break all the rules: what the world’s greatest managers do differently, by Marcus Buckingham and Curt Coffman

The knowing-doing gap: how smart companies turn knowledge into action, by Jeffrey Pfeffer, Robert I. Sutton

The five dysfunctions of a team: an illustrated leadership fable, by Patrick M. Lencioni

Guerrilla marketing for job hunters 3.0: how to stand out from the crowd and tap into the hidden job market using social media and 999 tactics today, by Jay Conrad Levinson and David Perry

The rise of the creative class: and how it’s transforming work, leisure, community and everyday life, by Richard L. Florida



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History Suggested Reading Titles

1491: new revelations of the Americas before Columbus, by Charles C. Mann

1776, by David G. McCullough

Guns, germs, and steel: the fates of human societies, by Jared M. Diamond

Flags of our fathers, by James Bradley and Ron Powers

Flyboys: a true story of courage, by James Bradley

His Excellency: George Washington, by Joseph J. Ellis

John Adams, by David McCullough

Salt: a world history, by Mark Kurlansky

Ten days that shook the world, by John Reed

Bury my heart at Wounded Knee: an Indian story of the American west, by Dee Alexander Brown

Dispatches by Michael Herr

In the heart of the sea: the tragedy of the whaleship Essex, by Nathaniel Philbrick

Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson, and the opening of the American West, by Stephen E. Ambrose

Into thin air: a personal account of the Mount Everest disaster, by Jon Krakauer

Helmet for my pillow: from Parris Island to the Pacific, by Robert Leckie

The rape of Nanking: the forgotten holocaust of World War II, by Iris Chang

Manhunt: the twelve-day chase for Lincoln's killer by James L. Swanson
Columbine, by Dave Cullen

Plagues and peoples, by William H. McNeill

A short history of nearly everything, by Bill Bryson

The pirate hunter: the true story of Captain Kidd, by Richard Zacks



TRAVEL WRITING (and some humor within)

Alibis: Essays on Elsewhere, by Andre Aciman – [814.54 Aciman](#)

The Best American Travel Writing 2011, edited by Sloan Crosley – [910.4 Best](#)

Italy, a Love Story: Women Write about the Italian Experience, ed. by Camille Cusumano – [914.5 Italy](#)

The Art of Travel, by Alain de Botton – [910.202 de Botton](#)

A Week at the Airport, by Alain de Botton – [914.21 de Botton](#)

The Complete Travel Detective Bible: the Consummate Insider Tells You What You Need to Know in an Increasingly Complex World, by Peter Greenberg – [910.4 Greenberg](#)

Having Guests means Never Seeing the View, by Gayle Harmelin – [Biography Harmelin](#)

I Should Have Stayed Home: the Worst Trips of Great Writers, ed. by Marguerita Castanera – [910 I](#)

The Sportsman: Unexpected Lessons from an Around-the-World Sports Odyssey, by Dhani Jones – [796.332092 Jones](#)

The Literary Traveler: an Anthology of Contemporary Short Fiction, ed. by Larry Dark – [Short Stories Literary](#)

Lonely Planet Unpacked: Travel Disaster Stories, by Tony Wheeler – [910.202 Lonely](#)

Food Journeys of a Lifetime: 500 Extraordinary Places to Eat Around the Globe – [647.9509 National](#)

Eastward ha!, by S. J. Perelman – [818.5209 Pere](#)

An Idiot Abroad: the Travel Diaries of Karl Pilkington, with Ricky Gervais and Stephen Merchant – [910.4092 Pilkington](#)

Vagabonding: an Uncommon Guide to the Art of Long-term World Travel, by Rolf Potts – [910 Potts](#)

Provence: the Collected Traveler, an Inspired Anthology, ed. by Barrie Kerper – [914.49 Provence](#)

Adventure Travel in the Third World: Everything You Need to Know to Survive in Remote and Hostile Destinations, by Jeff Randall and Mike Perrin – [910.22 Randall](#)

After the Death of a Salesman: Business Trips to Hell, by Roger Rapoport – [910 Rapoport](#)

1,000 Places to See Before You Die: a Traveler's Life List, by Patricia Schultz – [910.202 Schultz](#)

Essays on Travel, by Robert Louis Stevenson – [910.4 Stevenson](#)

The Tao of Travel: Enlightenment from Lives on the Road, by Paul Theroux – [910.4 Theroux](#)

At the Edge of Ireland: Seasons on the Beara Peninsula, by David Yeadon – [941.5 Yeadon](#)

The Journey of One's Own: Uncommon Advice for the Independent Woman Traveler. By Thalia Zepatos – [910.82 Zepatos](#)



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Science/Technology

The beginning of infinity: explanations that transform the world, by David Deutsch

Deadly choices: how the anti-vaccine movement threatens us all, by Paul A. Offit

Here on Earth: a natural history of the planet, by Tim Flannery

In the plex: how google thinks, works, and shapes our lives, by Steven Levy

Spark: the revolutionary new science of exercise and the brain, by John J. Ratey with Eric Hagerman

The social conquest of earth, by Edward O. Wilson

Horseshoe Crabs and Velvet Worms: The Story of the Animals and Plants That Time Has Left Behind, by Richard A. Forty

Thinking fast and slow, by Daniel Kahneman

Music

This is your brain on music: the science of a human obsession, by Daniel J. Levitin

Last train to Memphis: the rise of Elvis Presley, by Peter Guralnick

Life, by Keith Richards with James Fox

High fidelity, by Nick Hornby

Girls like us: Carole King, Joni Mitchell, Carly Simon—and the journey of a generation, by Shelia Weller

Art

Alla prima : everything I know about painting, by Richard Schmid

A life of Picasso / The triumphant years 1917-1932, by John Richardson

Michelangelo and the Pope's Ceiling, by Ross King

The Power of Art, by Simon Schama

The yellow house : Van Gogh, Gauguin, nine turbulent weeks in Arles, by Martin Gayford

Writing

On Writing: A memoir of the craft, by Stephen King

Bird by bird: Some instructions on writing and life, by Anne Lamott

Zen in the art of writing, by Ray Bradbury

On writing well: the classic guide to writing nonfiction, by William Knowlton Zinsser

