

# Guide To The First 10 Years

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## A NOTE ABOUT THE MIBYs:

The MIBY listings are a vital reference for those aspiring to erudition. It is the only listing of its kind on the internet. Extensive research went into compiling the listings. I personally learned a tremendous amount from the experience, and pray that others will benefit as I have. The selections are the (provisional) result of a meticulous, on-going process of judicious assessment.

The collection represents the most valuable publications for the general audience—each year. The idea is that, by referring to the MIBYs, people will become better aware of what their time is best spent reading...whenever they decide they want to read something edifying. Instead of doing the time-consuming legwork, much of the evaluation process has been done for them. Not all of us have well-read friends, and therefore have no convenient way to ascertain what's really good and what's not.

Our society currently exhibits many of its dysfunctions as a direct result of a horribly misinformed general populace. Most people in this country know very little about important issues. Many Americans have an abysmal understanding of the most crucial matters of our day. This sad state of affairs is largely attributable to the fact that, instead of devoting time to reading important works, most of us occupy our leisure time with less productive activities. (Instead of reading a MIBY, we're too busy watching morning talk shows, daytime talk shows, Reality TV, and MSM...or we're on Facebook.)

Of course, we all need a little fluff now and then. The problem arises when fluff is ALL we ever read. And that is precisely all that most people ever read. Take a look around: When Americans DO opt to read "non-fiction", we typically gravitate toward enticing propaganda, our favorite political pundit, our friend's blog, alluring self-help pulp, vacuous commentary, scandal rags, tabloid papers, or provocative gossip magazines. The more vacuous, the more scandalous, the more vapid, the better. So long as it's mindless and amusing, we'll eat it up. Why bother exerting cognitive effort when there are all these other convenient alternatives?

Plus: Who's to say what, exactly, the really great books are, anyway? I'll stick with my friends' recommendations, thank you very much. All this suits a mentally lethargic, intellectually sclerotic audience *splendidly*. We consume our media like we consume our food: tasty junk. We've become a nation of thoroughly entertained idiots. We need a jolt—and the MIBYs is just what the doctor ordered. The MIBY listings are a desperately needed public service that few institutions have the motivation to provide.

The need for the MIBYs arises from the simple fact that MSM has not—and most likely never will—provide such an important public service. Commercial media, being in the business of maximizing profit, has no incentive to offer such a resource. It has nothing to gain from doing so. (After all, a mindless target audience is the easiest to cater to. So why tamper with it?) Maximizing edification is not the ideal way to maximize readership / traffic.

People don't want to be informed, they want to be amused. In this culture, edification *doesn't sell*. So we spend our time with short-term gratifications while remaining stupendously ignorant—unconcerned with the things that matter most. But things don't have to stay that way. Some of us only need a nudge—something that might point us in the right direction.

MSM is corporate in nature, and thus has only one concern: generating as much revenue as possible. MSM (including TV and radio programming, periodicals, and imprints) is hyper-commercialized in order to accommodate the hyper-consumerist culture in which we currently live. Consequently, it will simply cater to the LCD—and thereby re-enforce it. A vicious cycle ensues.

The implication here is straight-forward: MSM will do ANYTHING for ratings / book sales...and will therefore prostitute itself to ANYTHING that caters to the LCD—regardless of the material's merit. Social responsibility is not taken into account. A media company benefits nothing from a better-informed citizenry. Groupthink works so much better when a company is only concerned with peddling a product to as many people as possible. Quantity over quality means *more money*.

And so it goes: Mass-market appeal, not merit, is the name of the game. As a result of this logic, the popular fair is reduced to the most inane, irrelevant and insipid material the world has seen since the inauguration of the printing press. Trash pulp sells like hotcakes—even as some of the greatest works of the decade pass unknown, collecting dust on a shelf in back of the store.

Meanwhile, there is a vested interest in keeping the hoi polloi ill-informed. (After all, an un-informed rabble is an easily manipulated rabble.) Preventing the hoi polloi from becoming too well-informed keeps them ripe for exploitation.

Let's say you want to keep too many people from acquiring too much knowledge. Let's say you don't want the rabble reading too many good books. Of course, keeping information from them can't be done *overtly*. (Books can't be banned, lest one draw attention to them.) So what's the alternative in a democracy—where at least the illusion of free speech must be maintained? If you can't *ban* the good books outright, you can simply *engulf* them in a mountain of trash pulp. (In order to prevent people from becoming privy to key information, you can either *ensor* key data...or you can *drown* the key data *in an ocean of junk data*.) Welcome to the world of publication: One need only survey the local bookstore on the best-seller lists on Amazon to behold this vast ocean of junk. Good luck finding the gems.

Moreover, one can introduce enticing diversions into the mix (so as to keep most people preoccupied with "other" things). A thoroughly distracted rabble is just as dupable as a rabble that is prevented from seeing things. In fact, the ruse is all the more potent because it preserves the illusion of being fully informed. An ocean of alluring distractions makes it very unlikely that any heed will be paid to the few gems.

## **The MIBYs are a resource that can counteract this debilitating effect.**

The thoroughly-distracted rabble, we find, is none the wiser—blissfully ignorant—oblivious to their obliviousness...unless a light it shone on the gems...unless the key sources of knowledge are brought to their attention. That is the aim of the MIBYs.

Meanwhile, what does MSM offer us? Whatever SELLS. It is no surprise, then, that celebrity charlatans rule the roost—whether in the form of mystical self-help balderdash or right-wing propaganda-mongers. (If we took away all the charlatanry from the local bookstore, half the bookshelves would be bare...and the best-seller lists would go almost blank.) Bookstores push what publishing houses PAY them to push. Promotion is based exclusively on commercial viability.

The goal of the MIBYs is to counteract this degenerate trend. If enough people pay attention to the MIBYs, perhaps this sad state of affairs will change. The MIBYs are a guide to the publications (each year) that are most worth our time and attention—books that are “must reads” for anyone seeking to become well informed. The intent is to provide an important resource for those seeking an profound understanding of our world.

This is a resource our society sorely needs—but heretofore hasn’t had.

The hope is that doing this will remedy the egregious dysfunctions that currently afflict our culture. Making people aware of what’s IMPORTANT to read is a start. Getting people interested in reading worthwhile publications is the first step in altering the present state of our society. People WANT to be “in the know”—they are often just woefully misled. It is possible to facilitate mass-edification. There is no better way to do this than to point people in the right direction...and let them do the rest.

### **A GUIDE TO THE MIBYs:**

This may serve as a syllabus for the autodidact who is aspiring to be well informed in a particular area. The guide is organized—roughly—by topic.

(This listing pertains only to books published during the first decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: 2001-2010.)

The 100 “Top 10” selections are listed first, in **bold**—in order of publication.

The 140 “Honorable Mentions” are in regular script—in order of publication.

Non-MIBYs (from 2000-2010) are listed last, in italics—in order of publication. For the respective topics, these are important books as well.

If these had been the new books that people were talking about around the water cooler during the past decade, we’d now be living in a better-educated country.

### **General Political Commentary, Domestic Policy (25):**

**The Future of Freedom – Fareed Zakaria**

**The Truth About The Drug Companies –Angell Marcia**

**Generation Rx –Greg Crister**

**What’s the Matter With Kansas? –Thomas Frank**

**Active Liberty –Stephen Breyer**

**The Invisible Constitution –Laurence Tribe**

**How Judges Think –Richard Posner**

**Come Home, America –William Greider**

**The Healing of America –T.R. Reid**

**Unequal Protection (revised & expanded edition)**  
**–Thom Hartmann**

**Ill Fares The Land –Tony Judt**

Arguing Comparative Politics –Alfred Stepan

Secrets –Daniel Ellsberg

Saying What The Law Is –Charles Fried

Reason & Value: Themes From the Moral Philosophy of  
Joseph Raz

American Dynasty –Kevin Phillips

Is Democracy Possible Here? –Ronald Dworkin

Modern Liberty –Charles Fried

Deadly Spin –Wendell Potter

Winner-Take-All Politics –Paul Pierson / Hacker

Making Our Democracy Work –Stephen Breyer

The Living Constitution –David Strauss

The Science of Liberty –Timothy Ferris

Griftopia –Matt Taibbi

The Empire Has New Clothes –Paul Street

**Foreign Policy, Foreign Affairs, I.R., Global Issues (45):**

**The Trial of Henry Kissinger –Christopher Hitchens**

**Israel / Palestine –Tanya Reinhart**

**Understanding Power –Noam Chomsky**

**Perpetual War For Perpetual Peace –Gore Vidal**

**Hegemony or Survival –Noam Chomsky**

**Killing Hope (2003 ed.) –William Blum**

**The New Imperialism –David Harvey**

**Middle East Illusions –Noam Chomsky**

**The Sorrows of Empire –Chalmers Johnson**

**Beyond Chutzpah –Norman Finkelstein**

**House of War –James Carroll**

**The Israel Lobby –Mearshimer / Walt**

**Failed States –Noam Chomsky**

**The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine –Ilan Pappé**

**Fiasco –Thomas E. Ricks**

**The One Percent Doctrine –Ron Suskind**

**The Looming Tower –Lawrence Right**

**Legacy of Ashes –Tim Weiner**

**Blackwater –Jeremy Scahill**

**The Way of the World –Ron Suskind**

**The Limits of Power –Andrew Bacevich**

**The Forever War –Dexter Filkins**

**Cultures of War –John Dower**

**Why The West Rules—For Now –Ian Morris**

The Tragedy of Great Power Politics – John Mearsheimer

A New Generation Draws the Line (02 ed.) –Noam Chomsky

Humanity: A Moral History of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

–Jonathan Glover

Ghost Wars –Steve Coll

American Empire –Andrew Bacevich

The Assassins' Gate –George Packer

Universal Human Rights: In Theory & Practice

–Jack Donnelly

Strategies of Containment (2005 ed.) –John Lewis Gaddis

The New American Militarism –Andrew Bacevich

Imperial Life In The Emerald City –Rajiv Changrasekaran

Palestine: Peace, Not Apartheid –Jimmy Carter

Nemesis –Chalmers Johnson

Palestine Inside Out –Saree Makdisi

The Post-American World –Fareed Zakaria

The Dark Side –Jane Mayer

International Human Rights –Michael Haas

The Forty Years War: The Rise & Fall of the Neocons

–Colodny / Shachtman

The Dark Side of Zionism –Baylis Thomas

Dismantling the Empire –Chalmers Johnson

Washington Rules –Andrew Bacevich

The Icarus Syndrome –Peter Beinart

## Economics, Economic Policy (40):

**Wealth & Democracy –Kevin Phillips**

**The Mind & The Market – Jerry Z. Muller**

**Marx's Revenge –Meghnad Desai**

**The Soul of Capitalism –William Greider**

**A Brief History of Neoliberalism –David Harvey**

**The Moral Consequences of Economic Growth**

**–Benjamin Friedman**

**The Shock Doctrine –Naomi Klein**

**Bad Money –Kevin Phillips**

**The Spirit Level –Wilkinson / Pickett**

**The Myth of the Rational Market –Justin Fox**

**Freefall –Joseph Stiglitz**

**Mis-measuring Our Lives –Joseph Stiglitz, et. al.**

**The Enigma of Capital –David Harvey**

**Capitalism & Its Economics: A Critical History**

**–Douglas Dowd**

**Globalization & Its Discontents –Joseph Stiglitz**

**The Future of Success –Robert Reich**

**One World: The Ethics of Globalization –Peter Singer**

**Understanding Capitalism –Douglas Dowd**

**The Great Unraveling –Paul Krugman**

**The Conscience of a Liberal –Paul Krugman**

**Perfectly Legal –David Cay Johnston**

**The Corporation –Joel Bakan**

The Impact of Inequality –Richard Wilkinson  
Inequality & Prosperity –Jonas Pontusson  
The Limits To Growth –Donella H. Meadows  
The End of Poverty –Jeffrey Sachs  
Free Lunch –David Cay Johnston  
Supercapitalism –Robert Reich  
Common Wealth –Jeffrey Sachs  
Bad Samaritans –Ha-Joon Chang  
Unjust Deserts –Gar Alperovitz / Lew Daly  
Superclass –David Rothkopf  
Keynes: Return of the Master –Robert Skidelsky  
How Markets Fail –John Cassidy  
The Great Financial Crisis –John Bellamy Foster  
Shadow Elite –Jenine R. Wedel  
Economic Sentiments –Emma Rothschild  
Zombie Capitalism –Chris Harman  
Prosperity Without Growth –Tim Jackson  
The Betrayal of American Prosperity –Clyde Prestowitz

### **General History (35):**

**The Closing of the Western Mind –Charles Freeman**  
**The Metaphysical Club –Louis Menand**  
**Freethinkers –Susan Jacoby**  
**The Rise of American Democracy –Sean Wilentz**  
**Restless Giant: The U.S. from Watergate To Bush v. Gore**  
**–James T. Paterson**

**The Glorious Cause: The American Revolution, 1763-1789**

**–Robert Middlekauff**

**What Hath God Wrought: The Trans. of America, 1815-1845**

**–Daniel Walker Howe**

**The Age of Reagan –Sean Wilentz**

**From Colony To Superpower: U.S. Foreign Relations since**

**1776 –George C. Herring**

**The Lords of Finance –Liaquat Ahamed**

**Empire of Liberty: A History of the Early Republic, 1789-1815**

**–Gordon Wood**

**The Great Cold War: A Journey Throug;p;h the Hall of Mirrors**

**–Gordon Barass**

**The Dead Hand –David. E. Hoffman**

**American Colossus –H.W. Brands**

**Radical Enlightenment –Jonathan Israel**

**Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee –Dee Brown**

**Paris: 1919 –Margaret MacMillan**

**The Peloponnesian War –Donald Kagan**

**All The Shah's Men –Stephen Kinzer**

**The Great Influenza –John M. Barry**

**Cataclysm: The First World War As Political Tragedy**

**–David Stevenson**

**Postwar –Tony Judt**

**Team of Rivals –Doris Kearns Goodwin**

**The Great War For Civilization –Robert Fisk**

**A World Undone: The Story of the Great War –G.J. Meyer**

War In Human Civilization –Azar Gat  
The History of the Ancient World –Susan Wise Bauer  
Conflict After The Cold War: 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition –Richard Betts  
American Creation –Joseph Ellis  
Enlightenment Contested –Jonathan Israel  
Nixonland –Rick Perlstein  
How Rome Fell –Adrian Keith Goldsworthy  
Lost To The West –Lars Brownworth  
A Revolution of the Mind –Jonathan Israel  
America's Cold War –Campbell Craig

### **Biographies (14):**

**Theodore Rex –Edmund Morris**

**Isaac Newton –James Gleick**

**Eisenhower: Soldier & President –Stephen E. Ambrose**

**FDR: Traitor To His Class –H.W. Brands**

John Adams –David McCullough

LBJ: Master of the Senate –Robert A. Caro

Benjamin Franklin –Walter Isaacson

Alexander Hamilton –Ron Chernow

His Excellency: George Washington –Joseph Ellis

John Kenneth Galbraith –Richard Parker

Thomas Paine & The Promise of America –Harvey J Kaye

Thomas Paine –Craig Nelson

Einstein –Walter Isaacson

American Lion: Andrew Jackson –Jon Meacham

## Science of Mind (14):

**The Blank Slate – Steven Pinker**

**Synaptic Self –Joseph LeDoux**

**The Problem of the Soul –Owen Flanagan**

**Moral Minds –Marc Hauser**

A Universe of Consciousness –Edelman / Tononi

Looking For Spinoza –Antonio DaMasio

The Tangled Wing –Melvin Konner

Freedom Evolves –Daniel Dennett

The Ethical Brain –Michael Gazzaniga

Conversations On Consciousness –Susan Blackmore

The Evolution of Morality –Richard Joyce

Primates & Philosophers –Frans de Waal

I Am A Strange Loop –Douglas Hofstadter

The Stuff of Thought –Steven Pinker

## General Science (12):

**Sync –Steven Strogatz**

**The Ancestor's Tail –Richard Dawkins**

**The Fabric of the Cosmos –Brian Greene**

**The Greatest Show On Earth –Richard Dawkins**

The Golden Ratio –Mario Livio

A New Kind of Science –Stephen Wolfram

Darwin's Cathedral –David Sloan Wilson

A Devil's Chaplain –Richard Dawkins

The Varieties of Scientific Experience –Carl Sagan

**In the Wake of 9/11: The Psychology of Terror** –Greenberg, Solomon,  
Pyszczynski

An Inconvenient Truth –Al Gore

The Emperor of All Maladies –Siddhartha Mukherjee

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**Religion (15):**

**Religion Explained –Pascal Boyer**

**In Gods We Trust – Scott Atran**

**Lost Christianities – Bart Ehrman**

**Beyond Belief –Elain Pagels**

**The End of Faith –Sam Harris**

**Misquoting Jesus –Bart Ehrman**

**Breaking The Spell –Daniel Dennett**

**The God Delusion –Richard Dawkins**

**God Is Not Great –Christopher Hitchens**

**God: The Failed Hypothesis –Victor Stenger**

**Godless –Dan Barker**

Constantine's Sword –James Carroll

Abraham –Bruce Feiler

Under the Banner of Heaven –Jon Krakauer

American Fascists –Chris Hedges

**Sociology / Social Commentary (36):**

**Nickel & Dimed –Barbara Ehrenreich**

**Fast Food Nation – Eric Schlosser**

**Writings On An Ethical Life –Peter Singer**

**Justice As Fairness: A Restatement –John Rawls**

**War Is A Force That Gives Us Meaning –Chris Hedges**

**Fascists –Michael Mann**

**The Science of Good & Evil –Michael Shermer**

**Will In The World –Stephen Greenblatt**

**The Ethics of Identity –Anthony Appiah**

**The World Without Us –Alan Weisman**

**The Impartial Spectator: Adam Smith’s Moral Philosophy**  
–D.D. Raphael

**The Black Swan –Nassem Taleb**

**Thinking In Systems –Donella H. Meadows**

**The Idea of Justice –Amartya Sen**

**The Moral Landscape –Sam Harris**

What Went Wrong? –Bernard Lewis

On Nature & Language –Noam Chomsky

The Future of Ideas –Lawrence Lessig

On Democracy & Education –Noam Chomsky

A Problem From Hell –Samantha Power

The Crisis of Islam –Bernard Lewis

Nature Via Nurture –Matt Ridley

Objectivity & Liberal Scholarship –Noam Chomsky

The Wisdom of Crowds –James Surowiecki

Free Culture –Lawrence Lessig

The Chomsky Effect –Robert Barsky

The Problem Of The Media –Robert McChesney

Reappraisals: Reflections on the Forgotten 20<sup>th</sup> Century

–Tony Judt

A Man Without A Country –Kurt Vonnegut

Infidel –Ayaan Hirsi Ali

Cosmopolitanism –Anthony Appiah

Experiments in Ethics –Anthony Appiah

The Age of American Unreason –Susan Jacoby

Here Comes Everybody –Clay Shirky

On Rumors –Cass Sunstein

Half The Sky –Kristof / WuDunn

**OTHER WORTHWHILE BOOKS (2000-2010):**

General Politics (23):

*Shrub –Molly Ivans*

*Rise of the Vulcans –James Mann*

*Why Orwell Matters –Christopher Hitchens*

*American Law in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century / Law In America*

*–Lawrence M. Friedman*

*The 9-11 Commission Report*

*The President of Good & Evil –Peter Singer*

*The Politics of Truth –Joe Wilson*

*The Great Derangement –Matt Taibbi*

*This Land Is Their Land –Barbara Ehrenreich*

*The Wrecking Crew –Thomas Frank*

*Big Lies –Joe Conason*

*The Best Democracy Money Can Buy –Greg Palast*

*America Right Or Wrong –Anatol Lieven*

*Field Notes On Democracy –Arundhati Roy*

*Breaking The Sound Barrier –Amy Goodman*

*American Theocracy –Kevin Phillips*

*The Squandering of America –Robert Kuttner*

*Republican Gomorrah –Max Blumenthal*

*Hopes & Prospects –Noam Chomsky*

*The Death of the Liberal Class –Chris Hedges*

*In Defense of Lost Causes –Slavoj Zizek*

*Manipulating Democracy: Democratic Theory, Political Psych. & Mass Media*

*Zombie Politics & Culture in the Age of Casino Capitalism –Henry Giroux*

Foreign Policy (26):

*Rogue States –Noam Chomsky*

*Blowback –Chalmers Johnson*

*The Imperial Tense –ed. Bacevich*

*Pirates & Emperors, Old & New (02 ed.) –Noam Chomsky*

*Power & Terror –Noam Chomsky*

*Perilous Power –Noam Chomsky*

*Imperial Ambitions –Noam Chomsky*

*Taming American Power –Stephan Walt*

*A History of Modern Palestine: One Land, Two Peoples –Ilan Pappé*

*The Modern Middle East –Ilan Pappé*

*Taliban –Ahmed Rashid*

*The Long War –Andrew Bacevich*

*Imperial America –Gore Vidal*

*Interventions –Noam Chomsky*

*Descent Into Chaos –Ahmed Rashid*

*Al Qaeda –Jason Burke*

*The Search for Al Qaeda –Bruce Riedel*

*The Holocaust Is Over; We Must Rise From Its Ashes –Avraham Burg*

*The Invention of the Jewish People –Shlomo Sand*

*Judaism Does Not Equal Israel –Marc H. Ellis*

*Power Rules –Leslie Gelb*

*Magic & Mayhem –Derek Leebaert*

*War –Sebastian Junger*

*The Good Soldiers –David Finkel*

*The Irony of Manifest Destiny –William Pfaff*

*The American Way of War –Tom Engelhardt*

#### Economic Policy (28):

*When Genius Failed –Roger Lowenstein*

*One Market Under God –Thomas Frank*

*When Smoke Ran Like Water –Devra Davis*

*The Divine Right of Capital –Marjorie Kelly*

*The Silent Takeover: Global Capitalism & The Death of Democracy*

–Noreena Hertz

*Gangs of America: The Rise of Corporate Power & the Disabling of Democracy*

–Ted Nace

*Confessions From An Economic Hit Man –John Perkins*

*Pathologies of Power –Paul Farmer*

*The Bottom Billion –Paul Collier*

*Why Social Justice Matters –Brian Barry*

*The New Golden Age –Ravi Batra*

*The Return of Depression Economics –Paul Krugman*

*The Predator State –James Galbraith*

*Democracy Incorporated –Sheldon S. Wolin*

*Inequality & The Global Economic Crisis –Douglas Dowd*

*The Limits To Growth: A 30 Year Update –Donella H. Meadows*

*After-Shock –Robert Reich*

*All the Devils Are Here –McLean / Nocera*

*The Great American Stickup –Robert Scheer*

*Crisis Economics –Nouriel Roubini*

*Fault Lines –Raghuram Rajan*

*The World According To Monsanto –Marie-Monique Robin*

*The Big Short –Michael Lewis*

*Keynes: The Rise, Fall, and Return of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century's Most influential Economist –Peter Clarke*

*The End of the Free Market –Ian Bremmer*

*A Companion To Marx's Capital –David Harvey*

*The Long Divergence –Timur Kuran*

*Zombie Economics –John Quiggin*

History / Bio (24):

*Founding Brothers –Joseph Ellis*

*Wittgenstein's Poker –Edmonds / Eidenow*

*Gulag: A History –Anne Applebaum*

*A Brief History of Nearly Everything –Bill Bryson*

*Collapse –Jared Diamond*

*James Madison –Garry Wills*

*Jean-Jacques Rousseau: Restless Genius –Leo Damrosch*

*1967: Israel, The War, & The Year that Transformed the Middle East*

*–Tom Segev*

*Journals: 1952-2000 –Arthur Schlesinger, Jr.*

*Sailing From Byzantium –Colin Wells*

*Angler –Barton Gellman*

*The History of the Medieval World –Susan Wise Bauer*

*Adam Smith: An Enlightened Life –Nicholas Phillipson*

*1776 –David McCullough*

*Ratification –Pauline Maier*

*The Balfour Declaration –Jonathan Schneer*

*A History of The Modern Middle East (4<sup>th</sup> Edition) –William Cleveland*

*The Arabs –Eugene Rogan*

*Cleopatra –Stacy Schiff*

*The Warmth of Other Suns –Isabel Wilkerson*

*Washington: A Life –Ron Chernow*

*The Fiery Trial –Eric Foner*

*Colonel Roosevelt –Edmund Morris*

*Woodrow Wilson –John Milton Cooper*

*Revolutionaries –Jack Rakove*

*Bloodlands –Timothy Snyder*

Mind (7):

*A Brief Tour of Human Consciousness –V.S. Ramachandran*

*Noam Chomsky: The Generative Enterprise Revisited (03 ed.) –ed. Gruyter*

*Inner Presence: Consciousness as a Biological Phenomenon*

–Antti Revonsuo

*The Brain That Changes Itself –Norman Doidge*

*Self Comes To Mind –Antonio Damasio*

*The Ego Tunnel –Thomas Metzinger*

*How We Decide –Jonah Lehrer*

General Science (21):

*The Elegant Universe –Brian Greene*

*Time, Love, Memory –Jonathan Weiner*

*The Universe In A Nutshell –Stephan Hawking*

*The Scientists –John Gribbon*

*Nexus –Mark Buchanan*

*Seeing In The Dark –Timothy Ferris*

*The Future of Life –E.O. Wilson*

*Linked –Albert-Laszlo Barabasi*

*Why Darwin Matters –Michael Shermer*

*Parallel Worlds –Michio Kaku*

*The Creation –E.O. Wilson*

*A World Without Time –Palle Yourgrali*

*Einstein's Cosmos –Michio Kaku*

*Deep Simplicity –John Gribbin*

*The Revenge of Gaia –James Lovelock*

*Age of Wonder –Richard Holmes*

*Quantum –Manjit Kumar*

*From Eternity To Here –Sean Carroll*

*The Grand Design –Stephen Hawking, Leonard Mlodinow*

*Human –Michael Gazzaniga*

Internet / Technology (12):

*Copyrights & Copywrongs –Siva Vaidhayanathan*

*Code & Other Laws of Cyberspace, Version 2.0 –Lawrence Lessig*

*Who Controls The Internet? –Goldsmith / Wu*

*The Future of the Internet—And How To Stop It –Jonathan Zittrain*

*The Nature of Technology –W. Brian Arthur*

*What Technology Wants –Kevin Kelly*

*Convergence Culture –Henry Jenkins*

*The Wealth of Networks –Yochai Benkler*

*The Master Switch –Tim Wu*

*You Are Not A Gadget –Jaron Lanier*

*Cognitive Surplus –Clay Shirky*

**The Shallows –Nicholas Carr**

Social Commentary (22):

*Ethics –Spinoza, The Wordsworth edition*

*The Death & Life of American Journalism –McChesney / Nichols*

*Sovereign Virtue –Ronald Dworkin*

*Propaganda & The Public Mind –Noam Chomsky*

*Objectivity & Liberal Scholarship (03 ed.) –Noam Chomsky*

*Chomsky & His Critics*

*The Wisdom of Crowds –James Surowiecki*

*Taking Ourselves Seriously & Getting It Right –Harry Frankfurt*

*The Essential Chomsky*

*The World Is Flat –Thomas Friedman*

*Outliers –Malcolm Gladwell*

*Overtreated –Shannon Brownlee*

*The Boy Who Harnessed The Wind –William Kamkwamba*

*Strength In What Remains –Tracy Kidder*

*Bright-Sided –Barbara Ehrenreich*

*Empire of Illusion –Chris Hedges*

*Justice: What's the Right Thing to Do? –Michael J. Sandel*

*The Last Utopia: Human Rights In History –Samuel Moyn*

*Where Good Ideas Come From –Steven Johnson*

*How To Live: Or A Life of Montaigne –Sarah Bakewell*

*Science Is Culture –ed. Adam Bly*

*The Marketplace of Ideas –Louis Menand*