

Summer Reading List

Title	Author	Publisher	Why you might want to read it
The Great Influenza: The Epic Story of the Deadliest Plague In History	John Barry	Penguin (2004)	Changed my way of looking at the world.
Stolen Innocence – The Sally Clark Story. A mother’s fight for justice	John Batt	Ebury Press (2005)	It will make you think hard about the UK judicial system
The End of Lawyers? Rethinking the nature of legal services	Richard Susskind	Oxford University Press (2008)	The author argues that the technological age will soon completely change the way all legal work is done. It's not technical or just for lawyers, but is a real taste of what probably lies in store for us all.
Dreams from my Father: A story of race and inheritance	Barack Obama	Canongate Books Ltd (2008)	Authentic and brilliant
Choral Society	Prue Leith	Quercus (2009)	It's all about re-inventing yourself
The Decline of the West	Oswald Spengler	Oxford University Press (2007)	An interesting re-read
The Affluent Society	John K Galbraith	Penguin (1999)	Written in the 50s but a great and timely analysis of why we are where we are socio-economically
Watching the Tree: A Chinese Daughter Reflects on Happiness, Spiritual Beliefs and Universal Wisdom	Adeline Yen Mah	HarperCollins (2001)	Get to know China
The World’s Religions	Ninian Smart	Cambridge University Press (1998)	A great book on the views and wisdom of mankind on its own existence. A great leadership book without being one
Meltdown: A Free-Market Look at Why the Stock Market Collapsed	Thomas E Woods	Regnery Publishing (2009)	A harsh account on the current status, clearly polarizing, but still a clear view from a free market author
Dead Aid: Why aid is not working and how there is another way for Africa	Dambisa Moyo	Allen Lane (2009)	For inspiration
He’s just not that into you: The No-Excuses Truth to Understanding Guys	Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo	Harper (2009 - or get your free copy in Glamour Magazine!)	Great for a look into men and women in a funny 3 hour read.
A Face to the World: On Self Portraits	Laura Cumming	HarperPress (2009)	A definite read even if a bit hefty to carry to the beach but you would be the self portrait expert on your strip of sand
South of the Border, West of the Sun	Haruki Murakami	Vintage (2000)	Easy to carry in your hand and in your heart

On Space & Time	Shahn Majid (Editor)	Cambridge University Press (2008)	A formidable book to understand modern science, but the long second chapter requires heavy maths lifting
The strangest man: The hidden life of Paul Dirac, Quantum Genius	Graham Farmelo	Faber & Faber Ltd (2009)	It gives you an outstanding insight into 20 th century science across the Atlantic and the painful quality of genius
Tribes	Seth Godin	Piatkus Books (2008)	A lovely piece on responsibility in society
The Human Stain	Philip Roth	Vintage (2005)	Made me think
Funny Boy	Shyam Selvadurai	Vintage (1995)	It's about a Tamil boy growing up in Sri Lanka
India after Gandhi: The History of the World's Largest Democracy	Ramachandra Guha	Pan Books (2008)	Very well written and a good learning experience
The Age of Wonder: How the Romantic Generation Discovered the Beauty and Terror of Science	Richard Holmes	Harper Press (2009)	A smashing read and a good "dip in and out" one for holidays
The Road Home	Rose Tremain	Vintage (2008)	Very uplifting
The Courage to Lead: Transform Self, Transform Society	Brian Stansfield	New Society Publishers (2001)	Published by an interesting organisation with a focus on leadership
The Life You Can Save: Acting Now to End World Poverty	Peter Singer	Picador (2009)	You will never be the same again!
Lost and Found in Russia: Encounters in a deep Heartland	Susan Richards	IB Tauris (2009)	Just out, rave reviews
The Racial Contract	Charles W Mills	Cornell University Press (1999)	The book is far too laden with academic jargon, but the compelling evidence will utterly and forever change the way you see the world. Now, that's a big call.
This is Your Brain on Music: Understanding a Human Obsession	Daniel J Levitin	Atlantic (2008)	A neurological look at how music affects the brain. Science lite, the early stuff is good at breaking down music if you aren't a musician.

The Singing Neanderthals: The Origins of Music, Language, Mind and Body	Steven Mithen	Phoenix (2006)	A paleo-archaeologist looking at how singing developed in our species from early primates to hominids. It's about why we need other people, why we sing, how we celebrate life and death. There's a lot of neurological case studies in there that break down how our brains have evolved - brilliant for anyone interested in how and why we think. You'll never think about music in the same way.
After crisis: creative construction	Carlota Perez	Open Democracy (2005)	Carlota Perez is an excellent thinker and economist, and this article gives you a flavour of how she thinks about the opportunities afforded by the economic meltdown
Vishnu's Crowded Temple: India Since the Great Rebellion	Maria Misra	Penguin (2008)	Maria is a lecturer at Oxford and has been in Britain for some time now. The conclusion from this is that she might have looked at India with a Western eye but hopefully she has not forgotten her origins!
Modernism on Sea: Art and Culture at the British Seaside	Lara Feigel	Peter Lang Ltd (2009)	A perfect read for the relaxed
The Girl on the Landing	Paul Torday	Phoenix (2009)	Disturbing, but good
Testimony	Anita Shreve	Abacus (2009)	
The Pleasures and Sorrows of Work	Alain de Botton	Hamish Hamilton (2009)	
Suite Francais	Irene Nemirovsky	Vintage (2006)	
The American Future: A History from the Founding Fathers to Barack Obama	Simon Schama	Vintage (2009)	
The Political Brain: How We Make Up Our Minds Without Using Our Heads	Drew Westen	PublicAffairs (2008)	
What would Google do?	Jeff Jarvis	Collins (2009)	
Trees and woodland in the British landscape: the complete history of Britain's trees, woods & hedgerows	Oliver Rackham	London: Phoenix Press (2001)	

Revolutionary Road	Richard Yates	Vintage Classics (2009)	
The Black Swan: The impact of the highly improbable	Nassim Nicholas Taleb	Penguin (2008)	
The Collector of Worlds	Ilija Trojanow	Faber and Faber (2009)	
Leadership as a Vocation	Guido Houben, Tim Rusche	Nomos (2008)	
A Whole New Mind: Why Right-Brainers will rule the future	Daniel Pink	Marshall Cavendish (2008)	
The Poisonwood Bible	Barbara Kingsolver	Faber and Faber (2000)	
We need to talk about Kevin	Lionel Shriver	Serpent's Tail (2006)	
Team Of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln	Doris Kearns Goodwin	Penguin (2009)	
Maximum City: Bombay Lost And Found	Suketu Mehta	Headline Review (2005)	
Globalised Islam: The Search for a New Ummah	Olivier Roy	C Hurst & Co Publishers Ltd (2004)	
The Inspector Chen series	Qiu Xiaolong		
Reading Lolita in Teran: A Memoir in Books	Azar Nafisi	Fourth Estate Ltd (2004)	
White Tiger	Aravind Adiga	Atlantic (2009)	
The story of Edgar Sawtelle	David Wroblewski	Fourth Estate Ltd (2009)	
Of Love and Other Demons	Gabriel Garcia Marquez	Penguin (2008)	
The Reluctant Fundamentalist	Moshin Hamid	Penguin (2008)	
Imagining India	Nandan Nilekani	Allen Lane (2009)	
The Argumentative Indian: Writings on Indian History, Culture and Identity	Amartya Sen	Penguin (2006)	
Everybody Loves a Good Drought: Stories from India's Poorest Districts	P Sainath	Headline Review (1998)	

Public Report on Basic Education in India	Anuradha De, Jean Dreze	Oxford University Press (1999)	
Primary Education in India		World Bank (1997)	
The Elephant, the Tiger and the Cellphone	Shashi Tharoor	Arcade (1997)	
In Spite of the Gods: The Rise of Modern India	Edward Luce	Abacus (2007)	
The Message: Remix - The Bible in Contemporary Language	Eugene Paterson	NavPress (2004)	
Waste - Uncovering the global food scandal	Tristram Stuart	Penguin (2009)	
Blue Ocean Strategy: How to Create Uncontested Market Space and Make the Competition Irrelevant	W.Chan Kim and Renee Mauborgne	Harvard Business School Press (2005)	
The Road to Hell: The Ravaging Effects of Foreign Aid and International Charity	Michael Maren	Free Press (2002)	
Interpreter of Maladies	Jhumpa Lahiri	Flamingo (2000)	
Funding Success: NPC's approach to analysing charities	Martin Brookes, Cathy Langerman & Tristan Lumley	New Philanthropy Capital (2005)	
This is Water: Some Thoughts, Delivered on a Significant Occasion, About Living a Compassionate Life	David Foster Wallace	Little, Brown & Co (2009)	