

100+ must-read books**A. Biographies**

1. ET Bell: Men of Mathematics
2. Kai Bird and Martin J Sherwin: American Prometheus, Oppenheimer
3. John Cornwell: Hitler's Scientists
4. Gerald Durrell: My family and other animals
5. Richard Feynman: Perfectly reasonable deviations
6. George Gamow: Thirty years that Shook Physics
7. MK Gandhi: The story of my experiments with truth
8. James Gleick: *Genius*
9. Abraham Pais: Subtle is the Lord: The Science and the Life of Albert Einstein
10. Paris review interviews with authors
11. Munagala Venkataramaih: Talks with Sri Ramana Maharshi
12. J Craig Venter: A Life Decoded; My Genome: My life

B. Classics

13. Lord Byron: Prisoner of Chillon
14. Lewis Carroll: Alice's adventure in Wonderland
15. Miguel de Cervantes: Don Quixote
16. Samuel Taylor Coleridge: Christabel
17. Charles Darwin: On the origin of species
18. Daniel Defoe: Robinson Crusoe
19. Fyodor Dostoyevsky: Crime and Punishment
20. Victor Hugo: Les Misérables
21. John Milton: Paradise lost
22. Plato: The Republic
23. William Shakespeare: Twelfth night
24. William Shakespeare: Macbeth
25. RL Stevenson: The strange case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde
26. Jonathan Swift: Gulliver's travel
27. Henry David Thoreau: Walden, Essay on Civil Disobedience
28. Mark Twain: The adventure of Tom Sawyer
29. HG Wells: The time machine
30. Oscar Wilde: The importance of being Ernest

C. History

31. William Dalrymple: The last Mughal
32. Eric Hobsbawm: Age of extremes
33. Robert Jungk: Brighter than Thousand Suns
34. Jawaharlal Nehru: Discovery of India
35. Edward C Sachau: Alberuni' India
36. William Shirer: The raise and fall of the third Reich

D. Humour, entertainment

37. Agatha Christie: Murder of Roger Ackroyd
38. Agatha Christie: The Thirteen Problems
39. Charles Dickens: Pickwick Papers
40. Conan Doyle: Adventure of Sherlock Holmes
41. Frederick Forsyth: The Day of the Jackal
42. Frederick Forsyth: The fist of God
43. Hugh Green: Rivals of Sherlock Holmes
44. Jerome K Jerome: Three men in a boat

45. PG Wodehouse: Right Ho Jeeves
46. PG Wodehouse: Pelican at Blandings
- E. Language
 47. RW Burchfield: Fowler's Modern English Usage
 48. William Strunk Jr and EB White: Elements of Style
- F. Novels
 49. Jane Austin: Pride and Prejudice
 50. Albert Camus: The Outsider
 51. Albert Camus: The Fall
 52. Kiran Desai: The Inheritance of Loss
 53. Gustave Flaubert: Madam Bovary
 54. William Golding: Lord of the Flies
 55. Joseph Heller: Catch 22
 56. James Hilton: Goodbye Mr Chips
 57. Aldous Huxley: Brave new world
 58. DH Lawrence: Lady Chatterley's lover
 59. Harper Lee: To kill a mocking bird
 60. Gabriel Garcia Marquez: One hundred years of solitude
 61. Somerset Maugham: Collected short stories
 62. Margaret Mitchell: Gone with the wind
 63. RK Narayan: Malgudi days
 64. RK Narayan: Swami and friends
 65. George Orwell: Nineteen Eighty Four
 66. George Orwell: Animal Farm
 67. Boris Pasternak: Dr Zivago
 68. Jean Paul Sartre: Nausea
- G. Philosophy
 69. S Chandrasekhar: Truth and Beauty
 70. Robert M Pirsig: Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance
 71. Erwin Schrödinger: What is life?
- H. Popular science, environment
 72. Philip Ball: The Critical Mass
 73. Bill Bryson: A short history of almost everything
 74. Harry Collins and Trevor Pinch: The Golem
 75. Richard Courant and Herbert Robbins: What is Mathematics?
 76. Richard Dawkins: The selfish Gene
 77. Jared Diamond: Collapse
 78. Jared Diamond: Guns, gems, and steel
 79. Masanobu Fukuoka: One Straw Revolution
 80. Douglas Hofstadter: Escher, Gödel and Bach
 81. Earnest Nagel and James R Newman: Gödel's Proof
 82. Roger Penrose: The Emperor's new mind
 83. Roger Penrose: The Large, the Small and the Human Mind
 84. Jeffrey M Schwartz and Sharon Begley: The mind and the brain
 85. Donald O'Shea: The Poincare' Conjecture
 86. Simon Singh: Fermat's Last Theorem
 87. Simon Singh: The Code book
 88. Charles M Vest: American Research University
 89. James Watson: The secret of life
 90. Duncan Watts: Six Degrees

I. Professions

- 91. Edward De Bono: Six thinking hats
- 92. Tony Buzan: The mind map book
- 93. Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi: Flow
- 94. Malcolm Gladwell: Blink
- 95. Karen Horney: Self Analysis
- 96. Jaron Lanier: You are not a Gadget

J. World today

- 97. James Collins and Jerry Porras: Built to last
- 98. Thomas L Friedman: World is Flat
- 99. Malcolm Gladwell: The tipping point
- 100. Phil Rees: Dining with terrorists
- 101. AnnaLee Saxenian: Regional advantage
- 102. Amartya Sen: Argumentative Indian
- 103. Joseph Stiglitz: Globalization and its discontents
- 104. Harold Varmus: The Art and Politics of Science