

Recommended Books

Recommendations within the Past Two Years

1. [A Fever in the Heartland](#): The Ku Klux Klan's Plot to Take Over America, and the Woman Who Stopped Them, **April2023**, by Timothy Egan 432 pgs, \$22.68
2. [America Last](#): The Right's Century-Long Romance w/Foreign Dictators, by Jacob Heilbrunn; 264 pg, \$20 **Mar24**
3. [An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States](#) by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz; 2015 rec **Oct2024**; 312 pgs; \$12
4. [Artificial Intelligence](#): A Guide for Thinking Humans by Melanie Mitchell, 2019, 336 pages \$19 **Rec July2023**
5. [Attack from Within](#): How Disinformation Is Sabotaging America, by Barbara McQuade, \$30 489 pgs **Feb'24**
6. [Atomic Days](#): The Untold Story of the Most Toxic Place in America, by Joshua Frank, **11/22**; \$20; 258 pgs
7. [Autocracy, Inc.](#): The Dictators Who Want to Run the World; July2024; by Anne Applebaum; \$21; 224 pgs
8. [Backfire](#): How Sanctions Reshape the World Against U.S. Interests, by Agathe Demarais, **Nov2022**, 304 pgs, \$30
9. [Bring the War Home](#): The White Power Movement and Paramilitary America by Kathleen Belew, 2018. 352 pages. **Rec Nov 2023**
10. [Chip War](#): The Fight for the World's Most Critical Technology, **Oct 2022**, by Chris Miller 464 pgs \$20
11. [Crossings](#): How Road Ecology Is Shaping the Future of Our Planet – **Sept2023**; by Ben Goldfarb \$20; 384 pgs
12. [Did It Happen Here?](#): Perspectives on Fascism & America by Daniel Steinmetz-Jenkins; 384 pgs, **Mar2024**; \$16
13. [End Times](#): Elites, Counter-Elites, and the Path of Political Disintegration, by Peter Turchin, 368 pgs, \$21, **June2023**
14. [Four Threats](#) the Recurring Crisis of American Democracy, by Suzanne Mettler; came out in 2021 but rec **Oct2024**; \$13; 304 pgs
15. [Freedom Is a Constant Struggle](#): Ferguson, Palestine, and the Foundations of a Movement by Angela Y. Davis; 178 pgs; \$12; 2016, rec **Oct 2024**
16. [Free and Equal](#): A Manifesto for a Just Society by Daniel Chandler; **May2024**; 432 pgs; \$20
17. [Genius Makers](#): The Mavericks Who Brought AI to Google, Facebook, and the World by Cade Metz. 384 pages 2021, **Recommended July2023**
18. [Half American](#): The Epic Story of African Americans Fighting World War II at Home and Abroad, **Oct2022** by Matthew F. Delmont, 400 pgs, \$22
19. [How to Hide an Empire](#): A History of the Greater United States, March2020 but **recommended 6/2023**, by Daniel Immerwahr, \$13.59, 528 pgs
20. [Hundred Years' War on Palestine](#); Jan, 2021; by Rashid Khalidi 336 pages, \$13 **Recommended Nov 2023**
21. [Inequality Kills Us All](#): COVID-19's Health Lessons for the World, by Stephen Bezruvka **11/22**, 214 pgs, \$43
22. [Nine Black Robes](#): Inside the Supreme Court's Drive to the Right and Its Historic Consequences, 411 pgs, \$21.50 by Joan Biskupic **April2023**
23. [No Miracles Needed](#): How Today's Technology Can Save Our Climate and Clean Our Air by Mark Z. Jacobson **2/23** 440 pgs \$14.95
24. [Novacene](#): The Coming Age of Hyperintelligence, by James Lovelock, 11/2020 **Rec 11/22**, \$15, 160 pgs
25. [Nuclear War](#): A Scenario, by Annie Jacobsen; 400 pgs, \$19, **Mar2024**
26. [PAVED PARADISE](#): How Parking Explains the World | By Henry Grabar | 346 pp. \$24 **May2023**
27. [Plunder](#): Private Equity's Plan to Pillage America, **May2023** by Brendan Ballou 368 pgs \$22
28. [Possible](#): Ways To Net Zero, by Chris Goodall; **Mar2024**; 390 pgs; \$16
29. [Poverty, By America](#). By Matthew Desmond. **July2023**, 304 pages \$22
30. [Preparing for War](#): The Extremist History of White Christian Nationalism--and What Comes Next – **Jan2023**; by Bradley Onishi; 237 pgs; \$24
31. [Prequel](#): An American Fight against Fascism by Rachel Maddow, **Oct 2023**. 416 pages.
32. [Rebellion](#): How Antiliberalism Is Tearing America Apart—Again, **Apr24**; by Robert Kagan; \$23; 256 pgs
33. [Recoding America](#): Why Government Is Failing in the Digital Age and How We Can Do Better by Jennifer Pahlka, **June23**, \$20, 336 pgs
34. [Rough Sleepers](#): Dr. Jim O'Connell's urgent mission to bring healing to homeless people, Tracy Kidder 291pgs **Jan2023**
35. [Shielded](#): How the Police Became Untouchable, **Feb2023** by Joanna Schwartz 336 pgs, \$28.50

36. [The Crisis of Democratic Capitalism](#) **Feb23** by Martin Wolf, 496 pgs, \$26
37. [The Identity Trap: a Story of Ideas and Power in Our Time](#), by Mounk, Yascha, **Sep23**; 416 pgs; \$20
38. [The Revolt Against Humanity](#): Imagining a Future Without Us, by Kirsch, Adam, \$16, 104 pgs, **Jan 2023**
39. [The Shadow Docket](#): How the Supreme Court Uses Stealth Rulings to Amass Power and Undermine the Republic Hardcover – **May2023**, 352 pgs by Stephen Vladeck
40. [These Are the Plunderers](#): How Private Equity Runs—and Wrecks—America, **April2023**, by Gretchen Morgenson and Joshua Rosner, 400 pgs, \$27
41. [They Were Her Property](#): White Women as Slave Owners in the American South, **recommended Jun2023**, by Stephanie E. Jones-Rogers, \$11, 320 pages
42. [True West](#): Myth and Mending on the Far Side of America, **Oct2023**, by Betsy Gaines Quammen, \$18, 318 pgs
43. [Tyranny of the Minority](#): Why American Democracy Reached the Breaking Point Hardcover by Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt; **recommended Oct2024**; 384 pgs, \$18
44. [Vulture Capitalism](#): Corporate Crimes, Backdoor Bailouts, and the Death of Freedom by Grace Blakeley; 384 pgs; \$15; **Mar2024**
45. [Weapons of Mass Delusion](#): When the Republican Party Lost Its Mind by Robert Draper 400 pages **10/22** \$17.50
46. [Winner Sells All](#): Amazon, Walmart, and the Battle for Our Wallets by Jason Del Rey, 304 pages \$24 **June2023**
47. [Where Have All the Democrats Gone?](#) The Soul of the Party in the Age of Extremes by Ruy Teixeira, John B. Judis **Nov2023**; \$20; 336 pgs
48. [White Rural Rage](#): The Threat to American Democracy; **Feb'24**; by Tom Schaller & Paul Waldman; \$20, 320 pgs
49. [Who's Afraid of Gender?](#) by Judith Butler; **Mar2024**; 320 pgs; \$22

Older Recommendations

1. [A Paradise Built in Hell](#): Extraordinary Communities That Arise in Disaster by Rebecca Solnit. 354 pages \$15.09, **2010**
2. [A Thousand Brains](#): A New Theory of Intelligence, **March 2021** by Jeff Hawkins \$18.00, 288 pages
3. [After Steve](#): How Apple Became a Trillion-Dollar Company and Lost Its Soul – **May 2022**, by Tripp Mickle \$23; 512 pgs
4. [All-American Nativism](#): How the Bipartisan War on Immigrants Explains Politics as We Know It by Daniel Denvir Paperback – **January 14, 2020** 388 pages \$13.87
5. [All the Shah's Men](#): An American Coup and the Roots of Middle East Terror, **2008**, by Stephen Kinzer 296 pages, \$12.99
6. [Amazon Unbound](#): Jeff Bezos and the Invention of a Global Empire **May 2021** by Brad Stone 496 pgs \$19
7. [American Carnage](#): On the Front Lines of the Republican Civil War and the Rise of President Trump Hardcover \$17.99 – **July 16, 2019** by Tim Alberta 688 pages
8. [Another Appalachia](#): Coming Up Queer and Indian in a Mountain Place, **Recom 03/22**, by Neema Avashia 171pgs \$20
9. [Apocalypse Never](#): Why Environmental Alarmism Hurts Us All by Michael Shellenberger , **June 2020**, 432 pgs \$17.49
10. [Army of None](#): Autonomous Weapons and the Future of War, by Paul Scharre, Hardcover April 24, 2018 \$25.16 448 pages Paperback out in **March 2019**
11. [Billionaire Wilderness](#): The Ultra-Wealthy and the Remaking of the American **Mar20**, Justin Farrell; \$18.99; 392 pages
12. [Burning Down the House](#): Newt Gingrich, the Fall of a Speaker, and the Rise of the New Republican Party Hardcover – **July 7, 2020**, by Julian E. Zelizer, \$27, 368 pages
13. [Chaotic Neutral](#): How the Democrats Lost Their Soul in the Center – **Sept 2022**; by Ed Burmila 352 pgs \$29
14. [Charged](#): The New Movement to Transform American Prosecution and End Mass Incarceration, \$17.37 Hardcover – **April 9, 2019**; by Emily Bazelon 448 pages
15. [Commanding Hope: The Power We Have to Renew a World in Peril](#), **Sept 2020**, by Thomas Homer-Dixon 464 pgs
16. [Danger Zone](#): The Coming Conflict with China by Michael Beckley & Hal Brands Hardcover \$21 304 pgs – **Aug 2022**
17. [Dismantling Global White Privilege](#): Equity for a Post-Western World – **Jan 2022** by Chandran Nair 264 pgs \$20
18. [Evil Geniuses](#): The Unmaking of America: A Recent History by Kurt Andersen – **August, 2020** 464 pgs; \$14.29

19. [Fen, Bog and Swamp](#): A Short History of Peatland Destruction and Its Role in the Climate Crisis, by Annie Proulx, **Sep 2022** 208 pgs \$14
20. [Flying Blind](#): The 737 MAX Tragedy and the Fall of Boeing by Peter Robison, **Nov 2021**. 328 pages \$10
21. [Generation Priced Out](#): Who Gets to Live in the New Urban America by Randy Shaw, **Nov 2018** 304 pp., \$18.20 hardback
22. [Hate Inc.](#) Why Today's Media Makes Us Despise One Another by Matt Taibbi 304 pages, Hardcover, \$14.99, **2019**
23. [How to Be an Antiracist](#) Hardcover – **August 13, 2019** by Ibram X. Kendi \$14.79 320 pages
24. [How to Change Your Mind](#): What the New Science of Psychedelics Teaches Us About Consciousness, Dying, Addiction, Depression, and Transcendence – **May 15, 2018** by Michael Pollan 480 pages \$19.04 Hardcover
25. [How Democracies Die](#) by Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt. 299 pages, **2019**, \$11.79
26. [How to Avoid a Climate Disaster](#): The Solutions We Have and the Breakthroughs We Need, **Feb 2021**, by Bill Gates \$20.49, 272 pages
27. [How We Die](#): Reflections of Life's Final Chapter, \$10.11 PB – **Jan 15, 1995** by Sherwin B. Nuland; 278 pages
28. [It Was All a Lie](#): How the Republican Party Became Donald Trump – **Aug, 2020** by Stuart Stevens \$24.26, 256 pgs
29. [Landslide](#): The Final Days of the Trump Presidency by Michael Wolff **July 2021** 336 pages hardback \$17.62
30. [Like, Comment, Subscribe](#): Inside YouTube's Chaotic Rise to World Domination By Mark Bergen 464 pgs hardback \$27
31. [Lynching and Leisure](#), Race and the Transformation of Mob Violence in Texas, by Terry Anne Scott, \$26, 400 pages **4/22**
32. [Meme Wars](#): The Untold Story of the Online Battles Upending Democracy in America by Joan Donovan, Emily Dreyfuss, Brian Friedberg, **Sept 2022**. 432 pages \$20
33. [Merge Left](#): Fusing Race and Class, Winning Elections, and Saving America, by Ian Haney López, **2019** 282 pgs \$19.00
34. [No Immediate Danger](#): Vol 1 of Carbon Ideologies, William T. Vollmann. \$24.30 624 pages, 1st Edition (**April 10, 2018**)
35. [No Good Alternative](#): Vol 2 of Carbon Ideologies by William T. Vollmann. \$25.47 688 pages 1st Edition (**June 5, 2018**)
36. [On Fire](#): The (Burning) Case for a Green New Deal Hardcover \$21.99 – **Sep 17, 2019** Naomi Klein 320 pages
37. [Packing the Court](#): The Rise of Judicial Power and the Coming Crisis of the Supreme Court by James MacGregor Burns 336 pages; \$11.95 **2009**
38. [Peril](#) by Bob Woodward & Robert Costa, Hardcover – **Sept 2021**, 512 pages \$18.00
39. [Politics Is for Power](#): How to Move Beyond Political Hobbyism, Take Action, and Make Real Change. Eitan Hersh. 282 pages. \$15.86 **Jan 2020**
40. [Power](#): Limits and Prospects for Human Survival – **Sep, 2021**, by Richard Heinberg \$14 400 pgs
41. [RIP GOP](#): How New America Is Dooming the Republicans – **Sep 10, 2019** by Stanley B. Greenberg \$25.11. 336 pages
42. [Saving Us](#): A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope/Healing in a Divided World, **Sept 2021**, by Katharine Hayhoe 320pgs, \$23
43. [Servants of the Damned](#): Giant Law Firms, Trump, and the Corruption of Justice by David Enrich **Sep 2022** 375 pgs \$29
44. [Stamped from the Beginning](#): History of Racist Ideas in America, **2017** by Ibram Kendi 608 pages paperback \$11.37
45. [Stolen Focus](#): Why You Can't Pay Attention--and How to Think Deeply Again, **Jan 2022**, by Johann Hari 368 pgs \$16
46. [Survival of the Richest](#): Escape Fantasies of the Tech Billionaires, **Sep 2022**, by Douglas Rushkoff 224 pgs \$18
47. [Surviving Autocracy](#), by Masha Gessen. 288 pages. **June 2021** \$14.23
48. [The Destructionists](#): The 25 Year Crack-Up of the Republican Party By Dana Milbank **Aug 2022** 405 pgs Hardback \$20
49. [The End of Policing](#) Paperback – **August 28, 2018** by Alex S. Vitale 272 pages, \$13.99
50. [The Anatomy of Organized Hate](#): Stories of Former White Supremacists - and America's Struggle to Understand the Hate Movement – **August 1, 2019** by Lonnie Lusardo. 340 pages. \$16.49. Local Seattle author.

51. [The Button](#): The New Nuclear Arms Race and Presidential Power from Truman to Trump Hardcover, **June 2020**, by William J. Perry \$25.16 335 pages
52. [The Common Good](#) by Robert Reich, **January 15, 2019**; 208 pages; \$7.29 paperback
53. [The Cruelty Is the Point](#): The Past, Present, Future of Trump's America – **June, 2021** by Adam Serwer, 384pgs, \$16.80
54. [The Economic Weapon](#): The Rise of Sanctions as a Tool of Modern War – **Jan2022**, by Nicholas Mulder 448 pgs, \$27
55. [The End of Ice](#): Bearing Witness, Finding Meaning in Climate Disruption \$17.99 – **Jan2019** by Dahr Jamail 272 pages
56. [The End of the Myth](#): From the Frontier to the Border Wall in the Mind of America, – **March 5, 2019** by Greg Grandin Hardcover: 384 pages \$16.22
57. [The Kurds](#): A Divided Nation in Search of a State Paperback – **November 2018** by Michael M Gunter \$26.95 330 pages
58. [The Power of Crisis](#): How Three Threats – and Our Response – Will Change the World – **May 2022** by Ian Bremmer \$24 272 pgs
59. [The Righteous Mind](#): Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion, by Jonathan Haidt. \$11.52 paperback. 528 pages **February 12, 2013**
60. [The Shia Revival](#): How Conflicts within Islam Will Shape the Future – **April, 2007** by Vali Nasr, \$2.00 320 pages
61. [The Sleepwalkers](#): How Europe Went to War in 1914, 2014, by Christopher Clark, **Recommended 3/2022**; \$14, 736 pgs
62. [The Solutions are Already Here](#): Strategies for Ecological Revolution from Below – **Feb 2022** by Peter Gelderloos 256 pgs; \$23
63. [The Treeline](#): The Last Forest and the Future of Life on Earth by Ben Rawlence **Jan '22**, \$15, 320 pgs
64. [The Southernization of America](#): A Story of Democracy in the Balance – March, 2022, by Cynthia Tucker (Author), Frye Gaillard \$22 176 pages
65. [The Upswing](#): How America Came Together a Century Ago and How We Can Do It Again by Robert Putnam and Shaylyn Garrett. 480 pages. \$29.25 **Sept 2021**
66. [The Warmth of Other Suns](#): The Epic Story of America's Great Migration, by Isabel Wilkerson, 678 pgs, \$11.99 **2011**
67. [Them: Why We Hate Each Other](#)--and How to Heal by Ben Sasse. 288 pages. \$15.88 **2019**
68. [This Land Is Our Land](#): An Immigrant's Manifesto \$17.39 Hardcover – **June 4, 2019** by Suketu Mehta 320 pgs
69. [To Start a War](#): How Bush Administration Took America into Iraq Hardcover – **July 2020**, Robert Draper \$27, 496 pages
70. [TRIUMPH OF THE CITY](#). How Our Greatest Invention Makes Us Richer, Smarter, –Greener, Healthier, and Happier. By Edward Glaeser 352 pp. \$16.99. **2012**
71. [You Bet Your Life](#): From Blood Transfusions to Mass Vaccination, the Long and Risky History of Medical Innovation Hardcover – **June 2022**, published September 2021, by Paul A Offit; 272 pgs, \$19
72. [Uncivil Agreement](#): How Politics Became Our Identity – **April 16, 2018** by Lilliana Mason PB \$17.62 192 pages
73. [White Trash](#). The 400-Year Untold History of Class in America, by Nancy Isenberg. **2017**. 494 pages. \$10.69
74. [Why We Did It](#): A Travelogue from the Republican Road to Hell. By Tim Miller. 279 pgs **June 2022** \$23