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Thread: [Any good reads you guys can recommend?](#)

debian - May 18, 2019, 10:57 pm

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Any suggestions?

Elweth - May 18, 2019, 11:18 pm

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Oooh, looks super interesting! Thanks ?

Bear - May 18, 2019, 11:23 pm

Read Zero to One, by Peter Thiel.

Cuban - May 19, 2019, 2:19 am

Not sci-fi but I saw you post about some spiritual stuff in another thread, and I highly HIGHLY recommend reading 'autobiography of a yogi' by Paramhansa Yogananda.

Traum - May 19, 2019, 3:03 am

I personally love SciFi as well, and some of my favorites that also make you think a lot are The Swarm (Frank Schätzing), The Deep (Nick Cutter), Sphere (Michael Crichton), Deep Storm (Lincoln Child).

John Lennon - May 19, 2019, 5:44 am

One of my favourite books in terms of self reflection and personal development is "Principles: Life and Work" by Ray Dalio.

I also really enjoyed "Sapiens" by Yuval Noah Harari, which describes the development of our current civilization, gives you a very "macro" perspective of society today. It's followed by "Homo Deus" which explores the future of our civilization, such as google perhaps being better suited at voting for elections than ourselves.

"Why nations fail" by Daron Acemoglu & James Robinson is a great introduction to understanding why some nations succeed while others fail, a more popular scientific introduction to Development Economics, or just development in general. It was part of my senior year curriculum in mathematical economics, to introduce people to the subject and nudge people to specializing their graduate degree in development economics.

"Finance and the Good Society" by Robert Shiller is an excellent introduction to how much efficiency, wealth and democratization of capitalism that the financial system has brought of. A lot of which we take for granted in the constant stream of financial sector criticism.

Roytoy - May 19, 2019, 5:53 am

I'm currently reading the book: outliers, and so far It's pretty mind blowing

bevc - May 19, 2019, 5:59 am

If you like sci-fi (and hacker stuff), nothing tops Neal Stephenson. I'd recommend 'Cryptonomicon' or 'Snow Crash' as a first go, then you'll want to read everything else he has ever written.

Spaark - May 19, 2019, 9:02 am

When fountainhead gets unbanned I'd recommend asking him. He runs a little book club in Wolfpack. He reads like mad though.

Effexion - May 19, 2019, 9:09 am

I recently read Two Brothers by Ben Elton and it was the best read I have had in years, absolutely phenomenal. It's about two brothers growing up at the start of the Nazi movement in 1920. It follows their lives through to 1956 and builds memorable characters and moments along the way.

If you're looking for something a little shorter, try my last read, Into the Water by Paula Hawkins (author of the Girl on the Train). It's full of twists and turns and short chapters keep the pages turning.

Enzon - May 19, 2019, 9:11 am

rich dad, poor dad! It's one of those classics.

Sheep - May 19, 2019, 9:11 am

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy series, The Martian, any Tom Clancy novel, the Redwall series of novels, Silver Lining's Playbook.

Not all sci-fi but I figured I'd list some of my favourites. I used to read a lot and at one point had a library in my house with around 150~ books.

Milky2theBone - May 20, 2019, 5:24 am

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I would recommend you to give some love to the ender's game series, you would not regret it.

Roytoy - May 20, 2019, 5:39 am

I read JP's book, 12 rules for life. It was nice if you really like philosophical stuff

ethellooking - September 20, 2020, 12:11 am

Let's try Pride and Prejudice . I genuinely appreciate the diversity of the characters portrayed, as well as the character development and thoughtful exposition of the delicacies concerning love between two people who come from very different backgrounds.

Rezon ® - September 20, 2020, 1:24 am

If you like action and real life stories, try Ant Middleton.

He's tells you about his life in the marines, very good read. Comes as an audiobook via amazon too.