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Thread: [What's the best book you've read recently and why?](#)

Simonx__ - July 4, 2024, 10:53 am

Share the best book you've read and say what made it stand out.

Deany - July 4, 2024, 11:03 am

I haven't read a book in so long lol

Absence - July 4, 2024, 3:25 pm

Hypnerotomachia Poliphili by Francesco Colonna translated by Joscelyn Godwin.

".. called in English Poliphilo's Strife of Love in a Dream or The Dream of Poliphilus, is a book said to be by Francesco Colonna. It is a famous example of an incunable (a work of early printing). The work was first published in 1499 in Venice by Aldus Manutius. This first edition has an elegant page layout, with refined woodcut illustrations in an Early Renaissance style. Hypnerotomachia Poliphili presents a mysterious arcane allegory in which the main protagonist, Poliphilo, pursues his love, Polia, through a dreamlike landscape. In the end, he is reconciled with her by the "Fountain of Venus"."

This book was a number of firsts for me, but I enjoyed it. It is pretty old, too.

Sources:

<https://publicdomainreview.org/essay/hypnerotomachia-poliphili-and-the-architecture-of-dreams/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hypnerotomachia_Poliphili

letstero - July 4, 2024, 4:08 pm

(Jul 4, 2024 10:53 AM)Simonx__ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Share the best book you've read and say what made it stand out.

The Science of learning, this so a good start to get into self education

Laughing Man - July 5, 2024, 5:26 pm

Grimspace series made by Ann Aguire I rarely read books, however that one sucked me in, fortunes pawn series is another great one.

Pr0m3th3us - July 5, 2024, 7:46 pm

Currently reading Mindhunter by John Douglas and Dark Dreams by Roy Hazelwood

goldenbanana - July 5, 2024, 9:47 pm

The alchemist is a great book! and I'm usually not a big reader but I recommend it anytime it comes up!

diablospartan - July 6, 2024, 7:31 am

Sincerely i dont read a book for long time as i am very busy working for my online business and i dont have time to read books

But my favourite one its think and grow rich by napoleon hill as its an aprofundation of law of attraction

Mikhael_11 - July 7, 2024, 4:58 am

probably "Atomic Habits" by James Clear. It offers practical advice on building good habits and

breaking bad ones, with insights backed by psychology and real-life examples.

TooBurnt - July 7, 2024, 6:16 pm

The Harry Potter books. There's never been such a great series of books ever written.

JammyD0nut - July 8, 2024, 11:30 am

Recently I read "A Dream of Wessex", by Christopher Priest and sincerely enjoyed that. Without spoiling it, it's a great Sci-Fi set in 1985 wherein a privately-funded organisation based in England is conducting a research project using the country's 'most brilliant minds'.

The participants use a machine to form a virtual reality that is generated from their collective unconsciousness to create a projection of an idealistic world they would collectively imagine would exist in the future, a world in which they are tasked with figuring how to deal with the current time's many problems... However, the virtual reality is revealed as fragile when introduced to changes in the unconscious collection of fallible minds that it is made up of relies upon.

Picked it up after reading Mark Fisher's overview of it from his old K-Punk blog. Love a good Sci-Fi with interesting themes!

blackrose_x0x0 - July 8, 2024, 11:33 am

(Jul 5, 2024 09:47 PM)goldenbanana Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The Alchemist is a great book! and I'm usually not a big reader but I recommend it anytime it comes up!

The Alchemist is an amazing book, I recommend it to everyone as one of those must read books. I'm thinking about re-reading it again soon.

I recently read Salem's Lot by Stephen King. It had a slow boring start but man what a great story. Creepy as hell too.

BlackRock - July 13, 2024, 12:27 am

Systematic Theology by Wayne Gurdem - because I was studying religion at the time :D

Disease - July 13, 2024, 4:30 am

Our First Civil War by H.W. Brands

It's a nice recounting of the American Revolution, and done at a more personal level to the most influential players (i.e. Franklin, Washington, and Adams). It's a nice perspective to see the era from.

DemonAsylum - July 15, 2024, 12:54 am

Honestly just haven't read a book in I don't even know how long lol. I do plenty of reading, don't get me wrong. Just not books anymore.