

## Some Book Reading Suggestions

I have enjoyed reading lots of non-fiction books since my retirement 22 years ago and you might find some of them interesting if you have the time. Unlike textbooks, nearly all of them are easy reading. Yet, they provide excellent sources of knowledge about how nature and technology work. Some, like the books about computer languages and algorithms are not likely to be of interest. The complete list is on my web site at

<http://yosemitefoothills.com/KanjiFlash/BookList.html>

That list has short descriptions and ISBN numbers, but here are a few of the titles that I especially recommend:

*Microbe Hunters* by Paul de Kruif

*The Hot Zone* by Richard Preston

*The Invisible Invaders – Viruses and the Scientists who Pursue Them* by Peter Radetsky

*Blood - An Epic History of Medicine and Commerce* by Douglas Starr

*The Emperor of all Maladies – A Biography of Cancer* by Siddhartha Mukherjee

*The Gene - An Intimate History* by Siddhartha Mukherjee

*The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

*The Machinery of Life* by David S. Goodsell

*Climbing Mount Improbable* by Richard Dawkins

*Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson

*The Marshmallow Test - Mastering Self-Control* by Walter Mischel

*Attacking Faulty Reasoning - A Practical Guide to Fallacy-Free Arguments* by T. Edward Damer

*Mistakes Were Made (but not by me) - Why We Justify Foolish Beliefs, Bad Decisions, and Hurtful Acts* by Carol Tavis and Elliot Aronson

*Extraordinary People - Understanding Savant Syndrome* by Darold A. Treffert, M.D.

*Born on a Blue Day - A Memoir - Inside the Extraordinary Mind of an Autistic Savant* by Daniel Tammet

*Navajo Code Talkers* by Nathan Aaseng

*Guns, Germs, and Steel - The Fates of Human Societies* by Jared Diamond

*The Prisoner's Dilemma - John von Neumann, Game Theory, and the Puzzle of the Bomb* by William Poundstone

*The Demon-Haunted World - Science as a Candle in the Dark* by Carl Sagan

*Never Cry Wolf* by Farley Mowat

*Hackers - Heroes of the Computer Revolution* by Steven Levy

*Rebel Code - Inside Linux and the Open Source Revolution* by Glyn Moody

*Einstein - His Life and Universe* by Walter Isaacson

*Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman! - Adventure of a Curious Character* by Richard P. Feynman

*What Do You Care What Other People Think? - Further Adventures of a Curious Character* by Richard P. Feynman