

Some Book Reading Suggestions

I have enjoyed reading lots of non-fiction books since my retirement 24 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. Others about diseases may not make pleasant reading. Choose what sparks your interest. The complete list of 260 books is on my web site at

<https://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 Great Influenza - The Epic Story of the Deadliest Plague in History by John M. Barry

Flu - The Story of the Great Influenza Pandemic of 1918 and the Search for the Virus that Caused It by Gina Kolata

The Coming Plague - Newly Emerging Diseases in a World Out of Balance by Laurie Garrett

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