

The RCS Library List of Recommended Nonfiction for Teens and Adults

- The 57 Bus – Slater
- 1491 – Mann
- All Creatures Great and Small – Herriot
- The Analects of Confucius
- Animal Liberation – Singer
- The Art of War – Sunzi
- The Autobiography of Malcolm X
- The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin
- Battle Cry of Freedom – McPherson
- The Beauty Myth – Wolf
- Being Logical – McInerney
- The Best and the Brightest – Halberstam
- Between the World and Me – Coates
- Black Like Me – Griffin
- The Boys of Summer – Kahn
- A Brief History of Time – Hawking
- Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee – Brown
- Capitalism and Freedom – Friedman
- The City of God – Augustine
- Civilization and Its Discontents – Freud
- Common Sense – Paine
- The Communist Manifesto – Marx and Engels
- Confessions – Saint Augustine
- The Conscience of a Conservative – Goldwater
- The Constitution of the United States
- Contempt and Pity – Scott
- The Death and Life of Great Cities – Jacobs
- Democracy in America – Tocqueville
- Diet for a Small Planet – Lappe
- Dominion – Scully
- The Double Helix – Watson
- The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test – Wolfe
- The Elements of Style – Strunk and White
- Empires of Light – Jonnes
- An Essay on the Principle of Population and Other Writings – Malthus
- The Essential Chomsky – Chomsky
- The Face of Battle – Keegan
- The Federalist Papers – Hamilton, Madison and Jay
- The Feminine Mystique – Friedan
- The Frontier in American History – Turner
- The General Theory of Employment, Interest, and Money – Keynes
- The Golden Bough – Frazer
- Guns, Germs, and Steel – Diamond
- The Guns of August – Tuchman
- The Hero with a Thousand Faces – Campbell
- Hiroshima – Hersey
- The Histories – Herodotus
- The History of the Peloponnesian War – Thucydides
- The Holy Bible
- The Imitation of Christ – Thomas
- In Cold Blood – Capote
- Inside the Hotel Rwanda – Kayihura
- Into the Wild – Krakauer
- Kon-Tiki – Heyerdahl
- The Lessons of History – Durant
- Let Us Now Praise Famous Men – Agee and Evans
- The Life of Samuel Johnson – Boswell
- Lives of the Saints – Butler
- Man’s Search for Meaning – Frankl
- Meditations – Marcus Aurelius
- Memoirs of the Second World War – Churchill
- Mere Christianity – Lewis
- The Naked Ape – Morris
- Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass – Douglass
- The Nichomachean Ethics – Aristotle
- Night – Wiesel
- A Night to Remember – Lord
- No god but God – Aslan
- Notes of a Native Son – Baldwin
- On Liberty – Mill
- Orientalism – Said
- The Origin of Species – Darwin
- Original Meanings – Rakove
- The Origins of Totalitarianism – Arendt
- The Other America – Harrington
- Pensées – Pascal
- A People’s History of the United States – Zinn
- Personal Memoirs – Grant
- The Phenomenon of Man – Teilhard de Chardin
- Pilgrim at Tinker Creek – Dillard
- The Pilgrim’s Progress – John Bunyan
- Plutarch’s Lives Vols. 1 & 2 – Plutarch
- The Politics – Aristotle
- The Portable Thomas Jefferson
- The Power Broker – Caro
- The Prince –Machiavelli
- Profiles in Courage –Kennedy
- The Qur’an –Haleem
- The Republic – Plato
- The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich – Shirer

- The Road to Serfdom – Hayek
- The Second Amendment – Waldman
- The Screwtape Letters – Lewis
- Second Treatise of Government – Locke
- The Selfish Gene – Dawkins
- Self-Reliance and Other Essays – Emerson
- The Seven Pillars of Wisdom – Lawrence
- The Seven Storey Mountain – Merton
- Silent Spring – Carson
- The Social Contract – Rousseau
- The Souls of Black Folk – DuBois
- The Story of English – McCrum
- The Story of My Life – Keller
- The Story of Philosophy – Durant
- A Summa of the Summa – Aquinas and Kreeft
- Surely, You're Joking, Mr. Feynman!
– Feynman
- The Teachings of Don Juan – Castaneda
- This Star Won't Go Out – Earl
- The Travels of Marco Polo – Polo
- Thus Spoke Zarathustra – Nietzsche
- Undaunted Courage – Ambrose
- Understanding Media – McLuhan
- Unsafe at Any Speed – Nader
- Up from Slavery – Washington
- Utopia – More
- The Vietnam War – Ward and Burns
- Walden – Thoreau
- The Wealth of Nations – Smith
- Wilderness Essays – Muir
- Wonderful Life – Gould
- Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance
– Pirsig