Reading List in Chronological Order

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1. The Lost World - Michael Crichton
2. The Andromeda Strain - Michael Crichton
3. Airframe - Michael Crichton
4. A Case of Need - Michael Crichton
5. The Norby Chronicles - Isaac and Janet Asimov
6. Stories not for the Nervous - Alfred Hitchcock
7. Tales of Terror - Alfred Hitchcock
8. The Nine Billion Names of God - Arthur C. Clarke
9. The Man who would be King and other stories - Rudyard Kipling
10. Fantastic Voyage II - Isaac Asimov
11. Animal Farm - George Orwell
12. The War of the Worlds - H. G. Wells
13. The Time Machine - H. G. Wells
14. Sphere - Michael Crichton
15. Rama II - Arthur C. Clarke
17. Robots and Empire - Isaac Asimov
18. The Man with the Golden Gun - Ian Fleming
20. Tuesdays with Morrie - Mitch Albom
21. Rendezvous with Rama - Arthur C. Clarke
22. Fantastic Voyage - Isaac Asimov
23. Whose Rose Garden is it Anyway? - Art Buchwald
24. Lighten Up, George - Art Buchwald
25. The Shining - Stephen King
26. So Long, and Thanks for all the Fish - Douglas Adams
27. The Restaurant at the end of the Universe - Douglas Adams
28. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone - J. K. Rowling
29. The Green Mile - Stephen King
30. Earth is Room Enough - Isaac Asimov
31. The Martian Way - Isaac Asimov
32. Childhood’s End - Arthur C. Clarke
33. Sherlock Holmes of Baker Street - William S. Baring-Gould
34. The Ugly Little Boy - Isaac Asimov
35. The Man Who Awoke - Laurence Manning
36. The Silence of the Lambs - Thomas Harris
37. Hannibal - Thomas Harris
39. Imperial Earth - Arthur C. Clarke
40. Into the Great Solitude: An Arctic Journey - Robert Perkins
42. Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl
43. The Sun Also Rises - Ernest Hemingway
44. Frankenstein - Mary Shelley
45. The Fountains of Paradise - Arthur C. Clarke
46. Contact - Carl Sagan
47. Broca’s Brain - Carl Sagan
48. Cromartie vs the God Shiva acting through the Government of India - Rumer Godden
49. The Iliad - Homer
50. The Oxford Book of Short Stories - edited by A. S. Byatt
• The Sacristan of St. Botolph - William Gilbert
• The Haunted House - Charles Dickens
• Relics of General Chassé: A Tale of Antwerp - Anthony Trillope
• A Mere Interlude - Thomas Hardy
• Little Brother - Mary Mann
• Two Doctors - M. R. James
• Behind the Shade - Arthur Morrison
• 'Wireless' - Rudyard Kipling
• Under the Knife - H. G. Wells
• A White Night - Charlotte Mews
• The Toys of Peace - Saki
• The Tremendous Adventures of Major Brown - G. K. Chesterton
• Some Talk of Alexander - A. E. Coppard
• The Reverent Wooing of Archibald - P. G. Wodehouse
• Solid Objects - Virginia Woolf
• The Man Who Loved Islands - D. H. Lawrence
• A Tragedy in Green - Ronald Firbank
• A Widow’s Quilt - Sylvia Townsend Warner
• Nuns at Luncheon - Aldous Huxley
• Landlord of the Crystal Fountain - Malachi Whitaker
• On the Edge of the Cliff - V. S. Pritchett
• A Dram of Winter - Rosamund Lehmann
• An Englishman’s Home - Evelyn Waugh
• The Destructors - Graham Greene
• The Waterfall - H. E. Bates
• The Troll - T. H. White
• The Blush - Elizabeth Taylor
• At Hiruharama - Penelope Fitzgerald
• My Flannel Knickers - Leonora Carrington
• Enoch’s Two Letters - Alan Sillitoe
• Dream Cargoes - J. G. Ballard
• Telephone - John Fuller
• My Story - John Fuller
• The Kiss - Angela Carter
• The Beauty of the Dawn Shift - Rose Tremain
• Solid Geometry - Ian McEwan
• Dead Languages - Philip Hensher
51. Glide Path - Arthur C. Clarke
52. The Wind from the Sun - Arthur C. Clarke
53. The Complete Short Stories of W. Somerset Maugham (Volume III)
   - The Book-Bag
   - The Man with the Scar
   - The Bum
   - The Closed Shop
   - The Taipan
   - The Consul
   - The Force of Circumstance
   - An Official Position
   - A Man with a Conscience
   - A Yellow Streak
   - P & O
   - French Joe
   - German Harry
   - Jane
   - The Round Dozen
   - The Poet
   - The Creative Impulse
   - A Woman of Fifty
   - A Man from Glasgow
   - The Four Dutchmen
   - The Lion’s Skin
   - The Three Fat Women of Antibes
   - The Happy Couple
   - The Facts of Life
54. Five Weeks in a Balloon - Jules Verne
55. Never Cry Wolf - Farley Mowat
56. A Night to Remember - Walter Lord
57. The Complete Short Stories of W. Somerset Maugham (Volume II)
   - The Letter
   - Miss King
   - The Hairless Mexican
   - Gidia Lazzari
• The Traitor
• His Excellency
• Mr Harrington’s Washing
• Sanatorium
• Footprints in the Jungle
• Appearance and Reality
• The Luncheon
• The Outstation
• The Unconquered
• The Ant and the Grasshopper
• Home
• Before the Party
• The Escape
• The Judgement Seat
• The Voice of the Turtle

58. All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten: Uncommon Thoughts on Common Things - Robert Fulghum

59. Brave New World - Aldous Huxley

60. Neither Here Nor There: Travels in Europe - Bill Bryson

61. Illusions - Richard Bach

62. All Things Bright and Beautiful - James Herriot

63. The Best Short Stories of the Modern Age (edited by Douglas Angus)
  • The Tell-Tale Heart - Edgar Allan Poe
  • The Jewels - Guy de Maupassant
  • Gooseberries - Anton Chekov
  • The Tree of Knowledge - Henry James
  • A Clean, Well-Lighted Place - Ernest Hemingway
  • Youth - Joseph Conrad
  • The Rocking-Horse Winner - D. H. Lawrence
  • Bliss - Katherine Mansfield
  • The Dead - James Joyce
  • Little Herr Friedemann - Thomas Mann
  • Sophistication - Sherwood Anderson
  • The Story of my Dovecot - Isaac- Babel
  • The Devil and Daniel Webster - Stephen Vincent Benét
  • A Rose for Emily - William Faulkner
• The Metamorphosis (Part I) - Franz Kafka
• The Wall - Jean-Paul Sartre
• Judas - Frank O’Connor
• Of This Time, Of That Place - Lionel Trilling
• The Lottery - Shirley Jackson
• The Ledge - Lawrence Sargent Hall

64. In a Sunburned Country - Bill Bryson

65. Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets - J. K. Rowling

66. The Hobbit - J. R. R. Tolkien

67. The Complete Short Stories of W. Somerset Maugham (Volume IV)
  • The Human Element
  • Virtue
  • Louise
  • Lord Mountdrago
  • A String of Beads
  • The Promise
  • The Alien Corn
  • The Verger
  • The Social Sense
  • The Vessel of Wrath
  • The Colonel’s Lady
  • The Door of Opportunity
  • The Dream
  • The Back of Beyond
  • Episode
  • Neil McAdam
  • The Kite
  • The Treasure
  • Winter Cruise

68. The Lost Continent: Travels in Small-Town America - Bill Bryson

69. Disclosure - Michael Crichton

70. A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail - Bill Bryson

71. The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring - J. R. R. Tolkien

72. The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers - J. R. R. Tolkien
73. Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban - J. K. Rowling
74. Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire - J. K. Rowling
75. Interpreter of Maladies - Jhumpa Lahiri
76. Driving Over Lemons: An Optimist in Andalucia - Chris Stewart
77. The Pleasure of Finding Things Out - The Best Short Works of Richard P. Feynman
78. Angela’s Ashes: A Memoir - Frank McCourt
79. Hullabaloo in the Guava Orchard - Kiran Desai
80. The Idea Factory: Learning to Think at MIT - Pepper White
81. 'Tis: A Memoir - Frank McCourt
82. Persuasion - Jane Austen
83. A Passage to India - E. M. Forster
84. The Monk and the Riddle: The Education of a Silicon Valley Entrepreneur - Randy Komisar, with Kent Lineback
85. Rosy is my Relative - Gerald Durrell
86. The Da Vinci Code - Dan Brown
87. Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix - J. K. Rowling
88. The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King - J. R. R. Tolkien
89. Three Men in a Boat. To say nothing of the dog - Jerome K. Jerome
90. Angels & Demons - Dan Brown
92. Digital Fortress - Dan Brown
93. The Snows of Kilimanjaro and Other Stories - Ernest Hemingway

- The Snows of Kilimanjaro
- A Clean, Well-Lighted Place
- A Day’s Wait
- The Gambler, the Nun, and the Radio
- Fathers and Sons
- In Another Country
- The Killers
- A Way You’ll Never Be
- Fifty Grand
- The Short Happy Life of Francis Macomber
94. The Old Man and the Sea - Ernest Hemingway
95. The Return - Buzz Aldrin and John Barnes
96. Lies (And the Lying Liars Who Tell Them): A Fair and Balanced Look at the Right - Al Franken
97. The O’Reilly Factor: The Good, the Bad, and the Completely Ridiculous in American Life - Bill O’Reilly
98. The Blind Assassin - Margaret Atwood
99. Eats, Shoots & Leaves: The Zero Tolerance Approach to Punctuation - Lynne Truss
100. The Namesake - Jhumpa Lahiri
101. Mike and Psmith - P. G. Wodehouse
102. Mike at Wrykyn - P. G. Wodehouse
103. Psmith in the City - P. G. Wodehouse
104. The Razor’s Edge - W. Somerset Maugham
105. Life of Pi - Yann Martel
106. Biffen’s Millions - P. G. Wodehouse
108. Fore! The Best of Wodehouse on Golf - D. R. Bensen (ed)
109. Young Men in Spats - P. G. Wodehouse
110. The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time - Mark Haddon
111. Deception Point - Dan Brown
112. The Kite Runner - Khaled Hosseini
113. Exodus - Leon Uris
114. The Summer of my Greek Taverna: A Memoir - Tom Stone
116. Jeeves and the Tie that Binds - P. G. Wodehouse
117. How Right You Are, Jeeves - P. G. Wodehouse