



WHAT YOU SHOULD READ

High School/Adult Suggestion List

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A Book I've Never Read Before

I can't really give suggestions here, since I don't know what you've read, but comb through the suggestions below to see whether you can repurpose any books that are new to you!

A Book Written Before 1700

[*On the Good Life*](#), Marcus Tullius Cicero

[*Inferno*](#), by Dante (trans. Anthon Esolen, illus. Gustave Dore)

[*The Iliad*](#), by Homer (trans. Fagles)

[*The Division and Methods of the Sciences*](#), by Thomas Aquinas

A Book Written After 1900

[*Silence*](#), Shusako Endo

[*After Virtue*](#), by Alasdair MacIntyre

[*Witness*](#), by Whittaker Chambers

[*One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*](#), by Aleksander Solzhenitsyn

A Book From the 1800's

[*Middlemarch*](#), by George Eliot

[*The Picture of Dorian Gray*](#), by Oscar Wilde

A Book Less Than 250 Pages

[*Fahrenheit 451*](#), by Ray Bradbury

[*Murder in the Cathedral*](#), by TS Eliot

[*Phaedo*](#), by Plato

[*The Pearl*](#), by John Steinbeck

[*Science, Politics, and Gnosticism*](#), by Eric Voeglin

A Work of Historical Fiction

[*A Postcard from the Volcano*](#), by Lucy Beckett

[*A Man for All Seasons*](#), by Robert Bolt (playscript)

[*All the Light We Cannot See*](#), by Anthony Doerr

[*I, Claudius*](#), by Robert Graves



A Novel

[*Til We Have Faces*](#), by C.S. Lewis

[*Whose Body?*](#), by Dorothy L. Sayers

[*A Cloud of Outrageous Blue*](#), by Vesper Stamper

[*Anna Karenina*](#), by Leo Tolstoy

A Nonfiction Book

[*The Federalist Papers*](#), by Alexander Hamilton et al.

[*Atheist Delusions*](#), by David Bentley Hart

[*The Breakdown of Nations*](#), by Leopold Kohr

[*What If*](#), by Randall Munroe

[*Leisure: The Basis of Culture*](#), by Joseph Pieper

A Book in Translation

[*The Brothers Karamazov*](#), by Fyodor Dostoyevsky

[*In Praise of Folly*](#), by Erasmus

[*New and Collected Poems*](#), by Czeslaw Milosz

[*Pensees*](#), by Blaise Pascal

[*Tao Te Ching*](#), by Lao Tzu

A Re-Read

Look at your shelf (or those boxes in the attic from the college days!) and choose a book that you love. Enjoy sitting down with an old friend!

A Book About Education

[*Beauty for Truth's Sake*](#), by Stratford Caldecott

[*Ten Ways to Destroy the Imagination of Your Child*](#), by Anthony Esolen

[*The Seven Laws of Teaching*](#), by John Milton Gregory

[*Poetic Knowledge*](#), by James Taylor