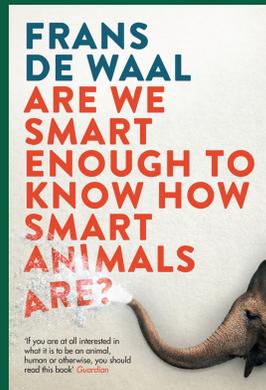
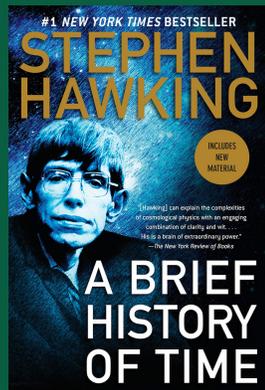


A Brief History of Time

Stephen Hawking

How did the universe begin? What made its start possible? Does time always flow forward? Are there other dimensions in space? What will happen when it all ends? Stephen Hawking, one of the greatest minds of our time, explores these questions in this landmark volume in science, published in 1988 but relevant to this day.



Are We Smart Enough to Know How Smart Animals Are?

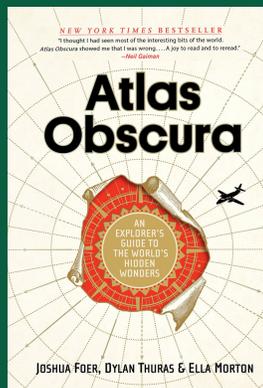
Frans de Waal

Did you know octopuses use coconut shells as tools, that elephants classify humans by gender and language, or that there is a chimpanzee whose flash memory puts that of humans to shame? De Waal's classic book will convince you to rethink everything you thought you knew about animal- and human- intelligence as it explores the oddities and complexities of animal cognition.

Atlas Obscura

Joshua Foer, Dylan Thuras, Ella Morton

Inspiring equal parts wonder and wanderlust, *Atlas Obscura* celebrates over 700 of the strangest and most curious places in the world. Here are natural wonders—the dazzling glowworm caves in New Zealand and architectural marvels like the M. C. Escher-like stepwells in India. Anyone can be a tourist; *Atlas Obscura* is for the explorer. It's time to get off the beaten path.



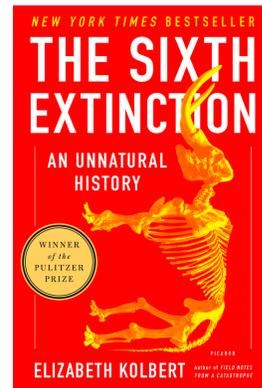
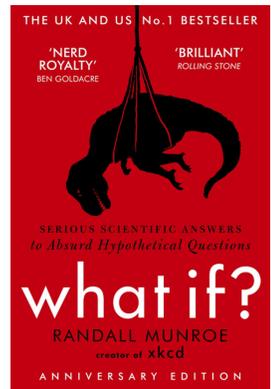
INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW

ADULT NONFICTION

What if?

Randall Munroe

From the creator of popular webcomic *xkcd* comes hilarious and informative answers to questions you never thought to ask. His responses are masterpieces of clarity and wit, carefully researched and gleefully explained.



The Sixth Extinction

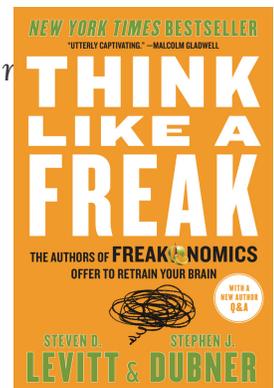
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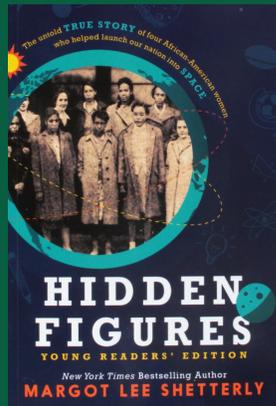
Five mass extinctions have occurred over the past half a billion years, when the diversity of life on Earth suddenly and dramatically contracted. Scientists are currently monitoring the sixth: ours.

Think Like a Freak

Steven Levitt & Stephen Dubner

From the authors of *Freakonomics*, Levitt and Dubner take us inside their thought process and teach us all to think a bit more productively, more creatively, and more rationally—to think like a Freak. They offer a blueprint for an entirely new way to solve problems, whether your interest lies in minor life hacks or major global reforms. As always, no topic is off-limits to these industrial minds.





Hidden Figures

Margo Lee Shetterly

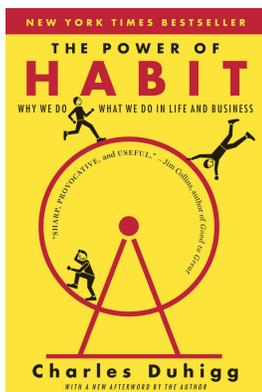
The phenomenal true story of the black, female mathematicians at NASA whose calculations helped fuel some of America's greatest achievements in space. Before John Glenn or

Neil Armstrong were in space, a group of "human computers" used slide rules and adding machines to manually calculate the numbers that would launch rockets, and astronauts, into space.

The Power of Habit

Charles Duhigg

Award-winning business reporter Charles Duhigg takes us to the edge of scientific discoveries that explain why habits exist and how they can be changed. By harnessing this new science, we can transform our businesses, our communities, and our lives. The key to productivity and achieving success lies in understanding how habits work in order to use this to live our best lives.

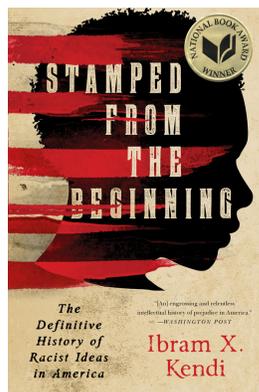
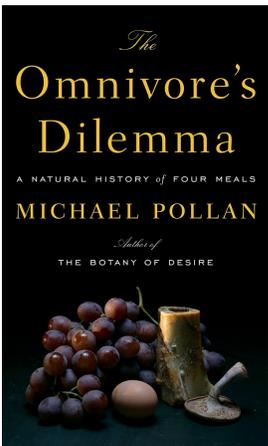


The Omnivore's Dilemma

Michael Pollan

What should we have for dinner? Pollan confronts us with this seemingly simple question. With his brilliant and eye-opening exploration of our food choices, he demonstrates that how we answer it today may

determine not only our health, but our survival as a species.



Stamped from the Beginning

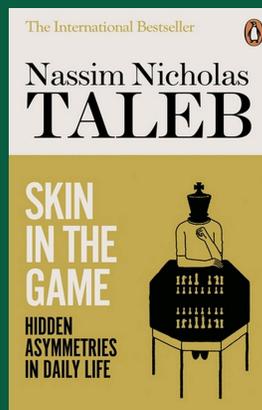
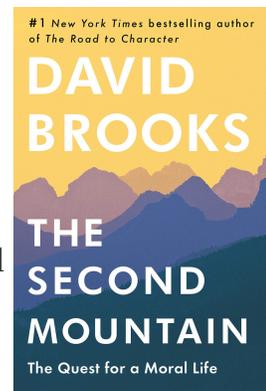
Ibram Kendi

Racist thought is alive and well in America—more sophisticated and more insidious than ever. If we have any hope of grappling with this stark reality, we must first understand how racist ideas were developed, disseminated, and enshrined in American society. Kendi uses the life stories of five American intellectuals to offer a window into the debates between racists and antiracists.

The Second Mountain

David Brooks

What does it mean to value intimacy, devotion, responsibility and commitment above individual freedom? David Brooks explores the meaning and possibilities that scaling a second mountain offer us and the four commitments that most commonly move us there: family, vocation, philosophy and community



Skin in the Game

Nassim Nicholas Taleb

In his most provocative and practical book yet, one of the foremost thinkers of our time redefines what it means to understand the world, succeed in a profession, contribute to a fair and just society, detect nonsense, and influence others. Citing examples ranging from Hammurabi to Seneca, Antaeus the Giant to Donald Trump, Nassim Nicholas Taleb shows how the willingness to accept one's own risks is an essential attribute of heroes, saints, and flourishing people in all walks of life.