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Books we have read and enjoyed as opposed to books one is *supposed* to have read and enjoyed.
Some of these books would be better introduced with warning labels than endorsements.
It is important to know your opponent.

BOOKS in ALPHABETICAL ORDER

1. *The Bible*: there is no substitute for understanding our own cultural history.
2. Augustine *The Confessions* and *The City of God* 354-430AD
3. Bailey, Kenneth *Jesus through Middle Eastern Eyes* 2008
4. Berry, Wendell *Life is a Miracle: an essay against Modern Superstition* 2001 - plus his novels
5. Bethell, Tom *Darwin's House of Cards* 2017
6. Bloom, Allan *The Closing of the American Mind: how higher education has failed democracy and impoverished the souls of today's students* 2012 First chapter
7. Bloom, Anthony *Meditations on a theme: a spiritual journey, and School for Prayer* 1970
8. Bonhoeffer, Dietrich *The Cost of Discipleship: Letters and Papers from Prison, and Life Together*
See also the biography by Eric Metaxas and Tim Keller, *Bonhoeffer*
9. Bruce, FF. *The Spreading Flame: the Rise and Progress of Christianity from its first Beginnings to the Conversion of the English* 1982 and his bible commentaries
10. Budziszewski, J. *The Revenge of Conscience* and *What We Can't Not Know*
11. Chesterton, GK. *Orthodoxy* 1908 especially and *The Everlasting Man* 1943
12. Colson's books marvelous stories, terrible style
13. Cronin, AJ. *The Keys of the Kingdom* A family favourite
14. Dallimore Arnold *George Whitefield: The Life and Times of the Great Evangelist of 18th Cent Revival*
15. De Toqueville, Alexis *Democracy in America* – See Mansfield, H. *Tocqueville, A Very Short Introduction*
16. Donovan, Vincent J. *Christianity Rediscovered: An Epistle from the Masai* 1982
17. Dostoyevsky *The Brothers Karamazov* especially
18. Eliot, George *Adam Bede* and *Middlemarch* especially
19. Elliott, Elizabeth *Through Gates of Splendor* - for the challenge
20. Ellul, Jacques *The Subversion of Christianity* and *The Humiliation of the Word*
21. First Things www.firstthings.com – faith, culture & public policy – must read!
22. First Things Aug 2012 Patrick J. Deneen, *Unsustainable Liberalism*
23. First Things Oct 2020 Gary Saul Morson, *Suicide of the Liberals*
24. Ferguson, Niall *Civilization: the West and the Rest* 2011 and *The Ascent of Money* 2009
25. Fogel, Robert *The Fourth Great Awakening* Nobel Laureate Economist predicts trust will be limited.
26. Greene, Graham His novels, especially as they deal with faith
27. Gregory, Brad *The Unintended Reformation* 2012
28. Grubb, Norman *Rees Howell's Intercessor* - Almost beyond belief – prayer power in WWII

29. Hannam, James *Genesis of Science: How the Christian MA Launched the Scientific Revolution*
30. Hardy, Thomas His novels especially *Jude the Obscure*
31. Hoggart, Richard *The Uses of Literacy: aspects of working class life* 1957
32. Hopkins, Hugh Evan *Charles Simeon of Cambridge 1709* - Simeon is a neglected hero
33. Hugo, Victor *Les Miserables* 1862
34. Johnson, Paul *The Birth of Modern, and A History of Christianity and Intellectuals*
35. Kass, Leon *The Beginning of Wisdom: Reading Genesis* – Jewish intellectual – fascinating
36. Keller, Tim *Reason for God: Belief in the Age of Skepticism* 2009
37. Koestler, Arthur *The Ghost in the Machine* and *Darkness at Noon* (translated by Daphne Hardy)
38. Kreeft, Peter All his books for the unique approach to apologetics, especially *The Best Things in Life, Making Sense out of Suffering, A Refutation of Moral Relativism* and *Three Philosophies of Life*
39. Lennox, J. *Gunning for God* 2011 and *God's Undertaker* 2007 *Against the Flow* 2015
Northern Irish mathematician specialising in group theory, philosopher of science, Christian apologist, and Professor of Mathematics at the University of Oxford – read him! See him debate C. Hitchens!
40. Lewis, CS. All his work is worth reading: the Narnia stories, the science fiction, *Till We Have Faces* and the apologetics especially *The Abolition of Man*
41. Lifton, J. *The Nazi Doctor* – horrendous and undeniable part of our history
42. Lindberg David C. *The Beginning of Western Science*
43. Lloyd-Jones, Martin Especially *Faith on Trial, Joy Unspeakable, Spiritual Depression* and *The Sermon on the Mount*. 'The greatest man I've ever known' JI Packer - see Iain Murray, *Life of MLJ 1899-1981*
44. Macdonald, George His novels for the stories and their purpose
45. Mackay *The Clockwork Image* and *Mind and Matter*
46. Manzoni, Alessandro *The Betrothed: a tale of XVII century Milan* (translated by Archibald Colquhoun)
47. MacIntyre, Alasdair *After Virtue: a study in moral theory* 1984
48. Medawar especially *The Art of the Possible*
49. Meyer, S. *Signature in the Cell* – brilliant
50. Midgley, Mary *Science as Salvation* 1992 – lucidly and beautifully written
51. Muggeridge, Malcolm Anything after his conversion for its marvelous analysis of our times
52. Newbigin, Leslie *Foolishness to the Greeks, Pluralism and the Gospel, and Proper Confidence*
53. Novak, Michael *On Two Wings* – a correction to the revisionist American history taught in school
54. O'Brien, Michael *Father Elijah's Apocalypse, Island of the World, A Father's Tale* – novels that reduce one to prayerful tears
55. Packer, JI. *Knowing God* 1973
56. Pascal, Blaise (1623-1662) *The Pensees* (translated and introduced by JM Cohen)
57. Percy, Walker *Lost in the Cosmos* and all his novels
58. Polyani, Karl (1886-1964) *Personal Knowledge*
59. Ramsey, Paul *The Patient as Person; explorations in medical ethics* 1970
60. Robinson, Marilynne *The Death of Adam, Gilead, and Home*
61. Roseveare, Helen For the challenge, especially *Living Sacrifice*
62. Russell *Crosscurrents: A Christian Analysis of Science*
63. Satinover, J. *Homosexuality and the Politics of Truth* – essential understanding
64. Scruton, Roger *Confessions of a Heretic* 2016 – selected essays.
65. Simmons, Geoffrey *Millions of Missing Links* 2006

66. Sire, James *The Universe Next Door* – easy to read introduction to world views
67. Solzhenitsyn Especially *The Gulag and Cancer Ward*
68. Spitzer, Robert *Healing the Culture* 2000
69. St John of the Cross *The Dark Night of the Soul* (translated, abridged, and edited by Kurt Reinhardt)
70. St Thomas a Kempis *The Imitation of Christ* (translated and introduced by Leo Sherley-Price)
71. Stark, Rodney *For the Glory of God*
72. Stott, JRW *Basic Christianity and The Sermon on the Mount and Same-Sex Partnerships?*
 “The Bible Speaks for Today” is an excellent series of commentaries edited by John Stott
73. Stove, David *Darwinian Fairy Tales*. A devastating critique of Darwin by an atheist
 philosopher who writes with tremendous wit
74. Strathern, Paul *Mendeleyev’s Dream* 2000 – a miracle indeed
75. Taylor, AJP On British history (Oxford University Press)
76. Tolkien, JRR *The Lord of the Rings, The Hobbit*
77. Vitz, Paul *Psychology as Religion: the cult of self-worshipping* 1977
78. Webster, John *Confronted by Grace*, 2011 Best collection of sermons I have read in a long
 while.
79. Weil, Simone Her books on problems with faith
80. Wesley, John (1703-1791) *The journal of John Wesley: a selection* (introduced by Elisabeth Jay)
 Heitzenrater, Richard *John Wesley, his own biographer* 1966
 Schmidt, Martin *John Wesley; a theological biography* (translated by Norman Goldhawk) 1966
81. Willard, Dallas *The Divine Conspiracy* 1998
82. Williams, Charles His novels, especially *Descent into Hell* 1949
83. Wootton, David *Bad Medicine: Doctors doing Harm since Hippocrates* 2006
84. Wright, NT. *Surprised by Hope* 2009
85. Poetry Herbert, Donne, Keats, Owen, Francis Thompson, Shakespeare, Eliot, Hopkins,
 Yeats and Wordsworth. *Other Men’s Flowers* by Wavell is my favourite anthology.