

2022 summer reading guide from leaders, authors, and editors

McKinsey's annual books list is back—with something for everyone.



Biography & memoir

Azeem Azhar, creator, Exponential View

- *Free: A Child and a Country at the End of History* by Leah Ypi

Abhijit Banerjee, Nobel Prize laureate; economist; author, *Cooking to Save Your Life*

- *Toast: The Story of a Boy's Hunger* by Nigel Slater

Sinéad Burke, CEO, Tilting the Lens

- *Haben: The Deafblind Woman Who Conquered Harvard Law* by Haben Girma

Óscar García Maceiras, CEO, Inditex

- *Personal History* by Katharine Graham

Radhika Jones, editor in chief, *Vanity Fair*

- *Terms & Conditions: Life in Girls' Boarding Schools, 1939–1979* by Ysenda Maxtone Graham

Leslie Maasdorp, vice president and CFO, New Development Bank

- *Xi: A Study in Power* by Kerry Brown

Kevin Merida, executive editor, *Los Angeles Times*

- *His Name Is George Floyd: One Man's Life and the Struggle for Racial Justice* by Toluse Olorunnipa and Robert Samuels
- *It Was All a Dream: Biggie and the World That Made Him* by Justin Tinsley
- *Shine Bright: A Very Personal History of Black Women in Pop* by Danyel Smith

Lloyd B. Minor, dean, Stanford University School of Medicine

- *In the Shadow of the Mountain: A Memoir of Courage* by Silvia Vasquez-Lavado

Indra Nooyi, former CEO, PepsiCo

- *The Chancellor: The Remarkable Odyssey of Angela Merkel* by Kati Marton

Reshma Saujani, founder, Girls Who Code; CEO, Marshall Plan for Moms

- *Burn Rate: Launching a Startup and Losing My Mind* by Andy Dunn

Christi Shaw, CEO, Kite Pharma

- *Healing: When a Nurse Becomes a Patient* by Theresa Brown
- *This Will All Be Over Soon: A Memoir* by Cecily Strong

Sylvana Quader Sinha, founder and CEO, Praava Health

- *My Life in Full: Work, Family, and Our Future* by Indra Nooyi

Albert Wenger, managing partner, Union Square Ventures

- *The Argonauts* by Maggie Nelson

Bob Sternfels, global managing partner, McKinsey

- *Out of Thin Air: Running Wisdom and Magic from above the Clouds in Ethiopia* by Michael Crawley

Tracy Francis, senior partner, McKinsey

- *Ten Steps to Nanette: A Memoir Situation* by Hannah Gadsby

Eric Kutcher, senior partner, McKinsey

- *Never Enough: A Navy SEAL Commander on Living a Life of Excellence, Agility, and Meaning* by Mike Hayes
- *Phil: The Rip-Roaring (and Unauthorized!) Biography of Golf's Most Colorful Superstar* by Alan Shipnuck

Pierre M. Gentin, senior partner, McKinsey

- *The Hare with Amber Eyes: A Hidden Inheritance* by Edmund de Waal

Chris Bradley, senior partner, McKinsey

- *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* by J. D. Vance

Business & economics

François-Philippe Champagne, minister of innovation, science, and industry, Government of Canada

- *The Next Age of Uncertainty: How the World Can Adapt to a Riskier Future* by Stephen Poloz

Katherine Garrett-Cox, CEO, Gulf International Bank (UK)

- *The Key Man: The True Story of How the Global Elite Was Duped by a Capitalist Fairy Tale* by Simon Clark and Will Louch

Neil Hoyne, chief measurement strategist, Google

- *Build for Tomorrow: An Action Plan for Embracing Change, Adapting Fast, and Future-Proofing Your Career* by Jason Feifer
- *The Voltage Effect: How to Make Good Ideas Great and Great Ideas Scale* by John A. List

Leslie Maasdorp, vice president and CFO, New Development Bank

- *The World for Sale: Money, Power, and the Traders Who Barter the Earth's Resources* by Javier Blas and Jack Farchy

Matt Murray, editor in chief, the *Wall Street Journal*

- *21st Century Monetary Policy: The Federal Reserve from the Great Inflation to COVID-19* by Ben S. Bernanke

Sylvana Quader Sinha, founder and CEO, Praava Health

- *Delivering Happiness: A Path to Profits, Passion, and Purpose* by Tony Hsieh

Noel Quinn, CEO, HSBC

- *Maverick: The Success Story behind the World's Most Unusual Workplace* by Ricardo Semler

Kiersten Saunders, cocreator, rich & REGULAR

- *Build the Damn Thing: How to Start a Successful Business If You're Not a Rich White Guy* by Kathryn Finney

Shankar Vedantam, creator and host, *Hidden Brain*

- *Poor Economics: A Radical Rethinking of the Way to Fight Global Poverty* by Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo

Daisy Veerasingham, president and CEO, the Associated Press

- *No Rules Rules: Netflix and the Culture of Reinvention* by Reed Hastings and Erin Meyer

David Vélez, cofounder and CEO, Nubank

- *The Bitcoin Standard: The Decentralized Alternative to Central Banking* by Saifedean Ammous

Amy Webb, founder and CEO, Future Today Institute

- *Capital in the Twenty-First Century* by Thomas Piketty (translated by Arthur Goldhammer)

Lisa Witter, CEO, Apolitical Foundation; cofounder, Apolitical

- *The XX Edge: Unlocking Higher Returns and Lower Risk* by Patience Marime-Ball and Ruth Shaber

Jen L. Wong, COO, Reddit

- *Execution: The Discipline of Getting Things Done* by Larry Bossidy and Ram Charan

Fiction, poetry & essays

Mina Al-Oraibi, editor in chief, the *National*

- *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles

Abhijit Banerjee, Nobel Prize laureate; economist; author, *Cooking to Save Your Life*

- *Bluebird, Bluebird* by Attica Locke
- *On Photography* by Susan Sontag

Sinéad Burke, CEO, Tilting the Lens

- *Disability Visibility: First-Person Stories from the Twenty-First Century* edited by Alice Wong
- *Just by Looking at Him* by Ryan O'Connell

Esther Duflo, professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Nobel Prize laureate

- *Summer* by Ali Smith

Óscar García Maceiras, CEO, Inditex

- *Dogs of Summer* by Andrea Abreu

Neil Hoyne, chief measurement strategist, Google

- *The Wonderful Things You Will Be* by Emily Winfield Martin

Paul Hudson, CEO, Sanofi

- *The Paris Bookseller* by Kerri Maher

Radhika Jones, editor in chief, *Vanity Fair*

- *The Magician* by Colm Tóibín

S. Mitra Kalita, CEO, URL Media; publisher, Epicenter NYC

- *Brown Girls* by Daphne Palasi Andreades
- *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood* by Rebecca Wells

Laxman Narasimhan, CEO, Reckitt Benckiser

- *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro

Manuel Rabaté, director, Louvre Abu Dhabi

- *The Nabatī Poetry of the United Arab Emirates: Selected Poems, Annotated and Translated into English* edited by Said Salman Abu Athera and Clives Holes

Marc Rosen, CEO, JCPenney

- *The Maid* by Nita Prose

Amy Webb, founder and CEO, Future Today Institute

- *Upgrade* by Blake Crouch

Albert Wenger, managing partner, Union Square Ventures

- *Perhaps the Stars* by Ada Palmer

Tracy Francis, senior partner, McKinsey

- *Middlemarch* by George Eliot

Magnus Tyreman, senior partner, McKinsey

- *Ulvene fra evighetens skog* (The wolves from the forest of eternity) by Karl Ove Knausgård

Ozgur Tanrikulu, senior partner, McKinsey

- *Complete Tales & Poems of Edgar Allan Poe* by Edgar Allan Poe
- *Rumi: Whispers of the Beloved* by Rumi (translated by Maryam Mafi and Azima Melita Kolin)

History

Mimi Alemayehou, senior vice president, Mastercard

- *Born in Blackness: Africa, Africans, and the Making of the Modern World, 1471 to the Second World War* by Howard W. French
- *HBR at 100: The Most Influential and Innovative Articles from Harvard Business Review's First Century* by Harvard Business Review et al.

Mina Al-Oraibi, editor in chief, the *National*

- *The Hundred Years' War on Palestine: A History of Settler Colonialism and Resistance, 1917–2017* by Rashid Khalidi

Esther Duflo, professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Nobel Prize laureate

- *A Brief History of Equality* by Thomas Piketty (translated by Steven Rendall)

Benedict Evans, independent analyst

- *Nature's Metropolis: Chicago and the Great West* by William Cronon
- *Recollections of a Picture Dealer* by Ambroise Vollard

Radhika Jones, editor in chief, *Vanity Fair*

- *Portrait of a Novel: Henry James and the Making of an American Masterpiece* by Michael Gorra

Alan Murray, CEO, Fortune Media

- *Empire of Pain: The Secret History of the Sackler Dynasty* by Patrick Radden Keefe
- *The Man Who Broke Capitalism: How Jack Welch Gutted the Heartland and Crushed the Soul of Corporate America—and How to Undo His Legacy* by David Gelles

Matt Murray, editor in chief, the *Wall Street Journal*

- *The Civil War: A Narrative (Volume 1, Fort Sumter to Perryville)* by Shelby Foote

Laxman Narasimhan, CEO, Reckitt Benckiser

- *How the Word Is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery across America* by Clint Smith

Manuel Rabaté, director, Louvre Abu Dhabi

- *Art contemporain africain: Histoire(s) d'une notion par celles et ceux qui l'ont faite* by Cédric Vincent

Marc Rosen, CEO, JCPenney

- *How Civil Wars Start: And How to Stop Them* by Barbara F. Walter

Enric Sala, explorer in residence, National Geographic Society

- *The Greeks: A Global History* by Roderick Beaton

Anjhula Mya Singh Bais, chair, international board, Amnesty International

- *Amnesty International and Human Rights Activism in Postwar Britain, 1945–1977* by Tom Buchanan

Daisy Veerasingham, president and CEO, the Associated Press

- *You Don't Belong Here: How Three Women Rewrote the Story of War* by Elizabeth Becker

Albert Wenger, managing partner, Union Square Ventures

- *The Collapse of Complex Societies* by Joseph A. Tainter

Jen L. Wong, COO, Reddit

- *The Lessons of History* by Ariel Durant and Will Durant

Tessa West, associate professor, NYU

- *The Monster's Bones: The Discovery of T. rex and How It Shook Our World* by David K. Randall

Bob Sternfels, global managing partner, McKinsey

- *The Barbary Coast: An Informal History of the San Francisco Underworld* by Herbert Asbury

Sven Smit, senior partner, McKinsey

- *Oil Shock: The 1973 Crisis and Its Economic Legacy* edited by Elisabetta Bini, Giuliano Garavini, and Federico Romero

Magnus Tyreman, senior partner, McKinsey

- *Bloodlands: Europe between Hitler and Stalin* by Timothy Snyder

Pierre M. Gentin, senior partner, McKinsey

- *Legal Sabotage: Ernst Fraenkel in Hitler's Germany* by Douglas G. Morris

Personal development

Paul Hudson, CEO, Sanofi

- *How to Get Your Act Together: A Judgement-Free Guide to Diversity and Inclusion for Straight White Men* by Felicity Hassan and Suki Sandhu

Alan Murray, CEO, Fortune Media

- *Don't Trust Your Gut: Using Data to Get What You Really Want in Life* by Seth Stephens-Davidowitz

Tsedal Neeley, senior associate dean, Harvard Business School

- *Thanks for the Feedback: The Science and Art of Receiving Feedback Well* by Sheila Heen and Douglas Stone

Manuel Rabaté, director, Louvre Abu Dhabi

- *The Art of Procrastination: A Guide to Effective Dawdling, Lollygagging and Postponing* by John Perry

Reshma Saujani, founder, Girls Who Code; CEO, Marshall Plan for Moms

- *Grief Is Love: Living with Loss* by Marisa Renee Lee

Christi Shaw, CEO, Kite Pharma

- *Dare to Lead: Brave Work. Tough Conversations. Whole Hearts.* by Brené Brown

Janeen Uzzell, CEO, the National Society of Black Engineers

- *Black Faces in High Places: 10 Strategic Actions for Black Professionals to Reach the Top and Stay There* by Randal D. Pinkett and Jeffrey A. Robinson

Lisa Witter, CEO, Apolitical Foundation;
cofounder, Apolitical

- *The Lost Art of Connecting: The Gather, Ask, Do Method for Building Meaningful Business Relationships* by Susan McPherson

Sven Smit, senior partner, McKinsey

- *The Longevity Solution: Rediscovering Centuries-Old Secrets to a Healthy, Long Life* by Dr. James DiNicolantonio and Dr. Jason Fung

Gautam Kumra, senior partner, McKinsey

- *From Strength to Strength: Finding Success, Happiness, and Deep Purpose in the Second Half of Life* by Arthur C. Brooks
- *The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life* by David Brooks

Politics & government

Mina Al-Oraibi, editor in chief, the *National*

- *Liberalism and Its Discontents* by Francis Fukuyama

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- *Plunder of the Commons: A Manifesto for Sharing Public Wealth* by Guy Standing

Børge Brende, president, World Economic Forum

- *The Age of Unpeace: How Connectivity Causes Conflict* by Mark Leonard

François-Philippe Champagne, minister of innovation, science, and industry, Government of Canada

- *China Unbound: A New World Disorder* by Joanna Chiu

Esther Duflo, professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Nobel Prize laureate

- *Streets of Gold: America's Untold Story of Immigrant Success* by Ran Abramitzky and Leah Boustan

Katherine Garrett-Cox, CEO, Gulf International Bank (UK)

- *Very Bad People: The Inside Story of the Fight against the World's Network of Corruption* by Patrick Alley

Reid Hoffman, cofounder, LinkedIn; partner, Greylock Partners

- *The Constitution of Knowledge: A Defense of Truth* by Jonathan Rauch

S. Mitra Kalita, CEO, URL Media; publisher, Epicenter NYC

- *Visions for a Better Indian Country: One Potawatomi Editor's Opinions* by Levi Rickert

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- *Chums: How a Tiny Caste of Oxford Tories Took Over the UK* by Simon Kuper

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- *How We Show Up: Reclaiming Family, Friendship, and Community* by Mia Birdsong

Janeen Uzzell, CEO, the National Society of Black Engineers

- *Hood Feminism: Notes from the Women That a Movement Forgot* by Mikki Kendall

Shankar Vedantam, creator and host, *Hidden Brain*

- *Civil Resistance: What Everyone Needs to Know* by Erica Chenoweth

Daisy Veerasingham, president and CEO, the Associated Press

- *Divided We Stand: The 2020 Elections and American Politics* by Andrew E. Busch and John J. Pitney Jr.

David Vélez, cofounder and CEO, Nubank

- *Principles for Dealing with the Changing World Order: Why Nations Succeed and Fail* by Ray Dalio
- *Liberalism and Its Discontents* by Francis Fukuyama

Tracy Francis, senior partner, McKinsey

- *The Power of Crisis: How Three Threats—and Our Response—Will Change the World* by Ian Bremmer

Sven Smit, senior partner, McKinsey

- *Republic* by Plato

Psychology

Mimi Alemayehou, senior vice president, Mastercard

- *How Minds Change: The Surprising Science of Belief, Opinion, and Persuasion* by David McRaney

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- *Think Again: The Power of Knowing What You Don't Know* by Adam Grant

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- *Why We're Polarized* by Ezra Klein

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- *You Have More Influence than You Think: How We Underestimate Our Power of Persuasion, and Why It Matters* by Vanessa Bohns

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- *The Courage to Be Disliked: The Japanese Phenomenon That Shows You How to Change Your Life and Achieve Real Happiness* by Ichiro Kishimi and Fumitake Koga

Public health

Katherine Garrett-Cox, CEO, Gulf International Bank (UK)

- *Citizens: Why the Key to Fixing Everything Is All of Us* by Jon Alexander

Lloyd B. Minor, dean, Stanford University School of Medicine

- *Under the Skin: The Hidden Toll of Racism on American Lives and on the Health of Our Nation* by Linda Villarosa
- *Under a White Sky: The Nature of the Future* by Elizabeth Kolbert

Indra Nooyi, former CEO, PepsiCo

- *Moonshot: Inside Pfizer's Nine-Month Race to Make the Impossible Possible* by Dr. Albert Bourla

Noel Quinn, CEO, HSBC

- *How to Avoid a Climate Disaster: The Solutions We Have and the Breakthroughs We Need* by Bill Gates

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Science & technology

François-Philippe Champagne, minister of innovation, science, and industry, Government of Canada

- *How the World Really Works: A Scientist's Guide to Our Past, Present and Future* by Vaclav Smil

Óscar García Maceiras, CEO, Inditex

- *The Future of the Professions: How Technology Will Transform the Work of Human Experts*, updated edition, by Daniel Susskind and Richard Susskind

Reid Hoffman, cofounder, LinkedIn; partner, Greylock Partners

- *Dædalus: AI & Society* edited by James M. Manyika

Paul Hudson, CEO, Sanofi

- *The Age of AI: And Our Human Future* by Daniel Huttenlocher, Henry A. Kissinger, and Eric Schmidt

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- *The Exponential Age: How Accelerating Technology Is Transforming Business, Politics and Society* by Azeem Azhar

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- *Dignity in a Digital Age: Making Tech Work for All of Us* by Ro Khanna

Enric Sala, explorer in residence, National Geographic Society

- *The Invention of Nature: Alexander von Humboldt's New World* by Andrea Wulf
- *Finding the Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest* by Suzanne Simard

Amy Webb, founder and CEO, Future Today Institute

- *Reality+: Virtual Worlds and the Problems of Philosophy* by David J. Chalmers

Jen L. Wong, COO, Reddit

- *Scale: The Universal Laws of Life, Growth, and Death in Organisms, Cities, and Companies* by Geoffrey West

Ozgur Tanrikulu, senior partner, McKinsey

- *You Look Like a Thing and I Love You: How Artificial Intelligence Works and Why It's Making the World a Weirder Place* by Janelle Shane

Workplace culture

Reid Hoffman, cofounder, LinkedIn; partner, Greylock Partners

- *Talent: How to Identify Energizers, Creatives, and Winners around the World* by Tyler Cowen and Daniel Gross

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- *Leadership: Six Studies in World Strategy* by Henry Kissinger

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- *Reboot: Leadership and the Art of Growing Up* by Jerry Colonna

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