



PRAMUKH SANKALP PROGRAMME

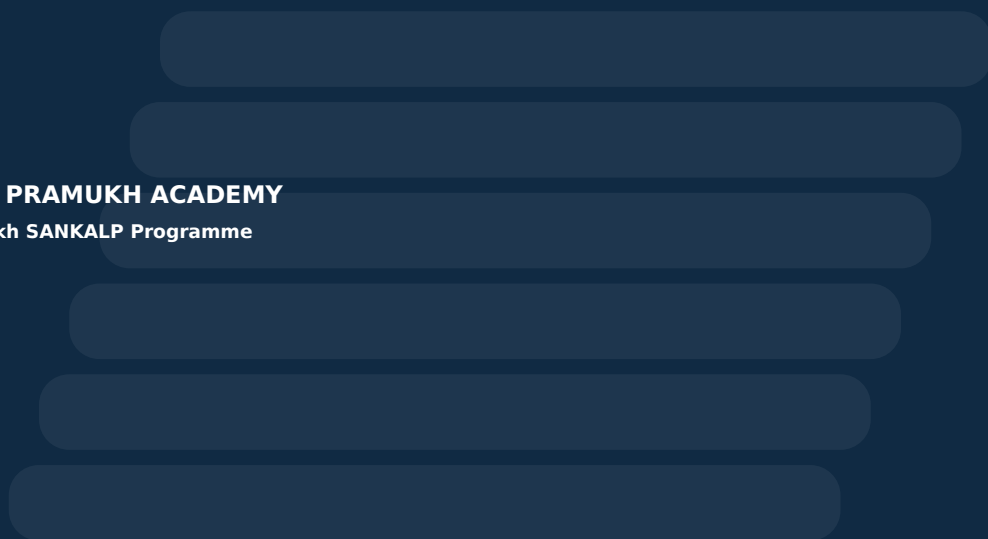
Leadership & Inspirational Reading List

A progressive collection to nurture curiosity, character, confidence and leadership.

150 CURATED SELECTIONS	5 READING LEVELS
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Your Reading Journey

Great leaders are first great learners. This guide helps students progress from engaging, accessible books to deeper works on character, history, society, leadership and ideas.

1	Novice Readers Illustrated stories, classics and accessible first reads.	18 books
2	Advanced Beginner Reader Longer narratives and practical self-development.	29 books
3	Competent Reader Ideas, biographies and thoughtful non-fiction.	53 books
4	Proficient Reader Complex classics, leadership and deeper reflection.	37 books
5	Expert Reader Demanding works for mature, independent readers.	13 books

A guide, not a restriction

Reading readiness differs from student to student. Parents and educators may move a reader up or down a level depending on interest, maturity and comfort.

Novice Readers

18 selections

1

Illustrated stories, classics and accessible first reads.

1

Amar Chitra Katha Set : Examples are here: Mahabharata, Ramayan - Like Epics Chatrapati Shivaji, and Maharana Pratap - Like Historic Kings and Queens Birbal the Wise, Tenali Raman-like Story Series Rani of Jhansi, Subhash Chandra Bose - like Stories of Leaders

Author / Publisher: Amar chitra katha | Category: Illustrated story learning

Amar Chitra Katha books are not just stories-they are gateways to India's rich cultural and historical heritage. These beautifully illustrated books bring to life the incredible tales of valor, wisdom, and devotion that have shaped our nation for centuries. Whether it's the bravery of ancient warriors, the wisdom of great sages, or the adventurous tales of legendary kings and queens, Amar Chitra Katha makes history come alive in an engaging, inspiring, and unforgettable way.

2

The Illustrated Stories of Tenali Raman: Classic Tales From India

Author / Publisher: Wonder House Books | Category: Illustrated story learning

The Illustrated Stories of Tenali Raman: Classic Tales From India is a collection of witty and humorous stories about Tenali Raman, the clever court jester and poet in the court of King Krishnadevaraya. These tales showcase Tenali Raman's sharp intellect and quick thinking, often using humor and wisdom to solve tricky problems and outsmart his adversaries. The book, filled with vibrant illustrations, brings to life these classic Indian folktales that entertain and impart valuable life lessons.

3

Story books : 365 Panchatantra Stories (Illustrated stories for Children)

Author / Publisher: Om Books Editorial Team | Category: Illustrated story learning

365 Panchatantra Stories is a beautifully illustrated collection of timeless fables from the ancient Indian text, the Panchatantra. Each story imparts moral lessons through the adventures of animals and characters, teaching values like wisdom, friendship, and honesty. Designed for children, this book offers a new story for every day of the year, making it a delightful and educational read for young minds.

4

101 Tales The Great Panchatantra Collection - Collection of Witty Moral Stories For Kids For Personality Development

Author / Publisher: Wonder House Books | Category: Illustrated story learning

101 Tales: The Great Panchatantra Collection is a hardback compilation of classic Panchatantra stories, designed to impart moral lessons to children. The tales feature animals and human characters in engaging scenarios, teaching values such as wisdom, honesty, and perseverance. This collection aims to aid in the personality development of kids, offering entertaining stories that also promote ethical thinking and good behavior.

5

My First Mythology Tale (Illustrated) (Set of 5 Books) - Mahabharata, Krishna, Hanuman, Ganesha, Ramayana - Story Book for Kids

Author / Publisher: Maple Press | Category: Illustrated story learning

My First Mythology Tale (Illustrated) (Set of 5 Books) is a collection of beautifully illustrated storybooks that introduce young readers to key figures and epic tales from Indian mythology. The set includes simplified retellings of the Mahabharata, Krishna, Hanuman, Ganesha, and the Ramayana, making these timeless stories accessible and engaging for kids. Each book offers valuable lessons on virtues like bravery, devotion, and wisdom, while sparking an early interest in India's rich cultural heritage.

6

Pegasus Religious Books Set of 3- Shrimad Bhagavad Gita, Ramayana & Mahabharata for Children

Author / Publisher: B Jain Publishers Pvt Ltd. Noida UP | Category: Illustrated story learning

The Pegasus Religious Books Set of 3 includes simplified, child- friendly versions of the Shrimad Bhagavad Gita, Ramayana, and Mahabharata. These hardcover books present the core teachings, epic tales, and key characters of each text in an engaging and accessible way for young readers. The set serves as an introduction to these important religious scriptures, offering moral lessons and insights from India's rich spiritual traditions.

7

Children's First Mythology Stories - Pack of 5 books (Ram, Shiva, Hanuman, Ganesha, Vishnu)

Author / Publisher: Wonder House Books | Category: Illustrated story learning

The Children's First Mythology Stories pack includes five illustrated books featuring the tales of Ram, Shiva, Hanuman, Ganesha, and Vishnu. Designed for young readers, each book presents simplified and engaging retellings of these iconic figures from Hindu mythology, emphasizing their virtues and adventures. The collection aims to introduce children to these legendary characters and their significance in a captivating and accessible manner.

8

Panchatantra Stories for Children (Set of 10 Illustrated books in a Gift Box)

Author / Publisher: Om Books Editorial Team | Category: Illustrated story learning

The Panchatantra Stories for Children set includes 10 illustrated books, each containing a selection of classic fables from the ancient Indian Panchatantra. These stories, featuring animals and human characters, are designed to teach moral lessons on wisdom, friendship, and ethics in an engaging and entertaining way. The beautifully illustrated books make learning valuable life lessons enjoyable for young readers, packaged together in a gift box perfect for children.

9

Ramayana for Children (English)

Author / Publisher: Om Books Editorial Team | Category: Illustrated story learning

This book is a collection of the most important episodes of the life of Lord Rama from his auspicious birth, to his return to Vaikuntha after his mission of erasing evil from Earth has been fulfilled. Each story is enlightening, timeless, and full of the valuable life lessons of loyalty, valour, duty and commitment. The young reader is filled with awe as page after page reflects the glory of Lord Rama as depicted in the timeless epic, the Ramayana.

10

Story books : 365 Tales from Indian Mythology (Indian Mythology for Children) (365 Series)

Author / Publisher: Om Books Editorial Team | Category: Illustrated story learning

Indian mythology is a rich repository of fantastic tales. This book forms a perfect introduction to the Indian literary tradition. The episodic and concise format of this book, coupled with beautiful illustrations, makes it a fascinating engagement for kids. With this book, let your child indulge in a collection that offers a window into the world of the sublime.

11

Story Book for Kids - Indian Men Sportspersons (Illustrated) - Kapil Dev, Sachin Tendulkar, Abhinav Bindra, Dhoni, Bhutia - Short Stories for Children - English Stories with Colourful Pictures -Book for Kids 6+ Years Old

Author / Publisher: Maple Press | Category: Illustrated story learning

Famous Illustrated Tales of Indian Sportspersons: Men brings together exciting stories of India's sporting heroes. It delves into the extraordinary journeys of Indian athletes spanning different sports, featuring a boxer, a racer, a footballer, a shooter and more. Children will get inspired by anecdotes of these sportsmen who triumphed against hardship and shattered records, turned dreams into realities and made a lasting impact in their domains.

12

My World (Set of 10 Books) - Science Knowledge Books for Kids - Birds, Dinosaurs, Forest Life, Ocean Life, Pets, Planet Earth, Seasons, Human Body, The Sun, Solar System

Author / Publisher: Maple Press | Category: science

The My World set includes 10 science-themed books designed for children, covering topics such as Birds, Dinosaurs, Forest Life, Ocean Life, and more. Each book is richly illustrated and presents information in an engaging and accessible way, aiming to spark curiosity and deepen understanding of the natural world. The set offers a comprehensive exploration of various subjects, from the solar system to the human body, making science both fun and educational for young readers.

13

Story Books for Kids - Greatest Leaders (Set of 10 Books) - Abraham Lincoln, Dalai Lama, Nelson Mandela, Winston Churchill, Martin Luther King Jr., Ambedkar, Chanakya, Vivekananda, Narendra Modi - Biographies for Kids - Age 6

Author / Publisher: Maple Press | Category: Real life stories

The Greatest Leaders set features 10 illustrated biographies of prominent figures such as Abraham Lincoln, Dalai Lama, Nelson Mandela, and Martin Luther King Jr., tailored for children aged 6 and up. Each book presents the lives, achievements, and leadership qualities of these influential leaders in a simplified and engaging manner. The collection aims to inspire young readers by showcasing how these leaders made significant impacts through courage, wisdom, and dedication.

14

Story Books for Kids - Greatest Entrepreneurs (Set of 10 Books) (Illustrated) - Biographies for Kids - Elon Musk, Bill Gates, Jeff Bezos, Steve Jobs, Ambani, Narayana Murthy, ... - Age 6+ Years

Author / Publisher: Maple Press | Category: Real life stories

The Greatest Entrepreneurs set includes 10 illustrated biographies of influential business leaders like Elon Musk, Bill Gates, Jeff Bezos, Steve Jobs, and others. Each book is tailored for kids aged 6 and up, offering simplified yet inspiring stories of these entrepreneurs' journeys, innovations, and achievements. The collection aims to educate and motivate young readers by showcasing how vision, perseverance, and creativity can lead to remarkable success.

15

"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"

Author / Publisher: Roald Dahl

The story of young Charlie Bucket's visit to Willy Wonka's magical chocolate factory.

16

"The Jungle Book"

Author / Publisher: Rudyard Kipling | Category: Children's Fiction

Classic tales of Mowgli, a boy raised by wolves in the Indian jungle.

17

HOW TO MAKE PEOPLE LIKE YOU IN 90 SECONDS

Author / Publisher: NICHOLAS BOOTHMAN | Category: Motivation

Nicholas Boothman shares techniques for quickly establishing rapport and building positive relationships. The book focuses on the power of first impressions, nonverbal communication, and effective conversation skills to create lasting connections with others.

18

How to Stay Motivated and Reach Your Goals

Author / Publisher: Grant Andrews | Category: Motivation

Grant Andrews offers strategies for maintaining motivation and achieving personal goals. The book provides practical tips on setting effective goals, overcoming obstacles, and staying focused, aimed at helping readers reach their full potential and achieve success.

Advanced Beginner Reader

29 selections

2

Longer narratives and practical self-development.

1

"The Chronicles of Narnia"

Author / Publisher: C.S. Lewis | Category: Fantasy

Epic adventures in a magical land called Narnia.

2

"Around the World in 80 Days"

Author / Publisher: Jules Verne | Category: Adventure, Classic

The thrilling journey of Phileas Fogg as he attempts to circumnavigate the globe.

3

"Malgudi Days"

Author / Publisher: R. K Narayan | Category: Fiction

A collection of short stories set in the fictional town of Malgudi.

4

"Swami and Friends"

Author / Publisher: R. K Narayan | Category: Fiction

The story of a young boy named Swami and his friends in the fictional town of Malgudi.

5

5 The Adventures of Tom Sawyer Mark Twain

Author / Publisher: Mark Twain | Category: Classic

The adventures and mischief of a young boy, Tom Sawyer.

6

"The Gita for Children"

Author / Publisher: Roopa Pai | Category: Religion

A simplified retelling of the Bhagavad Gita for young readers.

7

"The Old Man and His God"

Author / Publisher: Sudha Murty | Category: Inspiration

A collection of real-life stories emphasizing the kindness and wisdom of ordinary people.

8

"Three Thousand Stitches"

Author / Publisher: Sudha Murty | Category: Inspiration

Stories of ordinary people making extraordinary contributions.

9

"Wise and Otherwise"

Author / Publisher: Sudha Murty | Category: Inspiration

A collection of real-life stories reflecting the diversity of human experiences.

10

"Kite Runner"

Author / Publisher: Khaled Hosseini | Category: Contemporary Fiction

A story of friendship and redemption set against the backdrop of a changing Afghanistan.

11

"Dollar Bahu"

Author / Publisher: Sudha Murty | Category: Fiction

The impact of dollar dreams on an Indian family, highlighting cultural contrasts.

12

"Mahashweta"

Author / Publisher: Sudha Murty | Category: Fiction

A story about a woman's struggle with social stigmas and her journey of self-discovery.

13

"The Alchemist"

Author / Publisher: Paulo Coelho | Category: Fiction, Inspirational

An allegorical novel about a shepherd's journey to fulfill his personal legend.

14

"How to Win Friends and Influence People"

Author / Publisher: Dale Carnegie | Category: Self-Help

Timeless principles for improving social and communication skills.

15

"You Can Win"

Author / Publisher: Shiv Khera | Category: Motivational, Self-Help

A guide to achieving success through positive thinking and action.

16

Angels and Demons

Author / Publisher: Dan Brown | Category: Thriller/Mystery

Dan Brown's novel follows Robert Langdon as he investigates a conspiracy involving the Illuminati and the Vatican. The book combines elements of suspense, mystery, and historical intrigue, weaving a complex narrative about secret societies and ancient symbols.

17

Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul

Author / Publisher: Jack Canfield, Mark Hansen | Category: Self-Help, Inspirational

This collection features inspirational stories and essays aimed at teenagers. It addresses issues relevant to adolescents, such as relationships, self-esteem, and personal challenges, offering encouragement and support through real-life experiences and reflections.

18

Awaken The Giant Within

Author / Publisher: Anthony Robbins | Category: Self-Help Motivation

Anthony Robbins provides strategies for transforming one's life by harnessing the power of personal decisions. The book focuses on overcoming limitations, setting and achieving goals, and taking control of one's emotions and actions to unlock potential and achieve greatness.

19

EAT THAT FROG

Author / Publisher: BRIAN TRACY | Category: Productivity, Self-Help

Brian Tracy offers practical advice for overcoming procrastination and improving time management. The book presents 21 techniques for prioritizing tasks and boosting productivity, helping readers tackle their most important goals.

20

Feel the Fear and Do It Anyway

Author / Publisher: Susan Jeffers | Category: Self-Help, Motivation

Susan Jeffers offers strategies for overcoming fear and taking action despite anxiety. The book provides practical advice for building confidence and tackling challenges in various areas of life, encouraging readers to confront their fears and achieve their goals.

21

Goals!

Author / Publisher: Brian Tracy | Category: Self-Help, Personal Development

Brian Tracy provides a comprehensive guide to setting and achieving personal and professional goals. The book outlines practical strategies for goal-setting, planning, and execution, aimed at helping readers achieve their ambitions and improve their lives.

22

How to Stop Worrying and Start Living

Author / Publisher: Dale Carnegie | Category: Self-Help, Personal Development

Dale Carnegie provides techniques for overcoming worry and leading a more fulfilling life. The book offers practical advice on managing stress, shifting perspectives, and taking proactive steps to address concerns, promoting a more positive and productive mindset.

23

How to Talk to Anyone

Author / Publisher: Leil Lowndes (Author, Narrator), Joyce Bean (Narrator), Brilliance Audio (Publisher) | Category: Self-Help, Communication

Leil Lowndes provides strategies for improving social skills and enhancing communication. The book covers techniques for initiating conversations, building rapport, and navigating social situations, offering practical advice for becoming a more effective communicator.

24

Jonathan Livingston seagull

Author / Publisher: Richard Bach | Category: Fiction, Inspirational

Richard Bach's allegorical novel follows Jonathan Livingston Seagull, a seagull who aspires to transcend the limitations of his species. The book is a metaphor for personal growth, self-discovery, and the pursuit of one's dreams, celebrating the spirit of individuality and excellence.

25

MILLION DOLLAR HABITS

Author / Publisher: BRIAN TRACY | Category: Self-Help, Personal Development

Brian Tracy presents strategies for developing successful habits that can lead to financial prosperity The book outlines practical steps for creating positive routines and achieving longterm success through disciplined behavior and goal setting

26

Mini Habits

Author / Publisher: Stephen Guise | Category: Self-Help, Personal Development

Stephen Guise introduces the concept of mini habits as small manageable actions that lead to significant personal growth The book provides a practical approach to forming habits that stick by starting with tiny easily achievable goals

27

Miracle Morning

Author / Publisher: Hal Elrod | Category: Self-Help, Motivation

Hal Elrod outlines a morning routine designed to transform ones life The book introduces the SAVERS technique a combination of silence affirmations visualization exercise reading and scribing to enhance personal development and productivity

28

Power Of Positive Thinking

Author / Publisher: Norman Vincent Peale | Category: Self-Help, Personal Development

Norman Vincent Peales classic work advocates for the transformative power of a positive mindset The book offers practical advice and techniques for fostering optimism overcoming obstacles and achieving personal success through positive thinking

29

The 21 Success Secrets of Self Made Millionaires

Author / Publisher: Brian Tracy | Category: Personal Development, Business

Brian Tracy outlines key principles and strategies followed by selfmade millionaires The book offers practical advice on goalsetting productivity and personal growth aiming to help readers achieve financial success and personal fulfillment

Competent Reader

53 selections

3

Ideas, biographies and thoughtful non-fiction.

1

The Tipping Point

Author / Publisher: Malcom gladwell | Category: Non-Fiction, Sociology

Malcolm Gladwell explores the phenomenon of how small changes can create a tipping point leading to significant social changes. The book examines the factors that contribute to trends and shifts in society and how they spread.

2

Outliers

Author / Publisher: Malcolm Gladwell | Category: Self-help

Outliers: The Story of Success by Malcolm Gladwell explores the factors that contribute to high levels of success, challenging the traditional notion of individual talent. Gladwell argues that success is often the result of a combination of opportunities, cultural background, and timing, rather than just personal effort or intelligence. Through compelling case studies, the book highlights how external factors and hidden advantages play a crucial role in shaping extraordinary achievements.

3

David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants

Author / Publisher: Malcolm Gladwell | Category: Self-help

David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants by Malcolm Gladwell examines how perceived disadvantages can be leveraged into strengths. Using historical examples and psychological research, Gladwell illustrates how underdogs often triumph over seemingly insurmountable odds by adopting unconventional strategies and embracing their unique qualities. The book challenges traditional views on power and success, offering a fresh perspective on overcoming obstacles.

4

"The Diary of a Young Girl"

Author / Publisher: Anne Frank | Category: Memoir

The wartime diary of Anne Frank, a Jewish girl hiding from the Nazis.

5

"Wings of Fire"

Author / Publisher: A.P.J. Abdul Kalam | Category: Autobiography

An autobiography of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, India's Missile Man.

6

"The Everything Store: Jeff Bezos and the Age of Amazon"

Author / Publisher: Brad Stone | Category: Business

The story of Jeff Bezos and the rise of Amazon.

7

"The Wright Brothers"

Author / Publisher: David McCullough | Category: Biography

The story of Wilbur and Orville Wright, pioneers of aviation.

8

"The Story of My Life"

Author / Publisher: Helen Keller | Category: Autobiography

The autobiography of Helen Keller, who overcame deafness and blindness.

9

"The Lean Startup"

Author / Publisher: Eric Ries | Category: Business

A guide to creating successful startups through innovative approaches.

10

"Zero to One"

Author / Publisher: Peter Thiel, Blake Masters | Category: Business

A book on how to build companies that create new things.

11

"The Discovery of India"

Author / Publisher: Jawaharlal Nehru | Category: Autobiography, Historical Account

Nehru's reflections on Indian civilization and history.

12

"Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind"

Author / Publisher: Yuval Noah Harari | Category: Non-Fiction

A narrative of human history from the Stone Age to the modern day.

13

"Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance"

Author / Publisher: Angela Duckworth | Category: Self-Help

A book on the importance of perseverance and passion in achieving success.

14

"The Power of Habit"

Author / Publisher: Charles Duhigg | Category: Self-Help

An exploration of the science behind habits and how to change them.

15

"Atomic Habits"

Author / Publisher: James Clear | Category: Self-Help

A guide to building good habits and breaking bad ones.

16

"The Secret"

Author / Publisher: Rhonda Byrne | Category: Self-Help, Motivational

A book on the law of attraction and how positive thinking can bring success.

17

"Rich Dad Poor Dad"

Author / Publisher: Robert T. Kiyosaki | Category: Personal Finance

A personal finance classic about the differences in mindset between the rich and the poor.

18

"The 5 AM Club"

Author / Publisher: Robin Sharma | Category: Self-Help

A book on how to maximize productivity and quality of life by waking up early.

19

The Monk Who Sold His Ferrari

Author / Publisher: Robin Sharma | Category: Self-Help, Fiction

Robin Sharma tells the story of a successful lawyer who after a life crisis embarks on a journey to find true happiness and purpose. The novel combines fiction with self-help principles offering lessons on personal development and achieving a balanced life.

20

7 Habits of Highly effective People

Author / Publisher: Stephen Covey | Category: Self-Help, Personal Development

Stephen Covey's classic presents seven habits that contribute to personal and professional effectiveness. The book covers principles such as proactive behavior, goal-setting, and prioritization, providing readers with a framework for achieving success and living a balanced life.

21

"The Innovators"

Author / Publisher: Walter Isaacson | Category: Biography

Stories of the pioneers of the digital revolution.

22

Six Thinking Hats

Author / Publisher: Edward de Bono | Category: Self-Help, Thinking Strategies

A powerful tool for group discussion and individual thinking that encourages parallel thinking and creativity.

23

The Padmas: Fifty Stories of Perseverance | Short, Illustrated Biographies of 50 Incredible Padma Awardees | Ages 8+

Author / Publisher: Neha J Hiranandani (Author), David Yambem (Illustrator) | Category: Real life stories

The Padmas: Fifty Stories of Perseverance by Neha J. Hiranandani features short, illustrated biographies of 50 remarkable Padma Awardees, celebrating their extraordinary achievements and resilience. Aimed at young readers, the book highlights the diverse contributions of these awardees across various fields, offering inspiring stories of dedication and perseverance. The engaging illustrations and compelling narratives aim to motivate and educate children about the power of perseverance and excellence.

24

8. Making a Difference

Author / Publisher: Alok Ranjan IAS | Category: Inspirational

A collection of essays or memoirs detailing impactful actions and decisions that have contributed to positive changes in society.

25

See You at the Top

Author / Publisher: Zig Ziglar | Category: Self-Help, Motivation

Zig Ziglar's motivational classic focuses on personal and professional success. The book encourages readers to set clear goals, develop a positive mindset, and embrace perseverance. Ziglar's engaging writing combines inspirational stories and practical advice to help readers achieve their highest potential.

26

As a Man Thinketh

Author / Publisher: James Allen | Category: Self-Help, Philosophy

This philosophical essay explores the profound impact of thoughts on one's life and destiny. James Allen argues that our thoughts shape our character, circumstances, and future. By adopting a positive mindset and controlling one's thoughts, individuals can transform their lives and achieve success.

27

Think and Grow Rich

Author / Publisher: Napoleon Hill | Category: Personal Development, Wealth

Napoleon Hill's seminal work delves into the principles of personal achievement and wealth creation. The book outlines key concepts such as desire, faith, and persistence, illustrating how these principles can be applied to achieve financial and personal success. Hill draws on interviews with successful individuals to support his ideas.

28

10 Ways to Motivate Yourself

Author / Publisher: Steve Chandler | Category: Self-Help, Motivation

Steve Chandler offers practical strategies for overcoming procrastination and boosting self-motivation. The book provides actionable steps to stay focused, set and achieve goals, and maintain enthusiasm. It is a valuable resource for anyone seeking to enhance their productivity and drive.

29

25 Ways to Win with People

Author / Publisher: Wayne Shepherd, John C. Maxwell, Les Parrott | Category: Self-Help, Relationships

This book presents 25 practical techniques for building and nurturing strong, positive relationships. The authors offer insights into effective communication, empathy, and connection, providing readers with tools to enhance their interpersonal skills and influence others positively.

30

48 Laws of Power

Author / Publisher: Robert Greene | Category: Strategy, Non-Fiction

Robert Greene's influential book explores historical examples of power and manipulation. The 48 laws outlined in the book provide strategies for gaining and maintaining power, offering lessons from historical figures and political leaders. It's a comprehensive guide to understanding and navigating power dynamics.

31

EGO IS THE ENEMY

Author / Publisher: RYAN HOLIDAY | Category: Self-Help, Philosophy

Ryan Holiday explores how ego can obstruct personal and professional success. The book provides strategies for managing ego, fostering humility, and achieving greater effectiveness and fulfillment in various aspects of life.

32

EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

Author / Publisher: DANIEL GOLEMAN | Category: Psychology Self-Help

Daniel Goleman examines the critical role of emotional intelligence in achieving success. The book covers concepts such as self-awareness, empathy, and emotional regulation, highlighting their impact on personal and professional effectiveness.

33

Crucial Conversations

Author / Publisher: Kerry Patterson and Joseph Grenny | Category: Communication, Self-Help

The book provides techniques for handling high-stakes conversations effectively. It emphasizes improving communication skills to manage conflict, resolve disagreements, and achieve better outcomes in challenging discussions.

34

GOOD TO GREAT

Author / Publisher: JIM COLLIN | Category: Business Management

Jim Collins analyzes why some companies make the leap from good to great and sustain excellence. The book identifies key factors and principles that contribute to long-term success, drawing on research and case studies of companies that have achieved outstanding performance.

35

Hooked

Author / Publisher: Nir Eyal | Category: Business, Psychology

Nir Eyal explores the science of habit formation and how businesses can design products that create user engagement. The book outlines the Hook Model, a framework for building products that capture users' attention and encourage repeated use. It combines psychology and marketing insights to guide product development.

36

How To Start a Business without Any Money

Author / Publisher: Rachel Bridge | Category: Business, Entrepreneurship

Rachel Bridge provides a guide for launching a business with little to no initial capital. The book offers practical advice on finding resources, leveraging skills, and using creative strategies to start and grow a business on a tight budget.

37

Influence: The Psychology of Persuasion

Author / Publisher: Cialdini Robert B. | Category: Psychology, Business

Robert Cialdini examines the principles of persuasion and influence. The book explores psychological triggers that affect decision-making and provides insights into how these principles can be applied in marketing, sales, and everyday interactions.

38

Jab, Jab, Jab, Right Hook

Author / Publisher: Gary Vaynerchuk | Category: Business, Marketing

Gary Vaynerchuk offers a guide to effective social media marketing strategies. The book emphasizes the importance of context and timing in digital marketing, advocating for a balanced approach of providing value, jabs, and making direct asks (right hooks) to engage audiences.

39

Law of Success

Author / Publisher: Napoleon Hill | Category: Personal Development, Success

Napoleon Hill's comprehensive guide to achieving success covers principles such as goal-setting, leadership, and personal mastery. The book draws on interviews with successful individuals to outline a roadmap for personal and professional achievement.

40

Lateral thinking

Author / Publisher: Edward de Bono | Category: Personal Development, Creativity

Edward de Bono introduces techniques for creative problem-solving and innovative thinking. The book outlines methods for breaking conventional thought patterns and approaching challenges from new angles, aiming to enhance creativity and decision-making skills.

41

Managing Oneself

Author / Publisher: Peter R. Drucker | Category: Business, Personal Development

Peter Drucker's guide focuses on self-management and personal effectiveness. The book offers insights into understanding one's strengths and weaknesses, setting goals, and achieving personal and professional success through effective self-management.

42

Many Lives, Many Masters

Author / Publisher: Dr. Brian Weiss | Category: Spirituality, Healing

Dr. Brian Weiss presents case studies of past-life regression therapy and its impact on healing. The book explores how past-life experiences can influence present behavior and emotions, offering insights into the potential of reincarnation for personal growth and healing.

43

MASTERY

Author / Publisher: ROBERT GREEN | Category: Self-Help, Personal Development

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MILLIONAIRE FASTLANE

Author / Publisher: MJ DeMarco | Category: Business, Entrepreneurship

MJ DeMarco challenges conventional wisdom about wealth-building and offers an unconventional approach to achieving financial independence. The book advocates for entrepreneurial ventures and financial strategies that can accelerate wealth accumulation and personal freedom.

45

MOONWALKING WITH EINSTEIN

Author / Publisher: Joshua Foer | Category: Non-Fiction, Psychology

Joshua Foer chronicles his journey from a journalist to a memory champion. The book explores the science and art of memory, sharing techniques and insights into memory training and the cognitive capabilities of the human mind.

46

Pocket History

Author / Publisher: Brian Williams | Category: History

Brian Williams presents a concise overview of historical events and trends. The book provides a quick reference to key historical milestones and figures, offering a compact yet comprehensive look at world history.

47

PREDICTABLE IRRATIONALITY

Author / Publisher: DAN ARIELY | Category: Psychology, Behavioral Economics

Dan Ariely explores the irrational behaviors that influence human decision-making. The book reveals how cognitive biases and emotional factors lead to predictable patterns of irrationality affecting choices in various aspects of life.

48

Smarter Faster Better

Author / Publisher: Charles Duhigg | Category: Non-Fiction, Productivity

Charles Duhigg examines the science of productivity and how individuals and organizations can achieve more with less effort. The book explores principles of effective decisionmaking, goalsetting, and habit formation to enhance performance and efficiency.

49

Start With Why

Author / Publisher: Simon Sinek | Category: Business, Leadership

Simon Sinek advocates for the importance of starting with why in leadership and business. The book explains how successful leaders and organizations inspire action by clarifying their purpose and core values, leading to greater success and influence.

50

THE 22 IMMUTABLE MARKETING LAWS

Author / Publisher: Al Ries and Jack Trout | Category: Business, Marketing

Al Ries and Jack Trout present fundamental principles for successful marketing. The book outlines 22 laws that guide effective marketing strategies, offering insights into positioning, branding, and competitive advantage in the marketplace.

51

The 4-Hour Work Week

Author / Publisher: Timothy Ferriss | Category: Business, Productivity

Timothy Ferriss proposes a radical approach to work and lifestyle design. The book advocates for automation, outsourcing, and prioritizing personal freedom to achieve a more fulfilling and less time-consuming work life.

52

THE ART OF START 2.0

Author / Publisher: Guy Kawasaki | Category: Business, Entrepreneurship

Guy Kawasaki offers updated advice on launching and growing a successful startup. The book provides practical guidance on entrepreneurship, including pitching, marketing, and building a strong business foundation.

53

The Celestine Prophecy

Author / Publisher: James Redfield | Category: Fiction, Spiritual

James Redfield's novel presents a mystical adventure involving a series of insights discovered in Peru. The book explores themes of spiritual awakening, personal growth, and the interconnectedness of human experiences through the lens of ancient prophecy.

Proficient Reader

37 selections

4

Complex classics, leadership and deeper reflection.

1

"The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin"

Author / Publisher: Benjamin Franklin | Category: Autobiography

The life and achievements of one of America's Founding Fathers.

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"My Experiments with Truth"

Author / Publisher: Mahatma Gandhi | Category: Autobiography

The autobiography of Mahatma Gandhi, detailing his principles and life journey.

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"Long Walk to Freedom"

Author / Publisher: Nelson Mandela | Category: Autobiography

Nelson Mandela's inspiring story of his struggle against apartheid.

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"The Man Who Knew Infinity"

Author / Publisher: Robert Kanigel | Category: Biography

The life story of mathematical genius Srinivasa Ramanujan.

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"Einstein: His Life and Universe"

Author / Publisher: Walter Isaacson | Category: Biography

A detailed biography of the iconic physicist Albert Einstein.

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"Steve Jobs"

Author / Publisher: Walter Isaacson | Category: Biography

An authorized biography of the co-founder of Apple Inc.

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4. The Anarchy

Author / Publisher: William Dalrymple | Category: History

William Dalrymple recounts the rise of the East India Company and its transformation from a trading corporation into an imperial power in India.

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5. The Splendid and Thee Vile

Author / Publisher: Erik Larson | Category: History

A detailed account of Winston Churchill's leadership during the early days of World War II, highlighting his personal and political challenges

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"A Short History of Nearly Everything"

Author / Publisher: Bill Bryson | Category: Science

An engaging journey through scientific discoveries and the history of the universe.

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"A Brief History of Time"

Author / Publisher: Stephen Hawking | Category: Science

An introduction to cosmology and the nature of the universe.

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"Brief Answers to the Big Questions"

Author / Publisher: Stephen Hawking | Category: Science

Hawking's final thoughts on the universe's biggest questions.

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"The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy"

Author / Publisher: Douglas Adams | Category: Science Fiction

A humorous science fiction series about space travel and adventure.

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1. To Kill a Mockingbird

Author / Publisher: Harper Lee | Category: Fiction

A young girl in the racially charged American South learns about justice and compassion from her father, an attorney defending a black man wrongly accused of raping a white woman.

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2. Pride and Prejudice

Author / Publisher: Jane Austen | Category: Romance

Elizabeth Bennet navigates society and love in Regency England, clashing with the proud Mr. Darcy in a story of misunderstandings, growth, and romance.

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The Great Gatsby

Author / Publisher: F. Scott Fitzgerald | Category: Fiction, Classic

F. Scott Fitzgerald's novel explores the opulence and decadence of the Roaring Twenties through the eyes of Jay Gatsby, a mysterious millionaire. The story critiques the American Dream and delves into themes of wealth, love, and societal decay.

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6. Rubicon

Author / Publisher: Tom Holland | Category: History

Tom Holland chronicles the fall of the Roman Republic, focusing on key figures and events that led to the rise of the Roman Empire.

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The Mahabharata: A Shortened Modern Prose Version of the Indian Epic

Author / Publisher: R. K. Narayan | Category: Epic, Mythology

It is a modernised, shortened, and translated retelling of The Mahabharata.

18 "The Guide"

Author / Publisher: R. K Narayan | Category: Fiction

The tale of Raju, a railway guide who becomes a spiritual guide in an unexpected turn of events.

19 Awaken Bharata

Author / Publisher: David Frawley | Category: Philosophy, Religion

David Frawley discusses the need for a spiritual and cultural revival in India. The book emphasizes the importance of reconnecting with ancient wisdom and values to address contemporary challenges and foster a renewed sense of identity and purpose.

20 "The Art of Happiness"

Author / Publisher: Dalai Lama, Howard Cutler | Category: Self-Help

Insights on how to achieve lasting happiness from the Dalai Lama.

21 Brida

Author / Publisher: Paulo coelho | Category: Fiction, Spiritual

Paulo Coelho's novel follows Brida, a young woman on a quest for self-discovery and spiritual enlightenment. The story delves into themes of magic, destiny, and personal growth as Brida explores her own potential and understanding of the universe.

22 Anna Karenina

Author / Publisher: Tolstoy | Category: Fiction, Classic

Leo Tolstoy's novel explores the tragic love affair between Anna Karenina and Count Vronsky against the backdrop of Russian society. The story examines themes of passion, social expectations, and personal conflict, offering a deep and nuanced portrayal of human relationships.

23 Adventures of Huckleberry finn

Author / Publisher: Mark Twain | Category: Fiction, Classic

Mark Twain's novel follows the journey of Huck Finn, a young boy who escapes his abusive father and travels along the Mississippi River. The story critiques social norms and explores themes of freedom, friendship, and moral development, presenting a satirical view of society.

24 A Hindu View of the World

Author / Publisher: N.S. Rajaram | Category: Religion, Philosophy

N.S. Rajaram explores the philosophical and cosmological aspects of Hinduism. The book delves into how Hindu thought and culture perceive the world and its spiritual dimensions, offering insights into the religion's worldview and its relevance in contemporary times.

25 An Autobiography

Author / Publisher: M.K.Gandhiji | Category: Autobiography, History

Mahatma Gandhi's autobiography details his personal journey and philosophical development. The book covers his experiences in South Africa and India, his role in the independence movement, and his principles of nonviolence and self-discipline.

26

Fountain Head

Author / Publisher: Ayn Rand | Category: Fiction, Philosophy

Ayn Rand's novel follows Howard Roark, an innovative architect who challenges conventional norms. The book explores themes of individualism, creativity, and integrity, embodying Rand's Objectivist philosophy through Roark's uncompromising vision.

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INDIA 2020

Author / Publisher: DR. ABDUL KALAAM | Category: Non-Fiction, Political

Dr Abdul Kalam presents his vision for India's future in this forward-looking book. The book outlines strategies for technological and economic development aiming to inspire and guide the country toward becoming a global leader by the year 2020.

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Jesus lived in India

Author / Publisher: Holger Kersten | Category: Religious Theory, History

Holger Kersten explores the controversial theory that Jesus Christ spent part of his life in India. The book examines historical and religious evidence to propose that Jesus may have traveled to and lived in India, influencing his spiritual teachings.

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Mens Search For Meaning

Author / Publisher: Victor Franklin | Category: Psychology, Memoir

Viktor E. Frankl's memoir details his experiences as a Holocaust survivor and explores his development of logotherapy, a form of existential analysis. The book emphasizes finding purpose through suffering and highlights the importance of meaning in overcoming adversity.

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Meditations

Author / Publisher: Marcus Aurelius | Category: Philosophy, Personal Development

Marcus Aurelius's philosophical reflections offer wisdom on Stoic principles and personal conduct. The book is a series of personal writings by the Roman Emperor addressing topics such as virtue, resilience, and the nature of life.

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Middle March

Author / Publisher: George Eliot | Category: Fiction, Classic

George Eliot's novel offers a detailed exploration of life in a provincial English town. The story intertwines various characters' lives, addressing themes of social change, personal ambition, and the roles of women in society while providing a critical view of 19th-century British life.

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Sanatan Dharma or the Eternal Tradition

Author / Publisher: David Frawley | Category: Religion, Philosophy

David Frawley explores the core principles of Sanatan Dharma (Hinduism), emphasizing its timeless aspects and spiritual teachings. The book delves into the philosophy, rituals, and practices that define the eternal tradition of Hinduism.

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Seven Spiritual Laws of Success

Author / Publisher: Deepak Chopra | Category: Self-Help, Spirituality

Deepak Chopra outlines seven principles for achieving success and fulfillment. The book combines spiritual wisdom with practical advice, emphasizing the importance of aligning with universal laws and pursuing a balanced, purposeful life.

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The Art of War

Author / Publisher: Sun Tzu | Category: Strategy, Military

Sun Tzu's ancient text on military strategy provides timeless principles on leadership, strategy, and tactics. The book outlines strategies for success in conflict and competition, emphasizing the importance of planning, adaptability, and understanding one's adversaries.

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The Aryan Invasion Theory

Author / Publisher: David Frawley | Category: History, Religion

David Frawley challenges the Aryan Invasion Theory, which suggests that Indo-European invaders influenced ancient Indian civilization. The book provides alternative perspectives on Indian history and cultural development, arguing against the conventional historical narrative.

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The Bhagavad Gita

Author / Publisher: Dr. S.R. Sastri | Category: Religion, Philosophy

Dr. S.R. Sastri's translation and commentary on the Bhagavad Gita, a sacred Hindu text, offer insights into its spiritual and philosophical teachings. The book explores key themes such as duty, righteousness, and devotion, providing a comprehensive understanding of this classic scripture.

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The Billion Dollar Book

Author / Publisher: Yogesh Chotera | Category: Business, Finance

Yogesh Chotera explores the principles behind successful billion-dollar ventures and entrepreneurial strategies. The book provides insights into high-impact business practices and financial management techniques that can drive substantial economic success.

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Catholic Ashrams- Sanayasis or Swindlers ?

Author / Publisher: Arun Shourie | Category: Religion, Critique

Arun Shourie critically examines the role and authenticity of Catholic ashrams in India. The book scrutinizes their practices and impact on spirituality, questioning their legitimacy and the extent of their influence in the religious landscape.

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Before the memory fades

Author / Publisher: Fali Sam Nariman | Category: Memoir

The autobiography of Fali S. Nariman, reflecting on his illustrious legal career and insights into the Indian judicial system.

3

"The Day I Stopped Drinking Milk"

Author / Publisher: Sudha Murty | Category: Memoir

Stories about people and their unique experiences, highlighting human resilience.

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Hamlet

Author / Publisher: William Shakespeare | Category: Fiction, Classic

William Shakespeare's tragedy follows Prince Hamlet as he seeks revenge for his father's murder by his uncle

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Hidden Horizons

Author / Publisher: Dr.David Frawley | Category: Philosophy, Religion

Dr. David Frawley explores the hidden aspects of Indian culture and spirituality in this insightful work. The book delves into lesser-known facets of Hinduism, emphasizing the importance of understanding and integrating these elements into modern life. It offers a deeper look at spiritual practices and their relevance to contemporary issues.

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Hinduism & the Clash of Civilization

Author / Publisher: David Frawley | Category: Religion, Philosophy

David Frawley examines the cultural and ideological conflicts between Hinduism and other global civilizations. The book discusses how Hindu values and perspectives interact with and challenge Western ideas and practices. It provides a comprehensive analysis of Hinduism's role in shaping and responding to global cultural dynamics.

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Hinduism at a Glance

Author / Publisher: Swami Nirvedananda | Category: Religion, Philosophy

Swami Nirvedananda offers a concise overview of Hinduism summarizing its core beliefs practices and philosophical concepts The book provides an accessible introduction to Hinduism making it a useful resource for readers seeking to understand the religions essentials and its place in the broader spiritual landscape

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Hinduism, A short History

Author / Publisher: Klaus K. Klostermaier | Category: Religion, History

Klaus K Klostermaier presents a brief yet comprehensive history of Hinduism The book traces the evolution of the religion from its ancient roots to the present day highlighting key events figures and developments It provides readers with a historical perspective on Hinduisms growth and transformation

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How to Think Like Leonardo da Vinci

Author / Publisher: Michael J. Gelb | Category: Personal Development, Creativity

Michael J Gelb explores the thinking and problemsolving strategies of Leonardo da Vinci The book outlines methods for fostering creativity critical thinking and personal growth inspired by da Vincis innovative approach to life and work

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In Search of Lost Time

Author / Publisher: Marcel prost | Category: Fiction, Classic

Marcel Prousts monumental novel explores themes of memory time and society through the narrators reflections on his past The book delves into the intricacies of human experience and relationships offering a profound and detailed portrayal of life in early 20thcentury France

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Lord of the Rings

Author / Publisher: J.R.Tolkien | Category: Fiction, Classic

JRR Tolkiens epic fantasy novel follows the quest to destroy a powerful ring and defeat the dark lord Sauron The story is set in the richly detailed world of Middleearth and explores themes of heroism friendship and the struggle between good and evil

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On Hinduism, Reviews and Reflection

Author / Publisher: Ram Swarup | Category: Religion, Philosophy

Ram Swarup provides a critical analysis and reflections on various aspects of Hinduism The book reviews different interpretations and practices within Hinduism offering insights into the religions complexities and its role in contemporary society

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Tejomahalaya

Author / Publisher: P.N.Oak | Category: History, Controversial Theory

PN Oak presents a controversial theory that the Taj Mahal was originally a Hindu temple The book argues against widely accepted historical accounts and provides alternative interpretations of the monuments origin and purpose