

The Six Most Recommended Books Of Fortune 500 CEOs, Celebrity Entrepreneurs, and Leaders

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*In my whole life, I have known no wise people (over a broad subject matter area) who didn't read all the time — none.
- billionaire Charlie Munger*

Featured Leaders

- Oprah Winfrey
- Steve Jobs
- Guy Kawasaki
- Jamie Dimon
- Bill Clinton
- Charlie Munger
- Michael Dell
- Martha Stewart
- Andrew Grove
- Evan Williams
- Warren Buffett
- Ted Turner
- Elon Musk
- Elizabeth Holmes
- Mark Cuban
- Jeff Bezos
- Whitney Tilson
- Kevin Rose
- Bill Gates
- Sheryl Sandberg
- Angela Ahrendts

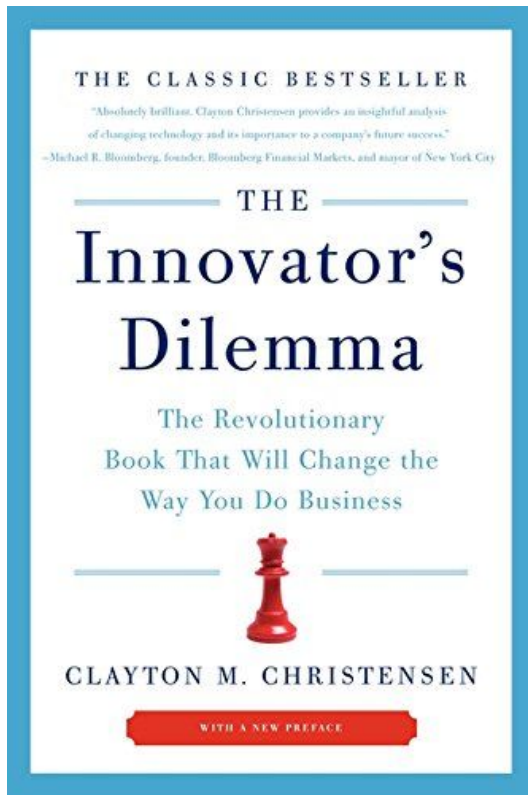
Full Resource Document

We combined the book recommendations of fifty-six select individuals in an effort to find the most recommended books by extraordinary leaders.

See the full resource document [here](#).

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[The Innovator's Dilemma: The Revolutionary Book That Will Change the Way You Do Business](#)

“The book presents the classic argument that technology no longer develops incrementally and instead is subject to regular "disruptions" that favor small, nimble companies and organizations.” [\[source: Inc.\]](#)

“Disruption Theory is the foundation of the most accurate, thoroughly vetted, quantitative prediction models of new business survival or failure in the world today.” [\[source: TechCrunch\]](#)

What recommenders say:

“This was a formative read for me: it taught me why it’s so hard to come up with a second hit and why startups often have the advantage when creating curve-jumping innovation.” - **Guy Kawasaki**

“This helped me make sense of why things worked and didn’t work in the technology industry.” - **Mark Cuban**

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by [Clayton M. Christensen](#)

October 4, 2011

Recommended by:



[Andrew Grove](#)



[Evan Williams](#)



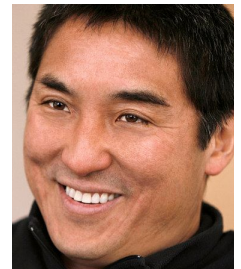
[Steve Jobs](#)



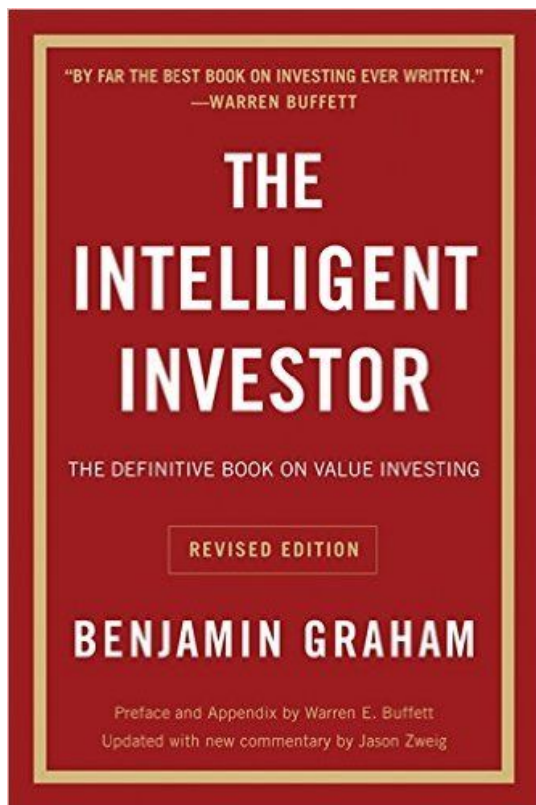
[Jeff Bezos](#)



[Mark Cuban](#)



[Guy Kawasaki](#)



[The Intelligent Investor](#)

“Graham's philosophy of "value investing" -- which shields investors from substantial error and teaches them to develop long-term strategies -- has made The Intelligent Investor the stock market bible ever since its original publication in 1949.” [source: [Amazon](#)]

What recommenders say:

“The foundation for investing. A lot of people have used this as their guide to getting into investment, basic strategies. Highly recommend this book. It's a great way to understand what's going on and how to evaluate different companies out there before you make an investment.” - **Kevin Rose**

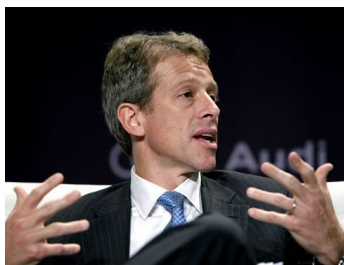
“The best book on investing!” - **Whitney Tilson**

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by [Benjamin Graham](#)

Feb 21, 2006

Recommended by:



[Whitney Tilson](#)



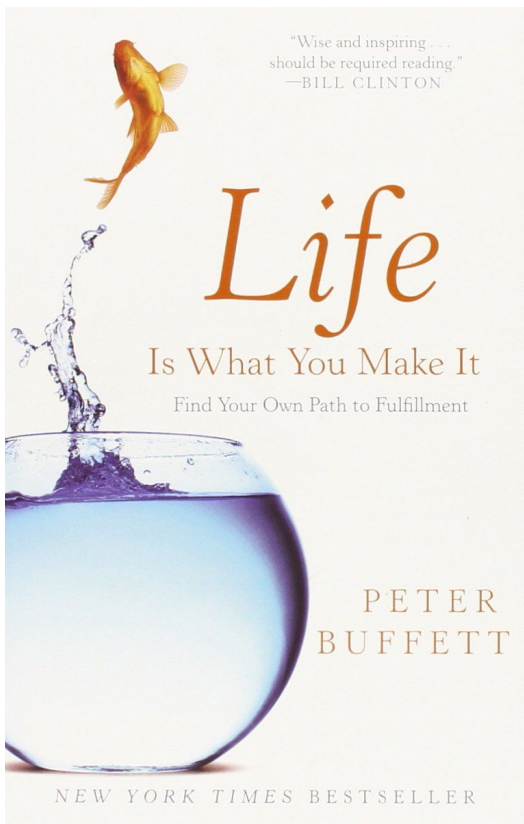
[Kevin Rose](#)



[Jamie Dimon](#)



[Warren Buffett](#)



[Life Is What You Make It](#)

“It is a deeply moving and inspiring account of growing up, of the power of faith and how determination and an indomitable spirit can overcome even what destiny throws at you.” [source: [Amazon](#)]

What recommenders say:

“Peter Buffett has given us a wise and inspiring book that should be required reading for every young person seeking to find his or her place in the world, and for every family hoping to give its daughters and sons the best possible start in life.” - **Bill Clinton**

“With homespun, heart-felt wisdom, Peter Buffett ponders how to make a meaningful life, while making a living. “Life Is What You Make It” is thought-provoking, worthwhile reading.” - **Ted Turner**

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by [Peter Buffett](#)

May 3, 2011

Recommended by:



[Bill Clinton](#)



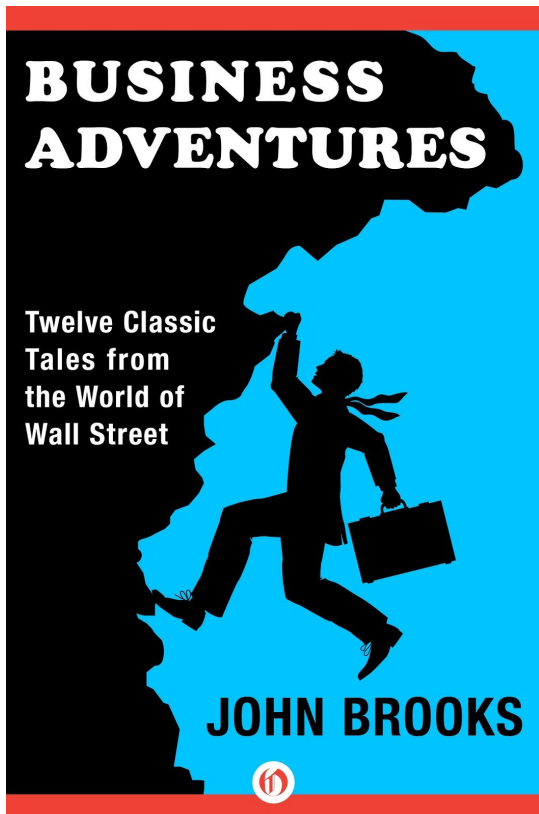
[Ted Turner](#)



[Bill Gates](#)



[Jamie Dimon](#)



[Business Adventures: Twelve Classic Tales from the World of Wall Street](#)

“From Wall Street to Main Street, John Brooks, longtime contributor to the New Yorker, brings to life in vivid fashion twelve classic and timeless tales of corporate and financial life in America. Business Adventures is truly financial journalism at its liveliest and best.” [\[source: Amazon\]](#)

“In this 1960s classic, Brooks, a longtime New Yorker contributor, tells the stories of 12 notable companies and how they navigated the trials and tribulations of corporate life in America back in the day.” [\[source: Business Insider\]](#)

What recommenders say:

“Picking up that book was one of the luckiest moments in my life.” - **Warren Buffett**

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by [John Brooks](#)

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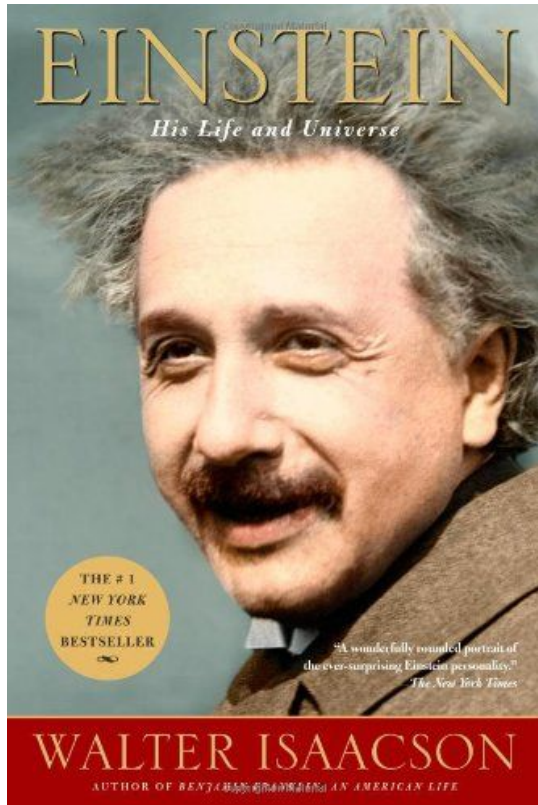
[Warren Buffett](#)



[Michael Dell](#)



[Bill Gates](#)



[Einstein: His Life and Universe](#)

“How did his mind work? What made him a genius? Isaacson’s biography shows how his scientific imagination sprang from the rebellious nature of his personality. His fascinating story is a testament to the connection between creativity and freedom.” [[source: Amazon](#)]

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by [Walter Isaacson](#)

May 13, 2008

Recommended by:



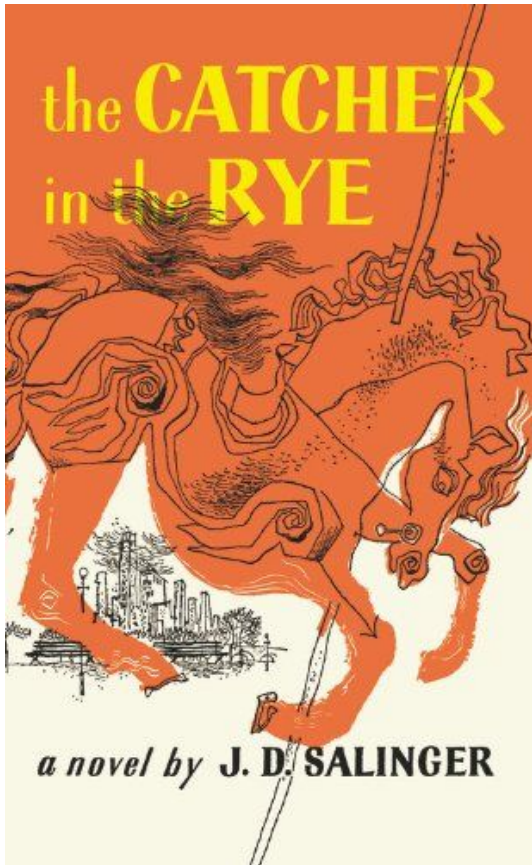
[Charlie Munger](#)



[Elon Musk](#)



[Bill Gates](#)



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by [J.D. Salinger](#)

July 16, 1951

Recommended by:



[Larry King](#)



[Sal Khan](#)



[Bill Gates](#)

[The Catcher in the Rye](#)

The CATCHER IN THE RYE is an ancient child of sixteen, a native New Yorker named Holden Caulfield. Through circumstances that tend to preclude adult, secondhand description, he leaves his prep school in Pennsylvania and goes underground in New York City for three days. The boy himself is at once too simple and too complex for us to make any final comment about him or his story. Perhaps the safest thing we can say about Holden is that he was born in the world not just strongly attracted to beauty but, almost, hopelessly impaled on it. [\[source: Amazon\]](#)

What recommenders say:

“Catcher in the Rye by Salinger is the greatest book I’ve ever read. I read it 5 times, got something out of it every time. I wish I could have interviewed him, but he was a recluse the last 35 years of his life.” - Larry King