

Suggested Readings (no particular order)

The Economic Naturalist by Robert Frank (economics in everyday life)
A Splendid Exchange by William Bernstein (history of trade)
For Good and Evil by Charles Adams (history of taxation)
The Armchair Economist by Steven Landsburg (economics in everyday life)
The Ultimate Resource 2 by Julian Simon (economics of resources and technology)
Basic Economics by Thomas Sowell (citizen's guide to economics; no graphs!)
The Myth of the Rational Voter by Bryan Caplan (voter choice and popular opinion of economic issues)
Peddling Prosperity by Douglas Irwin (political economic history of Smoot-Hawley tariff)
The Mystery of Capital by Hernando de Soto (economic development)
Free Market Environmentalism by Terry L. Anderson and Donald R. Leal (environment)
The Wealth and Poverty of Nations by David Landes (economic development and history)
The Invisible Hook by Peter Leeson (economics of pirates)
Freakonomics by Steven Levitt and Stephen Dunbar (a fun book about incentives and unintended consequences)
Private Government by Elizabeth Anderson (companies as authoritarian entities)
Economics in One Lesson by Henry Hazlitt (the one lesson being the broken window fallacy)
When Genius Failed by Roger Lowenstein (the story of LTCM and how the world of finance and interacts with the Federal Reserve)
Discover Your Inner Economist by Tyler Cowen (a fun book about using economics to get more out of your everyday life)
Big Business: A Love Letter by Tyler Cowen (a defense of corporations)
The Forgotten Man by Amity Shlaes (economic history about the Great Depression)
The Case Against Education by Bryan Caplan (the signaling theory of education)
Open Borders: The Science and Ethics of Immigration by Bryan Caplan and Zach Weinersmith (a serious comic book outlining the economic argument for more immigration)
Factfulness by Hans Rosling (economic development and understanding data)
The Elephant in the Brain by Kevin Simler and Robin Hanson (people's hidden motives)

Classics, but more advanced (in roughly increasing order of complexity)

The Logic of Collective Action by Mancur Olson (public goods and public choice)
Governing the Commons by Elinor Ostrom (avoiding the tragedy of the commons)
Individualism and Economic Order by FA Hayek, (essays about economic dynamism and the importance of knowledge)
Capitalism, Socialism, and Democracy by Joseph Schumpeter (nature and history of capitalism and socialism)
General Theory of Employment, Interest, and Money by John Maynard Keynes (macroeconomics' origins)
The Calculus of Consent by James Buchanan and Gordon Tullock (public choice)
A Monetary History of the United States by Milton Friedman and Anna Schwartz (money)

And of course, I suggest *The Wealth of Nations* by Adam Smith.