

BEGINNER'S READING LIST ON ECONOMICS

General

- A Guide for the Young Economist (Thomson)
 - How to write like an economist
- Lessons for the Young Economist (Murphy)
 - Key economic principles
 - http://mises.org/books/lessons_for_the_young_economist_murphy.pdf

Markets, Trade

- The Passions and the Interests, (Hirschman)
 - The case for free markets, trade
- Bad Samaritans: The Myth of Free Trade and the Secret History of Capitalism (Chang)
 - Critical view of globalization, trade

Macro, Finance

- Zombie Economics: How Dead Ideas Still Walk among Us (Quiggin)
 - Economic ideas, mainly macro, and discussion of recent crisis. Critical of mainstream macro.
- The Big Short (Lewis)
 - Overview of the causes of the last financial crisis. Discusses the sources of speculation, and the market players who bet against it. Nontechnical, fun.

Development Economics

- The Elusive Quest for Growth (Easterly)
 - Overview of different approaches in economic development literature and their failures. Introduction to institutional economics. A good overview of theory in a nontechnical language and fun
- Development as Freedom (Sen)
 - An ethical perspective on development
- Guns, Germs and Steel (Diamond)
 - Impact of geography and biodiversity on long term differences in development across the world. Nontechnical, fun.
- Mismeasuring Our Lives: Why GDP Doesn't Add Up (Stiglitz-Sen-Fitoussi)
 - Critical view of mainstream treatments of economic development and attempts at measuring it

Behavioral Economics

- Predictably Irrational (Ariely)
 - Overview of ways people deviate from rationality in decision making. Easy reading
- Rational Herds: Economic Models of Social Learning (Chamley)
 - Herd behaviour in economics. Somewhat technical.

News

- The economist
 - The best weekly for international economic and political news
- Realclearmarkets.com
 - News aggregation site for financial news.

History of Economic Thought

- The Worldly Philosophers (Heilbroner)

- New Ideas from Dead Economists (Buchholz)
- Adam's Fallacy: A Guide to Economic Theology (Foley)

Turkish Economy

- Turkiyede Devlet ve Siniflar (Keyder)
 - Overview of social and economic history of the Republic. Nontechnical, comprehensive
- Osmanlı - Türkiye İktisadi Tarihi 1500 – 1914 (Pamuk)
 - Overview of Ottoman economic and social institutions, comprehensive