

The Bill Gates Top 5!

Bill gates recently shared his 5 favorite books of 2016. They aren't necessarily "brand new," or strictly business related. However, there is surely something instructive to be found in the reading selections of a successful billionaire. Without further ado, here are his picks, *with the publisher summaries included*.

String Theory, by David Foster Wallace

An instant classic of American sportswriting--the tennis essays of David Foster Wallace, "the best mind of his generation" (A. O. Scott) and "the best tennis-writer of all time" (New York Times)

Shoe Dog, by Phil Knight

In this candid and riveting memoir, for the first time ever, Nike founder and board chairman Phil Knight shares the inside story of the company's early days as an intrepid start-up and its evolution into one of the world's most iconic, game-changing, and profitable brands.

The Gene, by Siddhartha Mukherjee

The extraordinary Siddhartha Mukherjee has written a biography of the gene as deft, brilliant, and illuminating as his extraordinarily successful biography of cancer. Weaving science, social history, and personal narrative to tell us the story of one of the most important conceptual breakthroughs of modern times, Mukherjee animates the quest to understand human heredity and its surprising influence on our lives, personalities, identities, fates, and choices.

The Myth of the Strong Leader, by Archie Brown

Using examples from strong leaders from Charles De Gaulle and Margaret Thatcher to Barack Obama, a renowned politics professor dispels the notion that leaders who dominate the policy-making process are more effective than those with a more collegial ruling style

Honorable Mention: *The Grid*, by Gretchen Bakke

In entertaining, perceptive, deeply researched fashion, cultural anthropologist Gretchen Bakke uses the history of an increasingly outdated electrical infrastructure to show how the United States has gone from seemingly infinite technological prowess to a land of structural instability.

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