

Best Books of 2014 to 2019

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In 2007¹, 2008², 2009³, 2010⁴, 2011⁵, 2012⁶, and 2013⁷ I published lists of books I enjoyed every year. Starting in 2014 I stopped publishing them every year, but that doesn't mean I didn't keep track of the books I read.

Here's the complete list of books I read and enjoyed from 2014 to 2019. There's a little bit of everything, from poetry to programming to business to philosophy. You can check what I'm reading right now⁸ if you're interested, too.

2019

- Structure and Interpretation of Computer Programs⁹ by Harold Abelson, Gerald Jay Sussman, and Julie Sussman
- Start with Why¹⁰ by Simon Sinek
- Éloge des mathématiques¹¹ by Alain Badiou
- L'Être et l'Événement¹² by Alain Badiou
- Dictionnaire amoureux de la philosophie¹³ by Luc Ferry
- Lógica aymara y futurología¹⁴ by Iván Guzmán de Rojas
- Expert F# 4.0¹⁵ by Don Syme, Adam Granicz, Antonio Cisternino
- Stylish F#¹⁶ by Kit Eason
- There's No Such Place As Far Away¹⁷, by Richard Bach
- The Age of Extremes¹⁸, by Eric Hobsbawm

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²[/blog/best-books-of-2008](#)

³[/blog/best-books-of-2009](#)

⁴[/blog/best-books-of-2010](#)

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⁶[/blog/best-books-of-2012](#)

⁷[/blog/best-books-of-2013](#)

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⁹https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Structure_and_Interpretation_of_Computer_Programs

¹⁰<https://simonsinek.com/books/start-with-why/>

¹¹<https://editions.flammarion.com/elogue-des-mathematiques/9782081395930>

¹²https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/L'Être_et_l'Événement

¹³<https://www.lisez.com/livre-grand-format/dictionnaire-amoureux-de-la-philosophie/9782259211116>

¹⁴<https://searchworks.stanford.edu/view/7825375>

¹⁵<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/publication/expert-f-4-0/>

¹⁶<https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-1-4842-4000-7>

¹⁷https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/29947.There_s_No_Such_Place_As_Far_A_way

¹⁸https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Age_of_Extremes

- In the Beginning was the Command Line¹⁹, by Neal Stephenson
- Maus²⁰ by Art Spiegelman

2018

- Pro C# 7²¹ by Andrew Troelsen and Philip Japikse
- Pro TypeScript²² by Steve Fenton
- F# for Fun and Profit²³ by Scott Wlaschin
- The Feynman Lectures on Physics²⁴ by Richard Feynman
- The Lean Startup²⁵ by Eric Ries
- The Year Without Pants²⁶ by Scott Berkun
- .NET Microservices. Architecture for Containerized .NET Applications²⁷
- OOP the Easy Way²⁸ by Graham Lee
- Principles²⁹ by Ray Dalio
- Pattern Recognition and Machine Learning³⁰ by Christopher Bishop

2017

- The Antidote³¹ by Oliver Burkeman.
- Working Effectively with Legacy Code³² by Michael Feathers
- The Positioning Manual for Technical Firms³³ by Philip Morgan
- Blockchain for Dummies³⁴
- Code³⁵ by Charles Petzold
- The Dawn of Software Engineering – From Turing to Dijkstra³⁶ by Edgar G. Daylight
- John Von Neumann and the Origins of Modern Computing³⁷ by William Aspray
- 9 Algorithms that Changed the Future³⁸ by John MacCormick
- Building IBM³⁹ by Emerson W. Pugh

¹⁹https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/In_the_Beginning..._Was_the_Command_Line

²⁰<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maus>

²¹<https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-1-4842-3018-3>

²²<https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-1-4842-3249-1>

²³<https://fsharpforfunandprofit.com/>

²⁴https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Feynman_Lectures_on_Physics

²⁵<http://theleanstartup.com/>

²⁶<https://scottberkun.com/yearwithoutpants/>

²⁷<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/dotnet/architecture/microservices/>

²⁸<https://leanpub.com/ooptheeasyway/>

²⁹<https://www.principles.com/>

³⁰<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/publication/pattern-recognition-machine-learning/>

³¹<https://www.amazon.com/Antidote-Happiness-People-Positive-Thinking/dp/0865478015>

³²<https://deprogrammaticaipsum.com/michael-feathers/>

³³<https://philipmorganconsulting.com/the-positioning-manual-for-technical-firms/>

³⁴<https://www.amazon.com/Blockchain-Dummies-Computers-Tiana-Laurence/dp/1119365597>

³⁵<http://www.charlespetzold.com/code/>

³⁶<http://dijkstrascry.com/dawn>

³⁷<https://mitpress.mit.edu/books/john-von-neumann-and-origins-modern-computing>

³⁸<http://users.dickinson.edu/~jmac/9algorithms/>

³⁹<https://mitpress.mit.edu/9780262512824/building-ibm/>

2016

- The Ghost of my Father⁴⁰ by Steve Berkun
- Leonardo Da Vinci⁴¹ by Charles Nicholl
- Inside Out: A Personal History of Pink Floyd⁴² by Nick Mason
- Effective Java⁴³ by Joshua Bloch
- Advanced Swift⁴⁴ by Chris Eidhof, Ole Begemann, Florian Kugler, and Ben Cohen
- Learning Android⁴⁵ by Marko Gargenta
- Design Patterns for Object-Oriented Software Development⁴⁶ by Wolfgang Pree

Also, 2016 was the year when I officially got rid of my Kindle; I converted all those DRM'd books into open formats, organized them in Calibre⁴⁷, and got myself a fantastic Kobo Aura H2O⁴⁸ reader to enjoy them⁴⁹.

2015

- Obras Completas⁵¹ by Jorge Luis Borges
- Peopleware 3rd edition⁵²
- Agile! The Good, the Hype and the Ugly⁵³ by Bertrand Meyer
- Object-Oriented Software Construction, Second Edition⁵⁴ by Bertrand Meyer
- Becoming a Technical Leader⁵⁵ by Gerald Weinberg
- Convincing Coworkers⁵⁶ by Steve Shogren

2014

- On Grief and Reason⁵⁷ by Joseph Brodsky
- North of Boston⁵⁸ by Robert Frost
- Wondrous Moment⁵⁹ by Alexandre Pushkin
- Final Meeting⁶⁰ by Anna Akhmatova

⁴⁰<https://scottberkun.com/the-ghost-of-my-father/>

⁴¹https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/40129.Leonardo_da_Vinci

⁴²https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inside_Out:_A_Personal_History_of_Pink_Floyd

⁴³<https://www.pearson.com/en-us/subject-catalog/p/effective-java/P200000000138/9780134685991>

⁴⁴<https://www.objc.io/books/advanced-swift/>

⁴⁵<https://www.oreilly.com/library/view/learning-android/9781449304881/>

⁴⁶<https://dl.acm.org/doi/abs/10.5555/189440>

⁴⁷<https://calibre-ebook.com/>

⁴⁸<https://www.pcmag.com/reviews/kobo-aura-h2o>

⁴⁹You can read more about my ebook strategy in this blog⁵⁰.

⁵¹https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jorge_Luis_Borges_bibliography

⁵²<http://www.informit.com/store/peopleware-productive-projects-and-teams-9780321934116>

⁵³<https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-319-05155-0>

⁵⁴<https://archive.eiffel.com/doc/oosc/>

⁵⁵https://geraldmweinberg.com/Site/Technical_Leader.html

⁵⁶<https://leanpub.com/convincingcoworkers>

⁵⁷<https://us.macmillan.com/books/9780374539061/ongriefandreason>

⁵⁸https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_of_Boston

⁵⁹<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/5977679-wondrous-moment>

⁶⁰<https://www.amazon.com/Final-Meeting-Selected-Poetry-Akhmatova/dp/1438234732>

- The Secret Life of Walter Mitty⁶¹ by James Thurber
- The Essays⁶² by Arthur Schopenhauer
- The Art of Literature⁶³ by Arthur Schopenhauer
- NYC Basic Tips and Etiquette⁶⁴ by Nathan W. Pyle
- Too Much Happiness⁶⁵ by Alice Munro
- El Regreso del Jovel Príncipe⁶⁶ by Alejandro Roemmers
- Geek Sublime⁶⁷ by Vikram Chandra
 - An absolute surprise, a delightful read. Astonishing and very, very deep. The geek part is actually almost irrelevant. The key is language, communication, gender, history, preservation, unity, rasa and dhvani through literature and poetry. Extraordinary.
- Jony Ive: The Genius Behind Apple's Greatest Products⁶⁸ by Leander Kahney
- The Swift Programming Language⁶⁹ by Apple
- Using Swift with Cocoa and Objective-C⁷⁰ by Apple
- A Swift Kickstart⁷¹ by Daniel Steinberg
 - I actually was one of the reviewers of this book.

⁶¹https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Secret_Life_of_Walter_Mitty

⁶²<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/10741/10741-h/10741-h.htm>

⁶³<https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/10714>

⁶⁴<https://www.wisebread.com/nyc-basic-tips-and-etiquette>

⁶⁵https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Too_Much_Happiness

⁶⁶<https://elregresodeljovenprincipe.com/>

⁶⁷<https://www.vikramchandra.com/publications/mirrored-mind-geek-sublime/>

⁶⁸<https://www.amazon.com/Jony-Ive-Genius-Greatest-Products/dp/159184617X>

⁶⁹<https://www.apple.com/swift/>

⁷⁰<https://www.apple.com/swift/>

⁷¹<https://editorscut.gumroad.com/l/swift-kickstart>