

# Best Books of 2021

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In 2007<sup>1</sup>, 2008<sup>2</sup>, 2009<sup>3</sup>, 2010<sup>4</sup>, 2011<sup>5</sup>, 2012<sup>6</sup>, and 2013<sup>7</sup> I published lists of books I enjoyed every year. Then I published the list of those I read from 2014 to 2019<sup>8</sup>. I did not keep any records about 2020, that's sad.

Here's the complete list of books I read and enjoyed in 2021. There's a little bit of everything, from poetry to programming to business to philosophy. You can check what I'm reading right now<sup>9</sup> if you're interested, too.

- A Source Book in Mathematics<sup>10</sup>, by David Eugene Smith.
- An Introduction to Statistical Learning<sup>11</sup> by Gareth James, Daniela Witten, Trevor Hastie, and Robert Tibshirani.
- Becoming a Technical Leader<sup>12</sup>, by Gerald M. Weinberg.
- Business Dynamics<sup>13</sup> by John D. Sterman.
- Cloud Without Compromise<sup>14</sup> by Paul Zikopoulos and Christopher Binko.
  - Here are some notes I took<sup>15</sup> while reading it.
- Designing Secure Software<sup>16</sup> by Loren Kohnfelder.
- Effective Python<sup>17</sup> by Brett Slatkin.
- El Libro de Arena<sup>18</sup> by Jorge Luis Borges.
- Freakonomics<sup>19</sup> by Steven Levitt and Stephen Dubner.
- In Pursuit of the Unknown: 17 Equations That Changed the World<sup>20</sup> by Ian Stewart.

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<sup>1</sup>[/blog/best-books-of-2007](#)

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<sup>10</sup>[https://openlibrary.org/books/OL6736284M/A\\_source\\_book\\_in\\_mathematics](https://openlibrary.org/books/OL6736284M/A_source_book_in_mathematics)

<sup>11</sup>[https://web.stanford.edu/~hastie/ISLRv2\\_website.pdf](https://web.stanford.edu/~hastie/ISLRv2_website.pdf)

<sup>12</sup><https://leanpub.com/becomingatechnicalleader>

<sup>13</sup>[http://jsterman.scripts.mit.edu/Business\\_Dynamics.html](http://jsterman.scripts.mit.edu/Business_Dynamics.html)

<sup>14</sup><https://www.ibm.com/resources/books/cloud-without-compromise/>

<sup>15</sup>[/blog/notes-about-cloud-without-compromise/](#)

<sup>16</sup><https://designingsecuresoftware.com/>

<sup>17</sup><https://effectivepython.com/>

<sup>18</sup>[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Book\\_of\\_Sand\\_\(short\\_story\\_collection\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Book_of_Sand_(short_story_collection))

<sup>19</sup><https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Freakonomics>

<sup>20</sup>[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/In\\_Pursuit\\_of\\_the\\_Unknown](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/In_Pursuit_of_the_Unknown)

- Knative in Action<sup>21</sup> by Jacques Chester.
- La Invención de Morel<sup>22</sup> by Adolfo Bioy Casares.
- Principles<sup>23</sup> by Ray Dalio.
- Programmed Inequality<sup>24</sup> by Mar Hicks.
- Speak to Win<sup>25</sup> by Brian Tracy.
- Stancliffe's Hotel<sup>26</sup> by Charlotte Brontë.
- The Goal<sup>27</sup> by Eliyahu M. Goldratt.
- The Problems of Philosophy<sup>28</sup> by Bertrand Russell.
- Thus Spoke Zarathustra<sup>29</sup> by Friedrich Nietzsche.
- Understanding Cryptography<sup>30</sup> by Christof Paar and Jan Pelzl.
- Who Moved My Cheese?<sup>31</sup> by Spencer Johnson.
- Will<sup>32</sup> by Will Smith.

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<sup>21</sup><https://www.manning.com/books/knative-in-action>

<sup>22</sup>[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Invention\\_of\\_Morel](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Invention_of_Morel)

<sup>23</sup><https://www.principles.com/>

<sup>24</sup><https://mitpress.mit.edu/books/programmed-inequality>

<sup>25</sup><https://www.briantracy.com/catalog/speak-to-win>

<sup>26</sup><https://www.penguin.co.uk/books/292/292313/stancliffe-s-hotel/9780241251706.html>

<sup>27</sup>[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Goal\\_\(novel\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Goal_(novel))

<sup>28</sup><https://standardebooks.org/ebooks/bertrand-russell/the-problems-of-philosophy>

<sup>29</sup>[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thus\\_Spoke\\_Zarathustra](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thus_Spoke_Zarathustra)

<sup>30</sup><https://www.crypto-textbook.com/>

<sup>31</sup>[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Who\\_Moved\\_My\\_Cheese%3F](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Who_Moved_My_Cheese%3F)

<sup>32</sup><https://willthebook.com/>