Bill Gates, the co-founder of Microsoft Corp. (MSFT), the world's largest software company, is technology's richest man. Below is a categorized list of his favorite books on each topic:

**Education:**

- [Change.edu: Rebooting for the New Talent Economy](#)
- [Unlocking the Gates: How and Why Leading Universities Are Opening Up Access to Their Courses](#)
- [Class Warfare: Inside the Fight to Fix America's Schools](#)
- [Who's Teaching Your Children?: Why the Teacher Crisis is Worse Than You Think and What Can Be Done About It](#)
- [Work Hard. Be Nice.](#)
- [Liberating Learning](#)
- [Educational Economics: Where Do School Funds Go?](#)
Stretching the School Dollar

Big History: From the Big Bang to the Present

Energy:

- World on the Edge - How to Prevent Environmental and Economic Collapse
- Global Warming: The Complete Briefing
- Beyond Smoke and Mirrors: Climate Change and Energy in the 21st Century
- The Grid: A Journey Through the Heart of Our Electrified World
- Energy Myths and Realities (Book Review)
- Energy Transitions (Book Review)
- Sustainable Energy (Book Review)
- Energy at the Crossroads: Global Perspectives and Uncertainties

- Energies: An Illustrated Guide to the Biosphere and Civilization

- Hot, Flat, and Crowded: Why We Need a Green Revolution--and How It Can Renew America

- The Earth's Biosphere: Evolution, Dynamics and Change

Development:

- How to Spend $50 Billion to Make the World a Better Place
- The Dragon's Gift: The Real Story of China in Africa

- Poor Economics: A Radical Rethinking of the Way to Fight Global Poverty

- The Plundered Planet
Getting Better: Why Global Development is Succeeding

- The Rational Optimist: How Prosperity Evolves (Book Review)
- Why America is Not a New Rome
- Tomorrow's Table: Organic Farming, Genetics, and the Future of Food

- Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed
- Enriching the Earth: Fritz Haber, Carol Bosch and the Transformation of World Food Production
- Global Catastrophes and Trends: The Next Fifty Years
- Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies
- The End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities for Our Time

- The Man Who Fed the World: Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Norman Borlaug and His Battle to End World Hunger
- Redefining Health Care: Creating Value-Based Competition on Results
- Taming the Beloved Beast: How Medical Technology Costs are Destroying Our Health Care System
- The Emperor of all Maladies - A Biography of Cancer

- The Changing Body - Health, Nutrition, and Human Development in the Western World Since 1700

- Retiree Health Plans in the Public Sector: Is There a Funding Crisis?

- Global Health: An Introductory Textbook

- The Tobacco Atlas

• Dirt and Disease: Polio Before FDR

• Epidemics and Pandemics: Their Impacts on Human History

• Priorities in Health

• The Making of a Tropical Disease: A Short History of Malaria
  • Polio: An American Story (Book Review)

• Jim Grant - UNICEF Visionary (Book Review)

• Disease Control Priorities in Developing Countries

• Global Burden of Disease and Risk Factors

• House on Fire: The Fight to Eradicate Smallpox
Mountains Beyond Mountains

Smallpox the Death of a Disease: The Inside Story of Eradicating a Worldwide Killer

Tropical Infectious Diseases: Principles, Pathogens and Practice

Vaccine: The Controversial Story of Medicine's Greatest Lifesaver

Personal:

For the Love of Physics (Book Review)

That Used to be Us: How America Fell Behind in the World it Invented and How We Can Come Back (Book Review)

The Computer and the Brain

50 Physics Ideas You Really Need to Know

Giant Molecules: From Nylon to Nanotubes
The Hair of the Dog - and other Scientific Surprises

Post-Capitalist Society

On Intelligence

How to Run the World: Charting a Course to the Next Renaissance

The Big Short: Inside the Doomsday Machine

What Does China Think?

Giving it all Away: The Doris Buffett Story

Frank Stewart's Bridge Club

Prime Movers of Globalization: The History and Impact of Diesel Engines and Gas Turbines (Book Review)
- Where Good Ideas Come From: The Natural History of Innovation (Book Review)

- The New Science of Strong Materials (Book Review)

- A Champion’s Mind: Lessons from a Life in Tennis

- Memoirs: A Twentieth-Century Journey in Science and Politics

- Outliers: The Story of Success

- Weather for Dummies

- The Black Swan: The Impact of the Highly Improbable

- The Beak of the Finch: A Story of Evolution in Our Time

- One Minute to Midnight: Kennedy, Khrushchev, and Castro on the Brink of Nuclear War

- 13 Things that Don't Make Sense: The Most Baffling Scientific Mysteries of Our Time

- Philanthrocapitalism: How the Rich Can Save the World
- The Ten Most Beautiful Experiments

- A Guide to the Elements

- Molecules at an Exhibition: Portraits of Intriguing Materials in Everyday Life

- Wheels, Clocks and Rockets: A History of Technology

- Beyond the Crash: Overcoming the First Crisis of Globalization

- The Foundation: A Great American Secret; How Private Wealth is Changing the World

- Lords of Finance: The Bankers Who Broke the World

- A Life Decoded: My Genome: My Life

- The Post-American World
• **In Fed We Trust** (Book Review)
  
  **SuperFreakonomics** (Book Review)

• **A Separate Peace**

• **Brain Rules: 12 Principles for Surviving and Thriving at Work, Home, and School**

• **Broken Genius: The Rise and Fall of William Shockley, Creator of the Electronic Age**

• **Creating the Twentieth Century: Technical Innovations of 1867-1914 and Their Lasting Impact (Technical Revolutions and Their Lasting Impact)**

• **Crisis Economics: A Crash Course in the Future of Finance**

• **Einstein: His Life and Universe**

• **Give Smart: Philanthropy that Gets Results**

• **Open: An Autobiography**
- Physics for Dummies

- Physics for Future Presidents: The Science Behind the Headlines

- Poor Charlie’s Almanack: The Wit and Wisdom of Charles T. Munger

- Showing Up for Life

- The Catcher in the Rye

- The Feynman Lectures On Physics, Vol. 1: Mainly Mechanics, Radiation, And Heat

- The Feynman Lectures On Physics, The Definitive Edition Volume 2

- The Feynman Lectures On Physics, The Definitive Edition Volume 3
The World is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-First Century

Too Big to Fail: The Inside Story of How Wall Street and Washington Fought to Save the Financial System -- and Themselves