Charlie Munger's Books: Recommended Reading List

Charlie Munger is most of the time in the shadow of his partner, Warren Buffett.

However Munger is one of the best investors of our time (you can see more on Munger's resource page). Munger is known to read quite a lot of books on varying topics.

Here are some quotes from Munger on the topic:

“We read a lot. I don't know anyone who's wise who doesn’t read a lot. But that's not enough: You have to have a temperament to grab ideas and do sensible things. Most people don’t grab the right ideas or don’t know what to do with them.” http://www.tilsonfunds.com/brkmtg04notes.doc

“In my whole life, I have known no wise people (over a broad subject matter area) who didn’t read all the time – none, zero. You’d be amazed at how much Warren reads – at how much I read. My children laugh at me. They think I’m a book with a couple of legs sticking out.”

“…by regularly reading business newspaper and magazines I am exposed to an enormous amount of material at the micro level.. I find that what I see going on there pretty much informs me about what’s happening at the macro level.”

Below are a list of 20 books recommended by Munger and three books about Charlie Munger. I have not read it, but have heard from many that Poor Charlie's Almanack: The Wit and Wisdom of Charles T. Munger is by far the best book on Munger.

BOOKS RECOMMENDED BY CHARLIE MUNGER

1. Fiasco: The Inside Story of a Wall Street Trader by Frank Partnoy
2. Ice Age by John & Mary Gribbin
3. Deep Simplicity by John Gribbin
4. How the Scots Invented the Modern World: The True Story of How Western Europe's Poorest Nation Created Our World & Everything in It by Arthur Herman
5. Models of My Life by Herb Simon
7. Andrew Carnegie by Joseph Frazier Wall
9. The Third Chimpanzee by Jared Diamond
10. Influence: The Psychology of Persuasion by Robert B. Cialdini
11. Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin
12. Living within Limits: Ecology, Economics, and Population Taboos by Garrett Hardin
13. The Selfish Gene by Richard Dawkins
14. Titan: The Life of John D. Rockefeller, Sr., Sr. by Ron Chernow
16. The Warren Buffett Portfolio: Mastering the Power of the Focus Investment Strategy by Robert Hagstrom
17. Genome: The Autobiography of a Species in 23 Chapters (P.S.) by Matt Ridley
18. Getting It Done: How to Lead When You're Not in Charge by Roger Fisher and Alan Sharp
20. Only the Paranoid Survive by Andy Grove

BOOKS ON and By CHARLIE MUNGER

Seeking Wisdom: From Darwin to Munger by Peter Bevelin (2008)


Of Permanent Value by Andrew Kilpatrick

Charlie Munger's full resource page can be found here.