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BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS AND USEFUL LINKS

Book recommendations

There are a series of books that describe the changing world we live in, below is a list of some of the those I have found particularly interesting:

Fooled by Randomness – the hidden role of chance in life and in the markets
by Nassim Nicholas Taleb

Paperback: 368 pages

Publisher: Penguin (3 May 2007)

Language English

ISBN-10: 0141031484

ISBN-13: 978-0141031484

- sold by Amazon.co.uk (pb new £6.49)

The Wisdom of Crowds – why the many are smarter than the few James
Surowiecki

Paperback: 320 pages

Publisher: Abacus; New edition edition (3 Mar 2005)

Language English

ISBN-10: 0349116059

ISBN-13: 978-0349116051

- Sold by Amazon (pb: £5.99)

In Spite of the Gods – the strange rise of modern India by Edward Luce
(not sold directly by Amazon – via resellers)

The Paradox of Choice – why more is less by Barry Schwartz

Paperback: 304 pages

Publisher: HarperCollins; New edition edition (1 Feb 2005)

Language English

ISBN-10: 0060005696

ISBN-13: 978-0060005696

- sold by Amazon – pb: £7.99

Who's your city how the creative economy is making where to live the most important decision of your life by Richard Florida

Hardcover: 384 pages

Publisher: Basic Books Inc.,U.S. (19 Feb 2008)

Language English

ISBN-10: 0465003524

ISBN-13: 978-0465003525

- sold by Amazon – hb: £15.99

The Rise of the Creative Class and how it's transforming work, leisure, community and everyday life by Richard Florida

Paperback: 434 pages

Publisher: Basic Books; New edition edition (4 Dec 2003)

Language English

ISBN-10: 0465024777

ISBN-13: 978-0465024773

- sold by Amazon – pb: £9.99

The Tipping Point by Malcolm Gladwell

Paperback: 288 pages

Publisher: Abacus; New edition edition (14 Feb 2002)

Language English

ISBN-10: 0349113467

ISBN-13: 978-0349113463

- sold by Amazon – pb: £5.99

Freakonomics by Steven D Levitt and Steven J Dubner

Paperback: 336 pages

Publisher: Penguin (18 Jun 2007)

Language English

ISBN-10: 0141019018

ISBN-13: 978-0141019017

- sold by Amazon pb £4.99

The Long Tail: How Endless Choice is Creating Unlimited Demand by Chris Anderson

Paperback: 256 pages

Publisher: Random House Business Books (3 May 2007)

Language English

ISBN-10: 1844138518

ISBN-13: 978-1844138517

- sold by Amazon pb: £6.69

The Long Tail: How Endless Choice is Creating Unlimited Demand
[Audiobook] (Audio CD)

Audio CD (£11.24)

Publisher: Random House Audiobooks (3 May 2007)

Language English

ISBN-10: 1846570875

ISBN-13: 978-1846570872

The Black Swan: The Impact of the Highly Improbable by Nassim Nicholas Taleb

Paperback: 400 pages

Publisher: Penguin (28 Feb 2008)

Language English

ISBN-10: 0141034599

ISBN-13: 978-0141034591

- sold by Amazon pb: £5.29

Wikinomics by Dan Tapschott and Antony D Williams

Paperback: 336 pages

Publisher: Atlantic Books (1 Jun 2008)

Language English

ISBN-10: 184354637X

ISBN-13: 978-1843546375

- sold by Amazon pb: £6.19

The following books take a much broader sweep of things and here are some I have found interesting: -

From Dawn to Decadence Jacques Barzun
Paperback: 912 pages
Publisher: Harper Perennial; 1 edition (May 2001)
Language English
ISBN-10: 0060928832
ISBN-13: 978-0060928834
- sold by Amazon resellers

The Flickering Mind Saving Education from the false promise of technology
by Todd Oppenheimer
Paperback: 528 pages
Publisher: Random House USA Inc; New title edition (Dec 2004)
Language English
ISBN-10: 0812968433
ISBN-13: 978-0812968439
- sold by Amazon pb £8.64

Biomimicry – Innovation Inspired by Nature by Janine M. Benyus
Paperback: 320 pages
Publisher: HarperCollins (31 Jan 2003)
Language English
ISBN-10: 0060533226
ISBN-13: 978-0060533229
- not sold directly by Amazon

Natural Capitalism – the next industrial revolution by Paul Hawken, Amory B.
Lovins, L. Hunter Lovins
Paperback: 416 pages
Publisher: Earthscan Ltd; New edition edition (1 Nov 2000)
Language English
ISBN-10: 1853837636
ISBN-13: 978-1853837630
- not sold directly by Amazon

Collapse – how societies choose to fail or succeed by Jared Diamond

Paperback: 592 pages

Publisher: Penguin (26 Jan 2006)

Language English

ISBN-10: 0140279512

ISBN-13: 978-0140279511

- sold by Amazon £7.69

The Wake of Imagination by Richard Kearney

Paperback: 467 pages

Publisher: Routledge; 1 edition (28 April 1988)

Language English

ISBN-10: 0415119502

ISBN-13: 978-0415119504

- sold by Amazon £22.79

Arts & Physics – parallel visions in space, time and light by Leonard Shlain

Paperback: 496 pages

Publisher: Harper Perennial (Mar 2007)

Language English

ISBN-10: 0061227978

ISBN-13: 978-0061227974

- sold by Amazon resellers

The Passion of the Western Mind: Understanding the Ideas That Have shaped
Our World View by Richard Tarnas

Paperback: 544 pages

Publisher: Pimlico (4 Jul 1996)

Language English

ISBN-10: 0712673326

ISBN-13: 978-0712673327

- sold by Amazon £11.99

Looking at the urban arena there are a number of classic books which are well worth reading: -

The City in History: its origins, its transformations, and its prospects by Lewis Mumford

Paperback: 657 pages

Publisher: Harcourt Brace International (31 Dec 1968)

Language English

ISBN-10: 0156180359

ISBN-13: 978-0156180351

- sold by Amazon resellers

Death and Life of Great American Cities by Jane Jacobs

Hardcover: 624 pages

Publisher: Random House Inc; New edition (30 Jun 1997)

Language English

ISBN-10: 0679600477

ISBN-13: 978-0679600473

- sold by Amazon hb: £14.99

The Image of the City by Kevin Lynch

Paperback: 202 pages

Publisher: The MIT Press (1 Jan 1960)

Language English

ISBN-10: 0262620014

ISBN-13: 978-0262620017

- sold by Amazon pb: £12.55

Cities of Tomorrow: an intellectual history of urban planning and design in the twentieth century by Peter Hall

Paperback: 502 pages

Publisher: Wiley/ Blackwell; 2nd Revised edition (28 Dec 1996)

Language English

ISBN-10: 0631199438

ISBN-13: 978-0631199434

- sold by Amazon Resellers

Furthermore here are some artists whose work I find extremely interesting

Anish Kapoor: Past, Present, Future by Baume and Nicholas

Hardcover: 144 pages

Publisher: The MIT Press (31 Aug 2008)

Language English

ISBN-10: 0262026597

ISBN-13: 978-0262026598

- sold by Amazon £15.15

Anish Kapoor: To Darkness: Svayambh

Hardcover: 160 pages

Publisher: Prestel; 1 edition (10 Mar 2008)

Language English

ISBN-10: 3791339680

ISBN-13: 978-3791339689

- sold by Amazon £22.99

Andy Goldsworthy by Andy Goldsworthy

Hardcover: 120 pages

Publisher: Harry N. Abrams, Inc. (1 Jan 1998)

Language English

ISBN-10: 0810933519

ISBN-13: 978-0810933514

- sold by Amazon £26.49

Passage by Andy Goldsworthy

Hardcover: 168 pages

Publisher: Thames & Hudson Ltd (Oct 2004)

Language English

ISBN-10: 0500511918

ISBN-13: 978-0500511916

- sold by Amazon hb: £26.49

Wood by Andy Goldsworthy

Hardcover: 120 pages

Publisher: Harry N. Abrams, Inc. (1 Jan 1998)

Language English

ISBN-10: 0810939924

ISBN-13: 978-0810939929
- sold by Amazon hb: £32.00

James Turrell: A Life in Light by Michael Hue-Williams and Andrew
Graham-Dixon James Turrell

Hardcover: 75 pages

Publisher: Somogy Editions d'Art, France (11 Dec 2007)

Language English

ISBN-10: 2757201026

ISBN-13: 978-2757201022

- sold by Amazon hb: £23.75

Antony Gormley: Blind Light by W.J.T. Mitchell, Susan Stewart, and
Anthony Vidler (Hardcover - 1 May 2007)

Hardcover: 160 pages

Publisher: Hayward Gallery Publishing (1 May 2007)

Language English

ISBN-10: 185332258X

ISBN-13: 978-1853322587

- sold by Amazon hb £26.59

Useful links:

- Comedia is Charles Landry's own company and its web site is found at www.comedia.org.uk
- Carol Coletta's Smart Cities programme is at www.smartcityconsulting.com
- **CEOs for Cities** is a cross sector network of urban leaders dedicated to speeding innovation in cities.
- Richard Florida's website is www.creativeclass.org
- Doors of Perception (Doors) is an international conference and knowledge network which sets new agendas for design - in particular, the design agenda for information and communication technologies (ICTs). www.doorsofperception.com/
- **The Young Foundation** is a centre for social innovation based in East London - combining practical projects, the creation of new enterprises, research and publishing
- www.interculturalcity.com A Comedia website dedicated to the themes and issues of the Intercultural City.
- **Demos** is the think tank for " democracy". Their aim is to put this idea into practice by working with organisations in ways that make them more effective and legitimate.
- In Australia, **Brecknock Consulting** work with their clients on a range of cultural planning and policy initiatives such as establishing community needs and formulating policies and strategies to address these needs.
- **Brave New Traveller** is an interesting and unusual travel site.
- **The website of Braddock, USA** - a remarkable local authority website
- **Creative Exchange**. A resource centre for information on culture and international development and social change.
- **LabforCulture.org**. A networking platform for information on European arts and culture.