Twitter Thread by Ankur Warikoo

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My top books I read in 2020

A thread...

Almanack of Naval Ravikant
What a stunning and thoughtful compilation of @naval's work and words.
I predict that this is going to define a new industry - curating public content of thought leaders and converting them into books.

https://t.co/sHFCsvr4Jk

Waking Up: Search for spirituality without religion
@SamHarris provoked me through this book and offered me, an atheist, a lot to think about.
Pick up his works!

https://t.co/pcM5c7GkGo

Psychology of Money
My most awaited book of this year, since the day @morganhousel announced his book.
A must read for all ages, especially those in their 20s.

I predict this to reach levels of "Rich Dad Poor Dad" over the next 10 years

https://t.co/WGiowzQCCO

Courage to be disliked
What a stunner! Challenges most of our tightly-held beliefs and I found myself nodding more often than not through the book.

Not for the faint-hearted.

https://t.co/ixHN5DUwOT

One from many: VISA and the rise of chaordic organization
This was the biggest surprise of 2020. I started it with little expectations and was blown away by the story of how VISA came to being. Much read for all fin-tech enthusiasts.

https://t.co/EEM5ELUYQD

What you do is who you are
@bhorowitz strikes again, after HTAHT. This is a different yet joyous read from his earlier book and does the job well of establishing culture as a critical input to business success.

https://t.co/q3BKTycEBb

Siddhartha: An Indian Tale
This was a long time due book and I am so glad I got to it this year. Any other year I may not have appreciated it as much. Such a powerful book to read and reflect upon. Set during the time of the Buddha

https://t.co/c0dcJsxeko

No Rules Rules
@reedhastings first book. if you have read the Netflix Culture Deck, then this is a great follow up book. A must-read for all founders and business leaders.

https://t.co/4sfV9nhMR5

Laws of human nature
@RobertGreene calls a spade a spade. And this book brings all his spades together!
It is hard-hitting, it is unapologetically real and it kept me hooked.

https://t.co/ZVh1u9cWs7

The moral animal: The new science of evolutionary psychology
This is hands down the most provocative science books that I have read. Gripping read, that tries to explain why we are the way we are!

https://t.co/OS61IKfLJ9

Range: how generalists triumph in a specialized world
If you want the class generalist vs specialist question answered, this is the book for you. @DavidEpstein has written a beauty. One of the best reads of the year for me.

https://t.co/bDsFagbcgP

Awareness: They key to living in balance
This is was my first read by OSHO and I quite liked it. In more ways than I expected, he made a lot of sense and his ideas were hard to not appreciate.

I would surely recommend this to many.

https://t.co/Wveb1sYBhu

On the shortness of life
I remain such an admirer of Seneca and his timeless wisdom. And every year find myself going back to some form of Stoic reading. This book was my highlight from the year.

https://t.co/ehdxK9C443

I tracked some numbers down for 2020

1. This year I read 37 books
2. 5 of them were re-reads
3. Of the 32 new books, I didn't complete 9 of them (Autobiography of Yogi being the most important one that I wish I had)
4. There were 47 days in 2020 when I did not read at all

In addition to these books, I also converted 5 of my twitter threads in illustrated eBooks

You can download them for free here
https://t.co/Kf4xzkFPWs

Here is a thread I wrote about how I read my books

https://t.co/daBa0uW5no

> How I read my books
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> A thread...
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> — Ankur Warikoo (@warikoo) October 16, 2020

Here are 20 books that have benefitted me a lot in life

https://t.co/ytFYYFqodw

> 20 books that helped me, more than years of school or college ever will.
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> A thread...
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> — Ankur Warikoo (@warikoo) September 18, 2020

I would love recommendations for 2021 (am building my list right now)

I love reading
Entrepreneurship

Human Psychology
Philosophy
Autobiographies/Biographies

PS: I only read non-fiction.
No - I don't intend to change that :)