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20 books to read in your 20s

A thread...

Tuesday's with Morrie

I chanced upon this book in 1st yr of college and I am so glad I did. It gave me a perspective that I hadn't had until then, about the significance of life.

https://t.co/yZhxBDFFVZ

The Subtle Art of not giving a F*ck

So much of our 20s are spent in caring about what others think of us. This book changed and challenged so many views around that. While I read this book in my last 30s, I wish it was there when I was young!

https://t.co/RY8sfCOUaD

The Alchemist

This book introduced to me the power of belief. And I think that has stayed with me!

https://t.co/nUXSxulN2k

Man's search for meaning

This book, from the eyes of a Jew in a Nazi concentration camp, is about my favorite thing in the world.
Hope.

https://t.co/swLPAqHDV2

How to win friends and influence people

Such a powerful book early in one's life. To me, this is the OG of self-help books.
Helped me immensely.

https://t.co/6Na7MMSdzs

Quiet: The power of introverts

Growing up as an introvert, this book (though late in life) helped me immensely in finding my own power. And how, my introvertism is my strength.

https://t.co/XeUPoo97Sb

Wait, how do I write this email

I LOVE cold emails. And while I have learnt the tricks of it through trial and error, this book does such a great job of making cold emails a predictable process.

https://t.co/2rtfMVY49S

Linchpin: Are you indispensable?

This book changed me meaningfully. It set my ways of working as professional in many ways. And I have been an admirer of Seth Godin ever since.

https://t.co/Nvdugl0gUE

Start with why

I recall watching @simonsinek's Golden Circle Video and being mind blown at the simplicity and the power of it.
This book laid all of its power, in prose.
Must read for all managers and leaders.

https://t.co/2Mfhd7ni8F

Mindset

I would call this book a reflection of how I think. The growth mindset has become a way of life. And I now know, is a habit that can be formed, by anyone!

https://t.co/2jsBYLFVH5

The defining decade

PLEASE pick this book up, irrespective of where you are in your 20s. This book details why this decade will shape up almost everything you will experience in life then on!

https://t.co/PI1PTPRYhh

Freakonomics

Being a science student, this book made economics fun for me. Because it picked up the real world, as I saw it, and then explained why I saw it the way I did.
Stunning book. And funny too :)

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A short history of nearly everything

I got to admit - I picked this booked up because I thought it will help me become "smart" about everything, at a surface level. But I LOVED how it covered everything from the Big Bang to today, with such simplicity

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Sapiens

This is a stunner of a book. My suggestion - read the above one first and then pick up Sapiens.
I understood money and religion better through this book, than anything else ever before!

https://t.co/rzqbyfcETO

Rich dad Poor dad

Growing up without money, I used to think the lack of it was the root cause of all our problems. And often wondered why my hard working parents could never make money.
This book told me why.
The BEST introduction to money.

https://t.co/x4mW8srlZs

Thinking, fast and slow

A terrific book if you wish to explore the power and depths of how we think. This book exposed me to my own blind spots, most of which I still have but am aware of them now.

https://t.co/Isl17N3Tz0

Wings of Fire: Abdul Kamal's Autobiography

This is an inspiring story that few others will be able to replicate. From nothing, APJ rose to become a successful scientist and then the President of India. Remaining true to his past, always!
Brilliant read.

https://t.co/YuaPTwA5u2

Beyond the last blue mountain: JRD Tata's Biography

The Tata group has always fascinated me. And reading about JRD's life made me realize why. He did something simple - made a company exactly the way he was in person!

https://t.co/K6MZkezfYo

Atomic Habits

Read this book in your 20s and then thank me!
This is a game changer.
This book lays down on paper how I lived my past decade.
Set habits, not goals!

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Ikigai

If you aren't aware of the concept of Ikigai, this is a good start. If you are already aware, go deeper into the subject.
It may well be the best thing you will do for yourself.

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