

Reading Recommendations for Parents

Parents - Challenge yourselves - read something you have perhaps not read previously! Indulge yourself with classic fiction like Jane Austen or Charles Dickens or challenge yourself to explore John Milton or Dante or spend time learning about education before your kids go back to school.

Recommended books from Hillsdale:

- <https://www.hillsdale.edu/hillsdale-blog/academics/recommended-reading-english-professors-suggest-great-literature/>
- <https://www.hillsdale.edu/hillsdale-blog/academics/hillsdales-list-top-ten-books-youve-got-to-read/>

Recommended by Dennis Prager

- <https://www.goodbooks.io/people/dennis-prager>

Great American novels:

- <https://americanliterature.com/twenty-five-great-american-novels/>

Books on Education:

- *Why Johnny Can't Read* by Rudolph Flesch. The classic book on the failure of look-say methods to teach reading.
- *Dumbing Us Down* by John Taylor Gatto. Award winning teacher explains how compulsory schooling has ruined learning.
- *Cultural Literacy* by E.D. Hirsch. Author of the Core Knowledge Curriculum explains the importance of a shared cultural literacy.
- *The Story Killers* by Terrence Moore. More than just a book explaining the pitfalls of Common Core, this book explains why literature is important.
- *Indoctrinating Our Children to Death* by Alex Newman. Exposes the history of how we got to the point where only 1/3 of American children are proficient in any subject.