

WHAT TO READ 2013

Last January, we started the year with [What to Read](#) (1/03). It was a list of books I'd read during 2012. So many of you found it useful that I thought I'd provide such a list for 2013.

I thought I'd do this now, a week before Christmas, to give you a chance to provide a Christmas present from the list. The links are to the Kindle edition on Amazon, each with multiple comments and quotes. You can inexpensively gift someone instantly with the Kindle edition - I read all of these on my iPad - while there's still time for Amazon to deliver a hard copy, or there's your local bookstore.

I kept the list not to all the books I read this year, but to just those I thought would be of real interest to TTPers. There are several I think it quite important for you to consider. I'm sure you'll find at least one or two fascinating either for yourself or someone you care for. Or a regressive libtard you want to educate and/or infuriate.

And, please let us know on the Forum what books rang your bell this year. Here we go.

[Civilian Warriors: The Inside Story of Blackwater and the Unsung Heroes of the War on Terror](#)
Erik Prince

I've known Erik since he was 15 years old, as his father Ed was my friend. Ed Prince was one of the finest men I've ever known - and Erik is the same. Erik is an extraordinary American hero and patriot - and who was treacherously betrayed by his country's leaders. His book just came out last month, and I cannot recommend it more highly. If we ever get a rational pro-American government again, Erik should be our #1 choice for Secretary of Defense.

[The Frackers: The Outrageous Inside Story of the New Billionaire Wildcatters](#)
Gregory Zuckerman

Absolutely inspirational - a story of entrepreneurial capitalism at its heroic world-changing best.

[Knowledge and Power: The Information Theory of Capitalism and How It Is Revolutionizing Our World](#)
George Gilder

This is Gilder at his best. Stunningly insightful with a whole new perspective on how capitalism optimally functions.

[Antifragile: Things That Gain From Disorder](#)
Nassim Nicholas Taleb

The follow up to his famous *The Black Swan*, Taleb should be read along with Gilder. While centralized economies like the one Zero wants can't handle black swans (which always occur) and are thus fragile, decentralized entrepreneurial capitalist economies not only can but thrive with them. Thus they are "antifragile." Truly groundbreaking.

[Ubiquity: Why Catastrophes Happen](#)

Mark Buchanan

This is the book Skye wants us all to read. It explores the "inherent instability of complex systems" and how we can understand why Taleb's "black swans" happen and inevitably. Right now, ours, China's and other major economies are on top of Buchanan's "sandpile of self-induced criticality." Reading the Gilder-Taleb-Buchanan triptych will stretch your mind like a rubber band.

[Breakout: Pioneers of the Future, Prison Guards of the Past, and the Epic Battle That Will Decide America's Fate](#)

Newt Gingrich

We discussed Newt's new book last week in [Prison Guards of the Past](#).

[America 3.0: Rebooting American Prosperity in the 21st Century - Why America's Greatest Days Are Yet To Come](#)

James Bennett & Michael Lotus

See [From 9/11 to 3.0](#) (this past September).

[Fate of the States: The New Geography of American Prosperity](#)

Meredith Whitney

One of *Fortune* magazine's 50 most powerful women in business explains how the future of Red State-Fly Over America is so much brighter than Blue State obsolescence.

[Inventing Freedom: How the English-Speaking Peoples Made the Modern World](#)

Daniel Hannan

A Brit whom we publish on TTP, Hannan provides a marvelous Anti-PC history of our founding principles of representative democracy, protection of property rights, the sanctity of law, and the inalienable rights of the individual. A terrific antidote to the mind-poison any young person you know is being infected with in school.

[America The Beautiful: Rediscovering What Made This Nation Great](#)

Benjamin Carson, MD

You will not find a more inspiring American than Dr. Carson, nor a more inspiring book about our country. For anyone with a Kindle, at \$2.99 this is the best possible gift you can give them.

[The Liberty Amendments: Restoring the American Republic](#)

Mark Levin

See [How Do We Fix America?](#) from last August.

[Extortion: How Politicians Extort Your Money, Buy Votes, and Line Their Own Pockets](#)

Peter Schweizer

Finally, an explanation of how Washington really works, by extorting vast "donations" from businesses which if they don't pay up get legislatively or bureaucratically bankrupted (or criminalized). Dems have perfected the shakedown racket, but Pubs can play the game well. The Left argues that the rich and powerful capitalists control Washington. Schweizer shows it's the other way around.

[Theodore and Woodrow: How Two American Presidents Destroyed Constitutional Freedoms](#)

Judge Andrew Napolitano

The title says it all. You know the Judge from Fox News. What I don't know is what my grandfather Lucien would say, who was the chief of the Secret Service Presidential Bodyguard for both.

[Coolidge](#)

Amity Shlaes

An enlightening biography of a great and leftie-maligned president. You'll understand why Ronald Reagan admired Coolidge so much he hung his portrait in the White House Cabinet Room next to Thomas Jefferson.

[The Forgotten Man: A New History of the Great Depression](#)

Amity Shlaes

The real story of how real ordinary people suffered under the leftist unconstitutional incompetence of Roosevelt's New Deal in the 1930s.

[Stalin's Secret Agents: The Subversion of Roosevelt's Government](#)

M. Stanton Evans & Herbert Romerstein

See [Obama Is A Piker](#) from last May.

[The Idiot Vote: The Democrats' Core Constituency](#)

Harry Stein

Harry explains not only how and why Democrats depend on morons to keep them in power - as with Zero in 2012 - but have done so since their inception with Andrew Jackson. His history of the Dem Party is as bulls-eye concise as it is hysterically funny.

[You Hear Me, Barack? PC-Free Conservative Satire](#)

Steve Grammatico

Warning: you may not be able to handle this and collapse in tear-streaming spasms of laughter. Here's everyone skewered, from Zero, Carney, Axelrod, Kerry, the PIAPS, Pelosi, Jarrett, Reid, Matthews, on and on - and of course, the Mooch herself, the First Witch - "*You hear me, Barack??!!*" Give it to your every right-thinking friend, and especially to every libtard one (if you're cursed with any).

And lastly but foremost:

[The Jade Steps.](#)

The one book on this list I most encourage you to read - and buy a copy of for every friend you have in the world! And feel completely free to add your Customer Review!

So - enlighten, entertain, and educate your friends for Christmas, and do the same for yourself. Enjoy!