

Books on Applied Linguistics that are worth reading

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Books of general interest that are worth reading

- 21 Lessons for the 21st Century - Yuval Noah Harari
- Alex through the Looking Glass - Alex Bellos
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- Algorithms to live by - Brian Christian and Tom Griffiths
- An optimist's tour of the future - Mark Stevenson
- Bad science - Ben Goldacre
- Behave – Robert Sapolsky
- Built - Roma Agrawal
- Bursts - Albert-Laszlo Barabasi
- Caesar’s Last Breath – Sam Kean
- Collapse - How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed - Jared Diamond
- Command and control - Eric Schlosser
- Corruptible – Brian Klaas
- Cosmosapiens - John Hands
- Criminal – Tom Gash
- Culture: A New World History - Martin Puchner
- Curious - Ian Leslie

Cynical theories – Helen Pluckrose and James Lindsay
Everybody Lies - Seth Stephens-Davidowitz
Exponential - Azeem Azhar
Faster - James Gleick
Future babble - Dan Gardner
God's Jury - Cullen Murphy
Guns, germs and steel - Jared Diamond
Homo Deus - Yuval Noah Harari
How mumbo-jumbo conquered the world - Francis Wheen
How Not to Be Wrong - Jordan Ellenberg
How we got to now - Stephen Johnson
Human Race - Ian Mortimer
Humble Pi – Matt Parker
Information - James Gleick
Invention of science - David Wootton
Iron Curtain – Anne Applebaum
Justice - Michael Sandel
Moonwalking with Einstein - Joshua Foer
Moral tribes - Joshua Greene
Narconomics – Tom Wainwright
No logo - Naomi Klein
Paranormality - Richard Wiseman
Peoplequake - Fred Pearce
Quirkology - Richard Wiseman
Right Hand, Left Hand - Chris McManus
Risk: the science and politics of fear - Dan Gardner
Rites of Peace – Adam Zamoyski
Sapiens - Yuval Noah Harari
Science Fictions – Stuart Ritchie
Stumbling on Happiness - Daniel Gilbert
Suspicious Minds - Rob Brotherton
The Blunders of our Governments - Anthony King and Ivor Crewe
The Body – Bill Bryson
The Code Book - Simon Singh
The Divide – Jason Hickel
The Drunkard's Walk - How Randomness Rules Our Lives - Leonard Mlodinow
The Earth: An Intimate History - Richard Fortey
The Evolution of Everything - Matt Ridley
The invisible gorilla - Christopher Chabris and Daniel Simons
The mismeasure of man - Stephen Jay Gould
The Modern Mind - Peter Watson
The Norm Chronicles - Michael Blastland and David Spiegelhalter
The Rule of Laws – Fernanda Pirie
The Shallows - Nicholas Carr
The Square and the Tower – Niall Ferguson
The System – James Ball

The tiger that isn't - Michael Blastland and Andrew Dilnot
The Weirdest People in the World – Joseph Henrich
The world until yesterday - Jared Diamond
Thinking fast and slow - Daniel Kahneman
Traffic - Tom Vanderbilt
Unfinished Empire - John Darwin
Upheaval – Jared Diamond
War: what is it good for? - Ian Morris
Weapons of Math Destruction – Cathy O’Neil
Why the West rules for now – Ian Morris

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