

Books published in my lifetime, which I consider important
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- Atlas Shrugged by Ayn Rand is undoubtedly the most important book published in my lifetime.

In novel form, Atlas Shrugged defined a philosophical system, including a moral code, that is based on the objective needs of human life. She called this philosophy Objectivism. It's not enough for me to say I agree with Objectivism; after studying it for over 50 years, I now consider myself a living example of the philosophy.

Ayn Rand also wrote three other novels:

- The Fountainhead. Because of its philosophy, this is the most anti-drug, anti-alcoholism, anti-depression and anti-suicide novel you (or a teen you know) could read. Any teen reading this, and even partially understanding and agreeing with its theme, will be immune to the kind of peer pressure that could easily lead to destruction.

- We the Living.

- Anthem.

Ayn Rand wrote non-fiction, to explain aspects of her philosophy. These were published in:

- The Objectivist Newsletter.

- The Objectivist.

- The Ayn Rand Letter.

Collections of her essays were also published. This is not an exhaustive list:

- The Virtue of Selfishness.

- Capitalism: The Unknown Ideal.

- The Romantic Manifesto.

- Philosophy: Who Needs It.

Leonard Peikoff learned Objectivism in detail directly from Ayn Rand. He did the following vital books:

- The Ominous Parallels. This book analyzes the philosophy that led to the founding of the United States; this insight alone makes this book valuable. He then analyzes the philosophy that gave rise to Nazism in Germany, and finds alarming similarities in modern American trends.

- Objectivism: The Philosophy of Ayn Rand. This is a start-to-finish textbook of the philosophy of Objectivism, something Ayn Rand never completed in her lifetime.

- The DIM Hypothesis. "DIM" stands for:

 - D — disintegrated

 - I — integrated

 - M — misintegrated

The book analyzes historical trends from the perspective of how well ideas were integrated. It not only helps you understand history; it makes current events much more clear.

- America's Revolutionary Mind: A Moral History of the American Revolution and the Declaration That Defined It, by C. Bradley Thompson. Important for understanding the origins of America, of which many people (especially politicians of every stripe) are unaware.

- Fossil Future: Why Global Human Flourishing Requires More Oil, Coal, and Natural Gas—Not Less, by Alex Epstein. This book demonstrates, among other things, why abandoning

fossil fuels, as eco-fascists advocate, would result in mass human death. While that is desirable for consistent, dedicated environmentalists, many people mistakenly believe they are promoting human life by advocating banning fossil fuels. This book will set the honestly mistaken people straight. The author has been attacked for being a philosopher, and not a scientist (you know, scientists like Al Gore, Greta, or AOC). But in reading this book will give you an insight into why it was important that a philosopher bring everything involved in this subject together, and explain it coherently. It shows that, without philosophy, “science” itself is lost, and degrades into non-scientific dogma.

- **Why Johnny Still Can't Read or Write or Understand Math: And What We Can Do About It**, by Andrew Bernstein. For those interested in giving their children education, as opposed to indoctrination.

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