

Economics - Book Recommendations

Introductory

- **A little History of Economics** by Niall Kishtainy- condenses 2000 years of thought down to 250 highly readable pages. A whistle-stop introduction to the great works and thinkers of each age
- **Talking to my Daughter about the Economy** by Yanis Varoufakis. A brief history of capitalism which explains everything you need to know in order to understand why **economics** is the most important drama of our times.
- **Economix** by Michael Goodwin. A graphic novel that gives the whole story of the economy, from the rise of capitalism to Occupy Wall Street.
- **Poverty Safari** by Darren McGarvey. People from deprived communities all around Britain feel misunderstood and unheard. Darren McGarvey gives voice to their feelings and concerns, and the anger that is spilling over. A good, personal, insight into the consequence and failings of our current economic system. (Good for politics and HSPS as well as Econ.)

A bit more stretching

- **Angrynomics** by Eric Loneragan and Mark Blyth (Explores the rising tide of anger and populism, and proposes radical new solutions for an increasingly polarized and confusing world.) Good if you're interested in politics or PPE.
- **Donut Economics** by Kate Raworth (Identifies the seven main ways in which main stream economics has led us astray and offers an alternative road map.) Lots on sustainability so good if you're interested in ESS, Geography or Land Economy.
- **Another Now** by Yanis Varoufakis (A fictional reimagining of an alternative future without capitalism, integrates politics, philosophy and economics, also great for HSPS)
- **Bad Samaritans** by Ha Joon Chang. The Guilty Secrets of Rich Nations and the Threat to Global Prosperity. He draws on the lessons of history to argue that developing countries must be allowed to integrate on their own terms.

Extension

- **Good Economics for Hard Times**: better answers to our biggest problems by Nobel Prize winners Duflo and Banerjee (Looking at how economics can help us solve inequality, climate change, immigration etc.)
- **How Less is More** by Jason Hickel - looks at the importance of accepting less growth, or degrowth, to deal with issues such as climate change. He is delivering the Fireside talk on Mon 7th Dec 8pm.

- **The Value of Everything** by Mariana Mazzucato (A look at where value is really created in the economy and the problems of financialization.)
- **The Divide** by Jason Hickel (Argues that poor countries are poor because they are integrated into the economic system on unequal terms and therefore the solutions are at a global and institutional level.)
- **The Worldly Philosophers** (A history of the key philosophers and economists who great for Econ & History or PPE)