

## THE ESSENTIAL READING LIST FOR PROGRESSIVES

Author		Book Title	Year	Publisher	Year
First	Last				
Adam	Smith	The Wealth of Nations	1776	Bantam Classics	2003
Alexis	de Tocqueville	Democracy in America	1835	University Of Chicago Press	2002
John Stuart	Mill	On Liberty	1859	Oxford University Press, USA	2008
Herbert	Croly	The Promise of American Life	1909	Bibliolife	2008
John Maynard	Keynes	General Theory of Employment, Interest and Money	1936	Classic House Books	2008
Mohandas	Ghandi	The Essential Gandhi: An Anthology of His Writings on His Life, Work, and Ideas	1948	Vintage	2002
Lionel	Trilling	The Liberal Imagination: Essays on Literature and Society	1950	NYRB Classics	2008
Arthur	Schlesinger, Jr.	The Crisis of the Old Order: 1919-1933 (The Age of Roosevelt, Vol. I)	1957	Mariner Books	2003
Arthur	Schlesinger, Jr.	The Coming of the New Deal: 1933-1935 (The Age of Roosevelt, Vol. II)	1958	Mariner Books	2003
Arthur	Schlesinger, Jr.	The Politics of Upheaval: 1935-1936 (The Age of Roosevelt, Vol. III)	1960	Mariner Books	2003
Michael	Harrington	The Other America: Poverty in the United States	1962	Scribner	1997
Martin Luther	King, Jr.	A Testament of Hope : The Essential Writings and Speeches of Martin Luther King, Jr.	1968	HarperOne	1990
Howard	Zinn	A People's History of the United States: 1492 - Present (updated in 2003)	1980	Harper Perennial	2003
Michael	Harrington	The Politics at God's Funeral: The Spiritual Crisis of Western Civilization	1983	Henry Holt & Co	1983
Garry	Wills	Under God: Religion and American Politics	1990	Simon & Schuster	2007
Garry	Wills	Lincoln at Gettysburg: The Words That Remade America	1992	Simon & Schuster	2006
Barack	Obama	Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance	1995	Crown	2007
Jeremy	Rifkin	The End of Work: The Decline of the Global Labor Force and the Dawn of the Post-Market Era	1995	Tarcher Putnam	1995
Akhil Reed	Amar	The Bill of Rights: Creation and Reconstruction	1998	Yale University Press	2000
Jedediah	Purdy	For Common Things: Irony, Trust, and Commitment in America Today	1999	Knopf Publishing Group	1999
Garry	Wills	A Necessary Evil: A History of American Distrust of Government	1999	Simon & Schuster	2002

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George	Packer	Blood of the Liberals	2000	Farrar, Straus and Giroux	2000
Glenda Elizabeth	Gilmore	Who Were the Progressives? (Historians at Work)	2002	Bedford/St. Martin's	2002
Jedediah	Purdy	<i>Being America: Liberty, Commerce, and Violence in an American World</i>	2003	Knopf Publishing Group	2003
Sam	Harris	The End of Faith: Religion, Terror and the Future of Reason	2004	W.W. Norton & Company	2004
Susan	Jacoby	Free Thinkers: A History of American Secularism	2004	Metropolitan Books	2004
Jeremy	Rifkin	The European Dream: How Europe's Vision of the Future is Quietly Eclipsing the American Dream,	2004	Tarcher	2004
Akhil Reed	Amar	America's Constitution: A Biography	2005	Random House	2005
Michael	Kazin	A Godly Hero: The Life of William Jennings Bryan	2006	Knopf	2006
Barack	Obama	The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream	2006	Crown	2006
Kevin	Phillips	American Theocracy: The Peril and Politics of Radical Religion, Oil, and Borrowed Money in the 21st Century	2006	Viking Adult	2006
Jack	Beatty	Age of Betrayal: The Triumph of Money in America, 1865- 1900	2007	Knopf Publishing Group	2007
Michael	Beschloss	Presidential Courage: Brave Leaders and How They Changed America: 1789 - 1989	2007	Simon & Schuster	2007
Al	Gore	The Assault on Reason	2007	Penguin Press HC	2007
Naomi	Klein	The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism.	2007	Metropolitan Books	2007
Robert	Kuttner	The Squandering of America: How the Failure of Our Politics Undermines Our Prosperity (Vintage)	2007	Vintage	2008
Anthony	Lewis	Freedom for the Thought That We Hate: A Biography of the First Amendment	2007	Basic Books	2008
Thomas L.	Friedman	Hot, Flat, and Crowded: Why We Need a Green Revolution-- and How It Can Renew America	2008	Farrar, Straus and Giroux	2008
Robert	Kuttner	Obama's Challenge: America's Economic Crisis and the Power of a Transformative Presidency	2008	Chelsea Green Publishing	2008