



Dear friends,

The holiday season is a time to pause, reflect, catch our breath and, if we're fortunate, find some inspiration for the year ahead. Many of us also try to find some precious time to catch up on our reading. We decided to canvas some members of the Forum family to see what they planned to read over the holidays. I think you'll agree that the responses we received are fascinating – and might even provide a few ideas for your own list of “must-reads”.

With no guidelines or rules offered, individuals responded with single titles, or sometimes more ambitious lists. Some noted recently-released “hot” books; others plan to savour or re-read classics from a nostalgic past. Also noteworthy is the rich mixture of fiction and non-fiction. Collectively, the titles we've assembled represent a delightful combination of intellectual stimulation and a sheer love of reading.

Please enjoy the list and have a wonderful holiday. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

On behalf of the Public Policy Forum team,

David Mitchell
President & CEO

PPF Holiday Reading Lists

Elyse Allan

President and CEO, GE Canada
Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln, by Doris Kearns Goodwin

Howard Alper

Chair, Science, Technology, and Innovation Council (STIC)
The Apothecary, by Martha Blum
The Lost: A Search for Six Million, by Daniel Mendelsohn

Denise Amyot

President and CEO, Canada Science and Technology Museum Corporation
Suite française, by Irène Nemirowski
L'Ombre du Vent, by Carlos Ruiz Zafón
My Stroke of Insight, by Jill Bolte Taylor
Reluctant Genius: Alexander Graham Bell and the Passion for Invention, by Charlotte Gray

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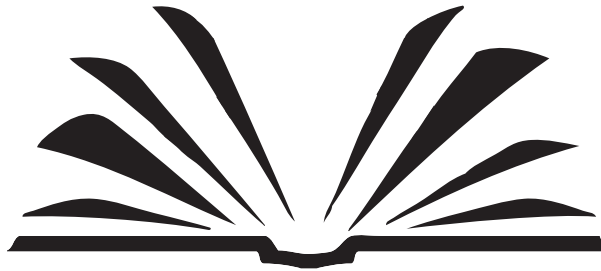


Mauril Bélanger

Member of Parliament, Ottawa-Vanier
Une brève histoire de l'avenir, by Jacques Attali
Green Oil, by Satya Das
Une Gourmandise, by Muriel Barbery
Law and Disorder, by Mary Jane Maffini

Marie Bernard-Meunier

Former Ambassador to Germany
Berlin Noir, by Philip Kerr
L'Énigme du retour by Dany Laferrière



Max Blouw

President and Vice-Chancellor, Wilfrid Laurier University
The Bishop's Man, by Linden MacIntyre
The Private Patient, by P.D. James

David A. Brown

Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP
The Disappeared by Kim Echlin
Open and Shut by John Ibbitson
The Bishop's Man by Linden MacIntyre

Lance Carlson

President & CEO, Alberta College of Art + Design
The Design of Business by Roger Martin
Change by Design by Tim Brown
Glimmer: How design can transform your life and maybe even change the world by Warren Berger

Paul Dewar

Member of Parliament, Ottawa-Centre
Pierre Berton: A Biography, by Brian McKillop

Cassie Doyle

Deputy Minister, Natural Resources Canada
Burmese Lessons: A Love Story, by Karen Connelly
The Girl Who Played with Fire, by Stieg Larsson and Reg Keeland
The End of Energy Obesity: Breaking Today's Energy Addiction for a Prosperous and Secure Tomorrow, by Peter Tertzakian

Chad Gaffield

President, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)
A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens (and other children's classics, to be read to his grandchildren!)

Garnet Garven

Senior Fellow, PPF Western Canada Office
Plugged in: The Generation Y Guide to Thriving at Work, by Tamara Erickson
What's Next, Gen X?: Keeping Up, Moving Ahead, and Getting the Career You Want, by Tamara Erickson

Allan Gregg

Allan Gregg Strategies
Journals: 1952-2000, by Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr.
The First Tycoon: The Epic Life of Cornelius Vanderbilt, by T.J. Stiles

Anne-Marie Hubert

Managing Partner, Ernst & Young LLP
L'Orpheline, by Georges Lafontaine

Shelly Jamieson

Secretary of the Ontario Cabinet, Head of the Ontario Public Service and Clerk of the Ontario Executive Council
The Great Deluge: Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans, and the Mississippi Gulf Coast, by Douglas Brinkley

Tom Jenkins

Executive Chairman and CSO, OpenText
Tuxedo Park, by Jennet Conant
Just Watch Me: The Life of Pierre Elliot Trudeau: 1968-2000, by John English
A Soldier First: Bullets, Bureaucrats and the Politics of War, by Rick Hillier
Mergers & Acquisitions, by Dana Vachon

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Kevin Lynch

Former Clerk of the Privy Council
Imagining India, by Nandan Nilekani
The Inheritance: The World Obama Confronts and the Challenges to American Power, by David E. Sanger

Peter MacLeod

Principal and Co-Founder, Mass LBP
The Politics of Participation: Learning from Canada's Centennial Year, by Helen Davies
Governing the Commons: The Evolution of Institutions for Collective Action, by Elinor Ostrom
Eat Me: The Food Philosophy of Kenny Shopsin, by Kenny Shopsin
Whole Earth Discipline by Stewart Brand

Paul MacMillan

National Public Sector Leader, Deloitte Canada
The Design of Business by Roger Martin

Heather Munroe-Blum

President and Vice-Chancellor, McGill University
Champlain's Dream by David Hackett Fischer
The Bishop's Man by Linden MacIntyre
The Golden Mean by Annabel Lyon

Martha Piper

Former President of UBC
The Wayfinders: Why Ancient Wisdom Matters in the Modern World, by Wade Davis
The Golden Mean, by Annabel Lyon
The Bishop's Man, by Linden MacIntyre
Too Much Happiness, by Alice Munro
Why Your World is About to Get a Whole Lot Smaller: Oil and the End of Globalization, by Jeff Rubin
The Idea of Justice, by Amartya Sen

James Rajotte

Member of Parliament, Edmonton-Leduc
Palace Council, by Stephen L. Carter
Millennium: The End of the World and the Forging of Christendom, by Tom Holland
Fathers and Sons, by Ivan Turgenev

Allan Rock

President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Ottawa
Memories of the Future, by Sigizmund Krzhizhanovsky
L'écureuil Noir, by Daniel Poliquin

Indira Samarasekera

President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Alberta
Sarah's Key: A Novel, by Tatiana De Rosnay
Unscientific America: How Scientific Illiteracy Threatens our Future, by Chris Mooney and Sheril Kirshenbaum
Mercy, by Jodi Piccoult
The End of Energy Obesity: Breaking Today's Energy Addiction for a Prosperous and Secure Tomorrow, by Peter Tertzakian

Carole Taylor

Chair, Economic Advisory Council for Minister of Finance, Canada
Just Watch Me: The Life of Pierre Elliot Trudeau: 1968-2000, by John English

David Turpin

President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Victoria
Googled: The End of the World as We Know It, by Ken Auletta
Ghost Train to the Eastern Star: On the Tracks of the Great Railway Bazaar, by Paul Theroux
Too Much Happiness, by Alice Munro

David Zussman

Jarislowsky Chair in Public Sector Management, University of Ottawa
Predictably Irrational: The Hidden Forces That Shape Our Decisions, by Dan Ariely
If We Can Put a Man on the Moon: Getting Big Things Done in Government, by William D. Eggers and John O'Leary
The Whiskey Rebels: A Novel, by David Liss
Managing, by Henry Mintzberg

