

Reading List.

Most people think all learning happens in a vacuum.

When we think of learning, we picture a rigid school schedule, workbooks and structured lesson plans. That's not how it needs to be. Bettering yourself personally and growing professionally are your prerogative and yours alone.

That's what our company, UnCollege Gap Year, celebrates - blazing your own trail and developing a roadmap to learning what you want to learn). There's an arsenal of new tools to aid in your learning - the Internet, MOOCS, online communication tools, intensive hard-skills bootcamps - but a time-tested, logical, compelling book can also be a good place to start.



Here's a list of UnCollege's book recommendations for self-directed learners for the following categories:

Education
Culture
Psychology
Leadership
Business & Social Media
Writing
Design-Thinking

Education

How Children Fail

by John Holt
summary

Deschooling Society

by Ivan Illich
summary

The New Global Student

by Maya Frost

Dumbing Us Down

by John Taylor Gatto

The Teenage Deliberation Highschool

by Grace Llewellyn

Culture

How To Lie With Statistics

by Darrell Huff

Cognitive Surplus

by Clay Shirky

The Geography of Bliss

by Eric Weiner

Freakonomics

by Steven D. Levitt
& Stephen J. Dubner

Art of Non-Conformity

by Chris Guillebeau

The Quarter Life Breakthrough

by Smiley Poswolsky

Psychology

Brain Rules

by John Medina

Drive

by Daniel H. Pink

How We Decide

by Chris Guillebeau

Switch

by Chip & Dan Heath

Leadership

How To Win Friends And Influence People

by Dale Carnegie

Start With Why

by Simon Sinek

Made To Stick

by Chip Heath

Writing

Eats, Shoots, & Leaves

by Lynne Truss

The Elements of Style

by William Strunk Jr.
& E. B. White

Business and Social Media

The 80/20 Principle

by Richard Koch

Delivering Happiness

by Tony Hsieh

The Education of Millionaires

by Michael Ellsberg
summary

Personal MBA

by Josh Kaufman

The Mesh

by Lisa Gansky

The Dragonfly Effect

by Jennifer Aaker
& Andy Smith
with Carlye Adler

Rework

by Jason Fried
& David Heinemeier Hansson

Never Eat Alone

by Keith Ferrazzi
summary

Design-Thinking

Thinkertoys

by Michael Michalko

Making Ideas Happen

by Scott Branson

The Design of Everyday Things

by Donald A. Norman