

## Psychology Reading List

Below are a huge number of options for you to choose from, but you are not expected to read all of these! It is best to read one or two books and articles carefully, and spend time thinking about their arguments, rather than reading more, but unreflectively.

### *Online Resources:*

#### FREE

BPS Research Digest: <https://digest.bps.org.uk/>

Also available as an app, this is a blog from the British Psychological Society that publishes a write up of at least one new psychology study each weekday. It aims to write accessible, accurate blog posts on those psychology studies that make an important contribution, that are relevant to real life, timely, novel or thought-provoking. They have a huge back catalogue as this has been running since 2003.

#### SOME FREE RESOURCES

##### Psychology Review

Written specifically for A-level students. There are a limited number of the articles from each publication available for free online at the link below:

<https://www.hoddereducation.co.uk/Magazines/Magazines-extras/Psychology-Review-extras>

#### SOME FREE RESOURCES

##### New Scientist

New Scientist is the world's most popular weekly science and technology magazine. Its website, app and print editions cover international news from a scientific standpoint, and ask the biggest-picture questions about life, the universe and what it means to be human.

Psychology articles can be found at this link: <https://www.newscientist.com/article-topic/psychology/>

#### FREE ONLINE COURSES

##### OpenLearn

Produced by The Open University, a world leader in open and distance learning, all OpenLearn courses are free to study and you get a certificate of completion at the end.

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses/full-catalogue>

### *Psychology Journals (subscriptions required, some articles available online):*

#### The Psychologist

A monthly publication of The British Psychological Society. Copies are available to borrow from Miss Fisher.

#### The Annual Review of Psychology

Covers the significant developments in the field of psychology, including: biological bases of behavior, sensation and perception, cognitive processes, animal learning and behavior,

human development, psychopathology, clinical and counseling psychology, social psychology, personality, environmental psychology, community psychology, and more.

#### Behavioural and Brain Sciences

An internationally renowned journal. Particularly significant and controversial pieces of work are published from researchers in any area of psychology, neuroscience, behavioral biology or cognitive science, together with 20-40 commentaries on each article from specialists within and across these disciplines, plus the author's response to them.

#### *A-level Book List:*

Kesey, K. One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

Haddon, M. The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time

Ronson, J. (2012) The Psychopath Test

Picador Akeret, R. (1997) The Man who Loved a Polar Bear and other Psychotherapist Tales, Penguin

Taleb, N. N. (2008) The Black Swan: the impact of the highly improbable, Penguin

Rymer, R. (1994) Genie: a scientific tragedy, Harper Perrenial

Pinker, S. (2003) The Blank Slate, Penguin Books

Baddeley, A. (2007) Working Memory, Thought and Action, Oxford University Press

Zimbardo, P. (2008) The Lucifer Effect, Rider & Co

Shriver, K. (2016) We Need to Talk about Kevin, Serpent's Tail

Nesti, M. (2010) Psychology in Football, Routledge

Milgram, S. (2010) Obedience to Authority, Printer & Martin Ltd.

Wilson, C. and Seaman, D. (2007) The Serial Killers: a study in the psychology of violence, Virgin Books

Canter, D. V. (2010) Forensic Psychology: a very short introduction, Oxford University Press

Hare, R. D. (1999) Without Conscience: the disturbing world of the psychopaths among us, Guildford Publications

Britton, P. (1998) The Jigsaw Man, Corgi Books

*Recommendations from Universities:*

Ramachandran, V.S. & Blakeslee S. (1999). *Phantoms in the Brain: Human Nature and the Architecture of the Mind*

Sacks, O. (2011). *The Man who Mistook his Wife for a Hat*

Bentall, R. & Beck. A.T. (2004). *Madness Explained: Psychosis and Human Nature*

Dennett, D.C. (1993). *Consciousness Explained*

Greenfield, S. (2002). *The Private Life of the Brain*

Ridley, M. (2004). *Nature via Nurture: Genes, experience and what makes us human*

Pinker, S. (1995). *The Language Instinct: The New Science of Language and Mind*

Goldacre, B. (2009). *Bad Science*