

BOOKS TO READ

[Books are listed in no particular order.]

Corporate Governance and Public Accounting

The recent scandals in corporate governance and public accounting have sent me back to the basics. Anyone who wants to be re-grounded in issues that they might not have thought about since Law School or Graduate School should pick up the following:

Berle, Adolf A., and Means, Gardiner C., *The Modern Corporation and Private Property*, (1932) [Available from Transaction Publishers updated through 2002.].

Klein, William A., and Coffee, John C., *Business Organization and Finance - Legal and Economic Principles, Second Edition*, Foundation Press (1986).

Mace, Myles C., *The Board of Directors in Small Corporations*, Harvard University Press (1948).

Mace, Myles C., *Directors - Myth and Reality*, Harvard University Press (1971).

Harvard Business Review on Corporate Finance, Harvard Business School Press (2000).

Easterbrook, Frank H. and Fischel, Daniel R., *The Economic Structure of Corporate Law*, Harvard University Press (1991).

Ward, Ralph D., *Improving Corporate Boards, The Boardroom Insider Guidebook*, John Wiley & Sons (2000).

Antitrust Law

Posner, Richard A., *Antitrust Law 2d Edition*, University of Chicago Press (2001).

Business and Markets

Brooks, John, *The Go-Go Years, The Drama and Crushing Finale of Wall Street's Bullish 60s*, John Wiley & Sons, (1999).

Philosophy

Kaufman, Walter, *Existentialism from Dostoevsky to Sartre*, World Publishing (1956).

Copleston, Frederick J., *A History of Philosophy* (in 8 Volumes), Image Books (1967).

Political Science, History and Anthropology

Muller, Jerry Z. (Ed.), *Conservatism, An Anthology of Social and Political Thought from David Hume to the Present*, Princeton University Press (1997).

Diamond, Jared, *Guns, Germs, and Steel - The Fate of Human Societies*, W.W. Norton & Co. (1999).

Kennedy, Paul, *The Rise and Fall of Great Powers – Economic Change and Military Conflict from 1500 to 2000*, Random House (1987).

Rhodes, Richard, *Dark Sun – The Making of the Hydrogen Bomb*, Simon & Schuster (1995). [This fascinating account covers both thermonuclear weapons development and Soviet espionage during the period. McCarthy was right, but in large measure the objectives of Soviet espionage were economic as much as military or strategic. They sought to bootstrap their economic development by stealing Western technology. Similarly, many of the spies were more thieves than traitors.]

Miscellaneous

Mitnick, Kevin D. and Simon, William L., *The Art of Deception*, Wiley Publishing (2002).

Power, Richard, *Tangled Web – Tales of Digital Crime from the Shadows of Cyberspace*, Que Corporation (2000).

Bernstein, Peter L., *Against the Odds – The Remarkable Story of Risk*, John Wiley & Sons (1998).

Bamford, James, *Body of Secrets, Anatomy of the Ultra Secret National Security Agency*, Anchor Books (2002).