

Looking for a great read?

The SICA faculty has put together a list of books, not necessarily related to admissions, which they have found to be interesting, provocative, helpful or wonderful for different reasons. We hope these recommendations will be useful and thought-provoking. We welcome the opportunity to share dialogue with you about these works and any suggestions/additions you have for this list!

- *1491 and 1493*, by Charles C. Mann
- *After-Marketing: How to Keep Customers for Life through Relationship Marketing*, by Terry G. Vavra
- *Aging Well*, by George Vaillant
- *American Demographics*, published by Advertising Age magazine
- *A Mind at a Time*, by Mel Levine
- *The Anatomy of Racial Inequality*, by Glenn Loury
- *Anna Karenina*, by Leo Tolstoy
- *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*
- *Beyond the University: Why Liberal Education Matters*, by Michael Roth
- *The Big House: A Century in the Life of an American Summer Home*, by George Howe Colt
- *Binge: Campus Life in an Age of Disconnection and Excess*, by Barrett Seaman
- *The Black-White Test Score Gap*, edited by Christopher Jencks and Meredith Philips
- *The Blessings of a B Minus*, by Wendy Mogel
- *Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking*, by Malcolm Gladwell
- *Bobos in Paradise: The New Upper Class and How They Got There*, by David Brooks
- *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community*, by Robert Putnam
- *Breakpoint: The Changing Marketplace for Higher Education*, by Jon McGee
- *The Case for Affirmative Action*, by Jesse Jackson and Bob Laird
- *The Checklist Manifesto*, by Atul Gawande
- *The Childhood Roots of Adult Happiness*, by Edward Hallowell
- *The Children of the Kibbutz*, by Melford Spiro
- *Choosing Students: Higher Education Admissions Tools for the 21st Century*, by Wayne J. Camara and Ernest W. Kimmel (Editors)
- *The Chosen: The Hidden History of Admission and Exclusion at Harvard, Yale, and Princeton*, by Jerome Karabel
- *The Chronicle of Higher Education* (online publication)
- *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed*, by Jared Diamond
- *The College Administrator's Survival Guide*, by C. K. Gunsalus
- *The College Application Essay*, by Sarah Myers McGinty

- *College of the Overwhelmed*, by Dr. Richard Kadison, M.D. and Theresa Foy DiGeronimo
- *Colleges That Change Lives*, by Loren Pope
- *Composing a Life*, by Mary Catherine Bateson
- *Counselors and Mentor's Handbook 2018 – 2019* (available at: <https://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/resources/counselors-handbook-2018-19.pdf>)
- *Crafting a Class: College Admissions and Financial Aid*, Elizabeth A. Duffy and Idana Goldberg, Princeton University Press, 1998
- *Crossing the Finish Line*, by William Bowen, Matthew Chingos, and Michael McPherson
- *The Defining Decade: Why Your Twenties Matter - And How to Make the Most of Them Now*, by Meg Jay
- *Difficult Conversations: How to Discuss what Matters Most*, by Douglas Stone, Bruce Patton, Sheila Heen, Roger Fisher
- *The Economist*
- *Emotional Branding*, by Marc Gobe
- *The End of Equality*, by Mickey Kaus
- *Enlightened Power: How Women are Transforming the Practice of Leadership*, by Linda Coughlin, Ellen Wingard, Keith Hollihan (Editors)
- *Equity And Excellence In American Higher Education (Thomas Jefferson Foundation Distinguished Lecture Series)*, by William G. Bowen, Martin A. Kurzweil, Eugene M. Tobin, Susanne C. Pichler
- *For Discrimination: Race, Affirmative Action, and Law*, by Randall Kennedy
- *The Game of Life: College Sports and Educational Values*, by William Bowen (former Princeton University President) and James Shulman
- *Give and Take: A Revolutionary Approach to Success*, by Adam Grant
- *The Hero's Trail*, by T. A. Barron
- *Higher Education and the Color Line: College Access, Racial Equity, and Social Change*, by Gary Orfield, Patricia Marin, Catherine L. Horn (Editors)
- *Hold Fast to Dreams: A College Guidance Officer, His Students, and the Vision of a Life Beyond Poverty*, by Beth Zasloff and Joshua Steckel
- *A Hope in the Unseen: An American Odyssey from the Inner City to the Ivy League*, by Ron Suskind
- *Horace's Hope: What Works for the American High School*, by TheodoreSizer
- *How Much Debt is Too Much Debt?* by Dr. Sandra Baum
(<https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED562688.pdf>)
- *How She Really Does it: Secrets of Successful Stay at Work Moms*, by Wendy Sachs
- *Imagine: How Creativity Works*, by Jonah Lehrer
- *The Last Lecture*, by Randy Pausch
- *Learning to Fall: The Blessings of An Imperfect Life*, by Philip Simpson
- *Lessons Learned: Reflections of a University President*, by William Bowen

- *Letting Go: A Parents' Guide to Understanding the College Years*, by Karen Coburn and Madge Lawrence Tregger
- *The Lexus and the Olive Tree: Understanding Globalization*, by Tom Friedman
- *Lives of Moral Leadership*, by Robert Coles
- *Making Good: How Young People Cope with Moral Dilemmas at Work*, by Howard Gardner et al
- *Making the Most of College*, by Richard Light
- *Millenials Go To College*, by Neil Howe and William Strauss
- *Moneyball: The Art of Winning an Unfair Game*, by Michael Lewis
- *On Paradise Drive: How We Live Now (And Always Have) in the Future Tense*, by David Brooks
- *The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates*, by Wes Moore
- *Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis*, by Robert Putnam
- *Play Their Hearts Out: A Coach, His Star Recruit, and the Youth Basketball Machine*, by George Dohrmann
- *Portrait of a Lady*, by Henry James
- *The Price of Admission*, by Daniel Golden
- *Primal Leadership: Unleashing the Power of Emotional Intelligence*, by Daniel Goleman, Richard Boyatzis, and Annie McKee
- *Questions and Admissions*, by Jean H. Fetter
- *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking*, by Susan Cain
- *Race Matters*, by Cornel West
- "Race Sensitive Admissions: Back to Basics," by William G. Bowen and Neil Rudenstine. The
- Chronicle of Higher Education, February 7, 2003 (**Download pdf**).
- *Richistan: A Journey Through the American Wealth Boom and the Lives of the New Rich*, by Robert Frank
- "SAT's Racial Impact," by Scott Jaschik. (Published in *Inside Higher Ed*, October 27, 2015)
- *Season of Life: A Football Star, a Boy, a Journey to Manhood*, by Jeffrey Marx
- *The Shape of the River: Long-term Consequences of Considering Race in College and University Admissions*, by Derek Bok and William Bowen
- *The Sport of Learning*, by Vince Fudzie, Andre Hayes, and the Boyz
- *The State of College Admission 2011*, by Melissa Clinedinst and David Hawkins vis a vis National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) (**Download pdf**).
- *The Student Aid Game: Meeting Need and Rewarding Talent in American Higher Education*, by Michael S. McPherson and Morton Owen Schapiro
- *Teacher*, by Mark Edmundson
- *The Tipping Point*, by Malcolm Gladwell
- *Unequal Childhoods: Class, Race, and Family Life*, by Annette Lareau

- *View With a Grain of Sand*, by Wislawa Szymborska
- *The World Is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-first Century*, by Thomas L. Friedman
- *Who's Afraid of Post-Blackness: What It Means To Be Black Now*, by Touré
- "Why a Diverse Student Body is so Important," by Neil Rudenstine (Published in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, April 19, 1996 - **Read online at DiversityWeb.**)
- *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria*, by Beverly Tatum
- *The Winner Effect: The Neuroscience of Success and Failure*, by Ian Robertson
- *Writing About Your Life: A Journey into the Past*, by William Knowlton Zinsser
- *The Year of Magical Thinking*, by Joan Didion
- *You Majored in What?: Mapping Your Path from Chaos to Career*, by Katharine Brooks
- *Young Radicals: Notes on Committed Youth*, by Kenneth Keniston
- *Zeitoun*, by Dave Eggers