



Introduction to Classical Education with Dr. Christopher Perrin

Lesson 12: How to Read Well (Dr. Perrin's Top 55 Books on Classical Ed)

The Classical Educator's Reading List (Top 55 Books)
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Note: A List Featuring Book Cover Images Follows Below

Introductory Books

- [An Introduction to Classical Education: A Guide for Parents](#) (C. Perrin)
- ["The Lost Tools of Learning"](#) (Essay by Dorothy Sayers)
- [Recovering the Lost Tools of Learning](#) (Douglas Wilson)
- [The Well-Trained Mind: A Guide to Classical Education at Home](#) (Susan W. Bauer & Jessie Wise)
- [The Liberal Arts Tradition: A Philosophy of Christian Classical Education](#) (Kevin Clark & Ravi Jain)
- [Norms and Nobility: A Treatise on Education](#) (David Hicks)
- [Wisdom and Eloquence: A Christian Paradigm for Classical Learning](#) (Charles Evans & Robert Littlejohn)
- [For the Children's Sake: Foundations of Education for Home and School](#) (Susan Schaeffer Macaulay)
- [Classical Education: The Movement Sweeping America](#) (Andrew Kern & Gene Veith)

History of Classical Education

- [The Republic \(Plato\) Politics](#) (Aristotle)
- [Politics](#) (Aristotle)
- [Institutes of Oratory \(or The Education of an Orator\)](#) (Quintillian)
- [Early Christianity and Greek Paideia](#) (W. Jaeger)
- [A History of Education in Antiquity](#) (H.I. Marrou)
- [Education in Ancient Rome](#) (Stanely R. Bonner)
- [The Love of Learning and the Desire for God: A Study of Monastic Culture](#) (Jean Leclercq)
- [How the Irish Saved Civilization](#) (Thomas Cahill)
- [The Rise of the Universities](#) (Charles Homer Haskins)
- [A Thomas Jefferson Education: Teaching a Generation of Leaders for the 21st Century](#) (Oliver DeMille)
- [The Great Tradition: Classic Readings on What it Means to Be an Educated Human Being](#) (Richard Gamble, editor)



Modern Education

- [*The Abolition of Man: How Education Shapes Man's Sense of Morality*](#) (C.S. Lewis)
- [*Left Back: A Century of Battles over School Reform*](#) (Diane Ravitch)
- [*The Transformation of the School: Progressivism in American Education, 1876- 1957*](#) (Lawrence A. Cremin)
- [*The Schools We Need: Why We Don't Have Them*](#) (E. D. Hirsch, Jr.)
- [*Reforming Education: The Opening of the American Mind*](#) (Mortimer J. Adler)
- [*American Education: A History*](#) (Wayne J. Urban & Jennings L. Wagoner, Jr.)
- [*The Global Achievement Gap: Why Even Our Best Schools Don't Teach the New Survival Skills our Children Need—and What We Can Do about It*](#) (Tony Wagner)

Philosophy of Education

- [*The Liberal Arts Tradition: A Philosophy of Christian Classical Education*](#) (Kevin Clark & Ravi Jain)
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- [*De Doctrina Christiana \(On Christian Doctrine or On Christian Teaching\)*](#) (Augustine)
- [*Great Ideas from the Great Books*](#) (Mortimer Adler)
- [*Awakening Wonder: A Classical Guide to Truth, Goodness, and Beauty*](#) (Stephen Turley)
- [*Plato: The Great Philosopher-Educator*](#) (David Diener)
- [*The Idea of a University*](#) (John Henry Newman)
- [*Ideas Have Consequences*](#) (Richard M. Weaver)

Mathematics & Science

- [*A Mathematician's Lament*](#) (Paul Lockart)
- [*Measurement*](#) (Paul Lockart)
- [*Innumeracy*](#) (John Allen Paulos)
- [*The Divine Challenge: On Matter, Mind, Math, and Meaning*](#) (John Byl)
- [*Beauty for Truth's Sake: On the Re-enchantment of Education*](#) (Stratford Caldecott)
- [*The Soul of Science: Christian Faith and Natural Philosophy*](#) (Nancy Pearcey & Charles Thaxton)

Virtue and Embodiment

- [*The Intellectual Life: Its Spirit, Conditions, Methods*](#) (A. G. Sertillanges)
- [*Habits of the Mind: Intellectual Life at a Christian College*](#) (James W. Sire)
- [*Desiring the Kingdom: Worship, Worldview and Cultural Formation*](#) (James K. A. Smith)
- [*You Are What You Love: The Spiritual Power of Habit*](#) (James K. A. Smith)
- [*Tending the Heart of Virtue: How Classical Stories Awaken a Child's Moral Imagination*](#) (Vigen Gurioian)
- [*John Milton: Classical Learning and the Progress of Virtue*](#) (Grant Horner)

Scholé and Contemplation

- [*Only the Lover Sings: Art and Contemplation*](#) (Josef Pieper)
- [*Leisure the Basis of Culture*](#) (Josef Pieper)
- [*Teaching from Rest: A Homeschooler's Guide to Unshakeable Peace*](#) (Sarah



Mackenzie)

- [Charlotte Mason's Original Homeschooling Series: Home Education \(vol. 1\)](#) (Charlotte Mason)

Pedagogy, Art of Teaching

- [De Doctrina Christiana \(On Christian Doctrine or On Christian Teaching\)](#)(Augustine)
- [The Art of Teaching](#) (Gilbert Highet)
- [Begin Here: The Forgotten Conditions of Teaching and Learning](#) (Jacques Barzun)
- [The Seven Laws of Teaching](#) (John Milton Gregory)
- [Why Students Don't Like School: A Cognitive Scientist Answers Questions about How the Mind Works and What it Means for the Classroom](#) (Daniel T. Willingham)
- [Poetic Knowledge: The Recovery of Education](#) (James Taylor)
- [Socratic Circles: Fostering Critical and Creative Thinking in Middle and High School](#) (Matt Copeland)
- [Teach Like a Champion: Techniques that Put Students on the Path to College](#)(Doug Lemov)

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