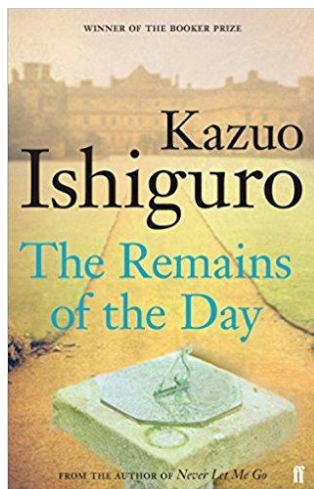


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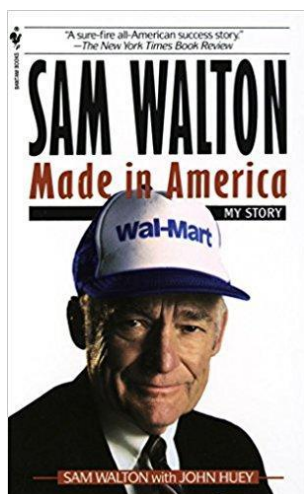


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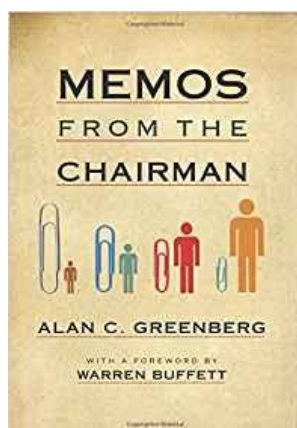


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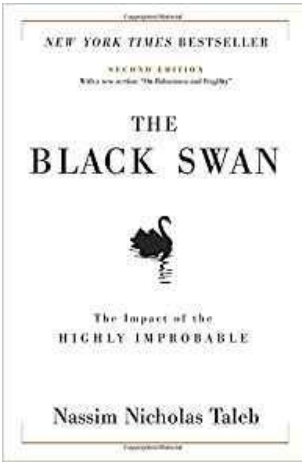


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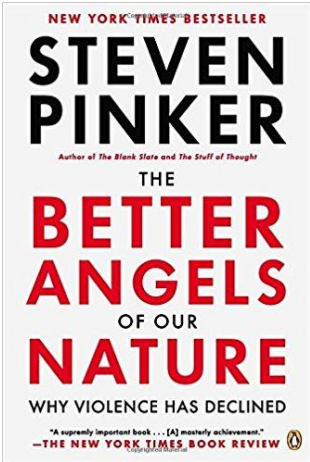


# The Black Swan

Author: Nassim Taleb

About: "The Black Swan' is a standalone book in Nassim Nicholas Taleb's landmark Incerto series, an investigation of opacity, luck, uncertainty, probability, human error, risk, and decision-making in a world we don't understand. The other books in the series are 'Fooled by Randomness,' 'Antifragile,' and 'The Bed of Procrustes.'"

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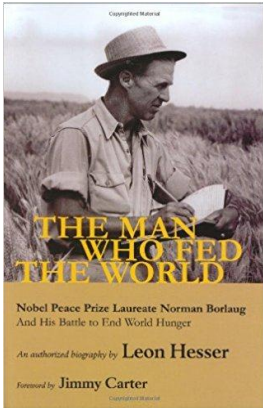


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Author: Steven Pinker

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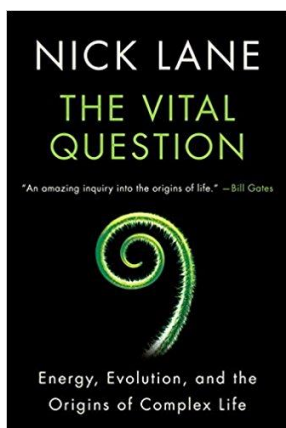


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Author: Steven Pinker

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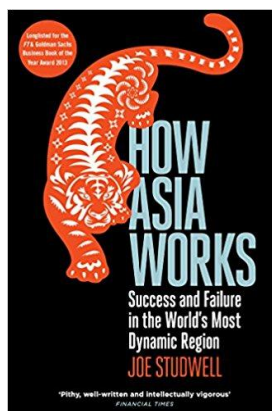
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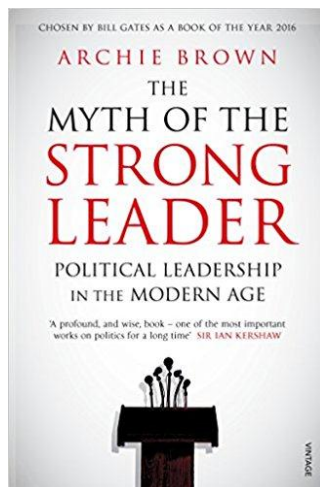
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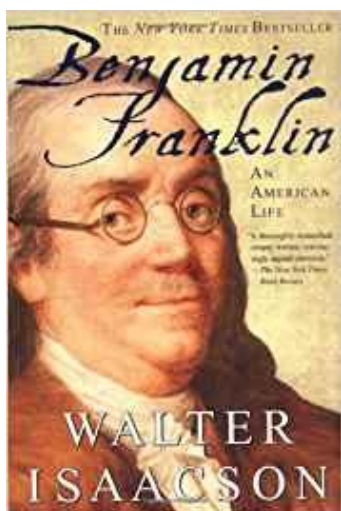


About: "In this magisterial and wide-ranging survey of political leadership over the past hundred years, renowned Oxford politics professor Archie Brown challenges the widespread belief that strong leaders — meaning those who dominate their colleagues and the policy-making process — are the most successful and admirable.

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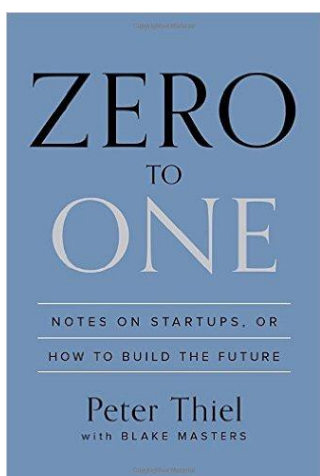


## Benjamin Franklin: An American Life

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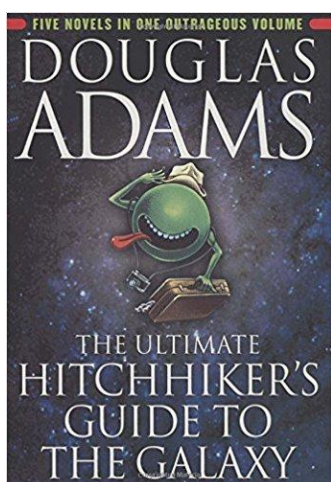
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Author: Peter Thiel

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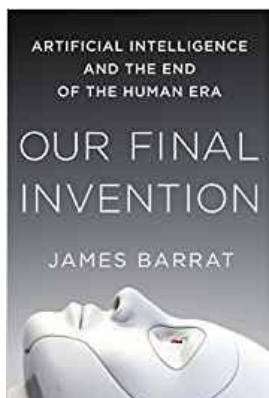
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## Our Final Invention

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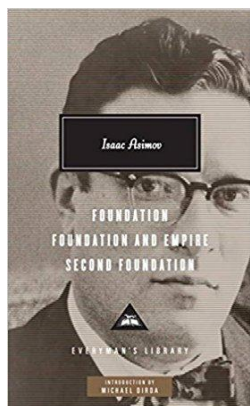
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