

Learning Resources Centre

Website of the Week

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Books that changed the world

Authors choose books ‘not of an age, but for all time’ includes *The Second Sex* by Simone de Beauvoir and *Beloved* by Toni Morrison and of course, Shakespeare and Scripture.

https://www.theguardian.com/books/2015/aug/07/10-books-that-shaped-the-world

A different recommended reading list includes more non-fiction titles head by Plato’s *The Republic*. Written around 380 BCE, this text is considered to be one of the most influential pieces ever written. *The Republic* observes justice in man and politics and discusses the role of the philosopher in society. Many of the intellectual concepts contained in *The Republic* are still discussed today, but the text is also an important historical document that provides a snapshot of Greece at the time of its writing.

[The 50 Most Influential Books Ever Written | OEDb.org](https://oedb.org/ilibrarian/50_books_that_changed_the_world/)

From the BBC, explore the list of 100 Novels That Shaped Our World

Stories have the power to change us. BBC Arts asked a panel of leading writers, curators and critics to choose 100 genre-busting novels that have had an impact on their lives, and this is the result. These English language novels, written over the last 300 years, range from children’s classics to popular page turners. Organised into themes, they reflect the ways books help shape and influence our thinking.

[BBC Arts - The Novels That Shaped Our World - Explore the list of 100 Novels That Shaped Our World](https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/494P41NCbVYHlY319VwGbxp/explore-the-list-of-100-novels-that-shaped-our-world)