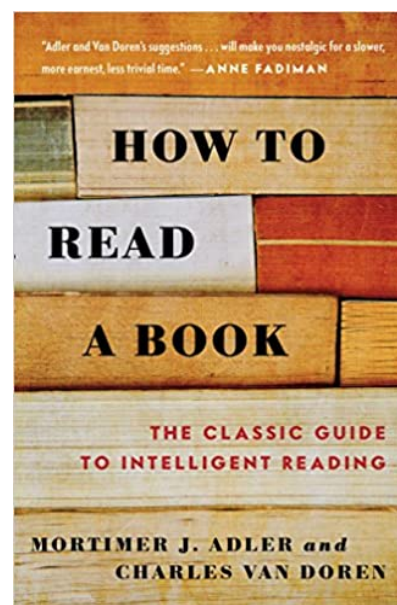


# How to Read a Book Book Summary (PDF) by Mortimer J. Adler and Charles van Doren

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## Why This Book Matters:

How to Read a Book breaks down the methods one can use to read a book more efficiently.

## The Big Takeaways:

1. **Learning a certain few tips and tricks for reading can help you absorb more knowledge from books.**
  1. If When we aren't reading for fun, we must admit that reading is not a passive task.
2. **To understand a book, we must understand the words in the book.**
  1. If we can't determine what words or sentences are trying to say to us, we can't gain anything from reading the book.
3. **To gain information more efficiently, first look through**

**the text to see if reading it would be beneficial to learn what you need to know.**

- 1. Figure out the general gist of a book before you commit to reading it.**
- 4. The first step to picking apart a text is figuring out the reason the book exists.**
  - 1. In analyzation, you must first know what a text is trying to convey.**
- 5. Know the writer.**
  - 1. The author had a purpose for writing the book, and the way they wrote the book was intentional.**

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