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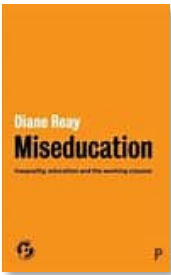
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Reading

Miseducation: Inequality, Education and the Working Class by Diane Reay



In this book, part of the 21st Century Standpoints series published in association with the British Sociological Association, Diane Reay, herself working class turned Cambridge professor, brings Brian Jackson and Dennis Marsden's pioneering Education

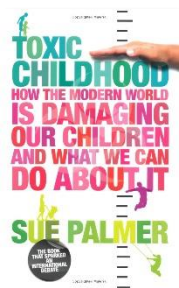
and the Working Class from 1962 up to date for the 21st century. The book addresses the urgent question of why the working classes are still faring so much worse than the upper and middle classes in education, and vitally - what we can do to achieve a fairer system.

The Blackboard Jungle by Evan Hunter



Written in 1954, this controversial story cracked down on the public school system and dramatized student violence as no other novel of its time did.

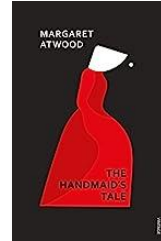
Set against the changing social culture of the 1950s, The Blackboard Jungle is a fascinating time capsule that brilliantly illuminates an issue still in the forefront of our minds.



Toxic childhood: How the world is damaging our children and what we can do about it by Sue Palmer

Children throughout the developed world are suffering: instances of obesity, dyslexia, ADHD, bad behaviour and so on are all on the rise. And it's not simply that our willingness to diagnose has increased; there are very real and growing problems.

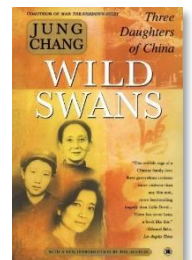
Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood



A dystopian novel published in 1985. It depicts a near-future New England, where a theocratic regime, called the Republic of Gilead, has overthrown the United States government and stripped women of their rights. The narrator, Offred, is a handmaid, a woman assigned to bear children for a commander, the ruling class of men.

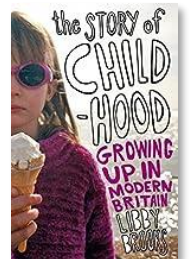
She recalls her past life as the daughter of a feminist activist and a single mother and tries to survive in the oppressive society.

Wild Swan by Jung Chang



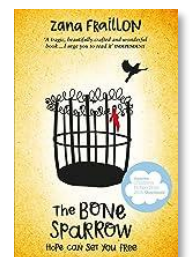
The story of three generations in twentieth-century China that blends the intimacy of memoir and the panoramic sweep of eyewitness history—a bestselling classic in thirty languages with more than ten million copies sold around the world, now with a new introduction from the author.

The Story of Childhood: Growing Up in Modern Britain by Libby Brooks



This book explores this idea as Libby Brooks talks to nine very different children between the ages of four and sixteen growing up in Britain today. The public schoolboy, the young offender, the teenage mum, the country lad, for example, talk amusingly, frankly, and sometimes shockingly about their own lives conveying a sense of immediate experience that is thought-provoking and illuminating.

The Bone Sparrow by Zana Fraillon



Perfect for fans of The Boy In The Striped Pyjamas. This is a beautiful, vivid and deeply moving story about a refugee boy who has spent his entire life living in a detention centre. This novel reminds us all of the importance of freedom, hope, and the power of a story to speak for anyone who's ever struggled to find a safe home.



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Recommended Reading – Articles, Reports and Reviews

[Fawcett Society report](#) – Parents, Work and Care: Striking

Any quality source of news, such as the BBC, the Guardian or the Times

Read the Sociology Review – found in the library and on My Sandstorm

Recommended Reading - Books

Theorising Patriarchy by Sylvia Walby

The Communist Manifesto by Karl Marx

Women and Power: A Manifesto by Mary Beard

We should all be feminists by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life by Erving Goffman

1984 by George Orwell

The Divide: A Brief Guide to Global Inequality and its Solutions by Jason Hickel

Chavs: The Demonisation of the Working Class by Owen Jones

The Establishment: And How They Get Away With It by Owen Jones

Brit(ish): On Race, Identity and Belonging by Afua Hirsch

Culture and Everyday Life by Andy Bennett

The Age of Surveillance Capitalism: The Fight for a Human Future at the New Frontier of Power by Professor Shoshana Zuboff

Poverty Safari: Understanding the Anger of Britain's Underclass by Darren McGarvey

The Descent of Man by Grayson Perry

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

On Beauty by Zadie Smith

Invisible Women by Caroline Criado-Perez

Why I'm No Longer Talking to White People About Race by Reni Eddo-Lodge

Girl, Woman, Other by Bernadine Evaristo



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Listening Tasks

Podcast Recommendations

[Thinking Allowed](#) Listen to the BBC's Thinking Allowed sociology podcast.

[Social Science Bites podcast](#) Listen to Social Science bites podcast.

[Education](#) Listen to the BBC's 'do school's make a difference?'

[Theory and Methods](#) Listen to Radio 4's Marxism Today podcast.

[Beliefs in Society](#) Listen to Radio 4's podcast on Max Weber and the Protestant Ethic.

[Crime and Deviance](#) A range of crime and deviance podcasts.



Watching Tasks

Families and Households

TED talk: [Tan Lee](#) and [Hans Rosling](#); East is East; Brick Lane; My Big Fat Greek Wedding; Revolutionary Road; Sleeping with the Enemy.

Education

Dangerous Minds; A Very British School, documentary about Harrow; The History Boys; Educating Essex/Yorkshire.

Theory and Methods

Child of Our Time, BBC; Secret Life of 5 Year Olds; On the Basis of Sex; A Bug's Life (Marxism)

Beliefs in Society

My Scientology Movie, Louis Theroux; The Most Hated Family in America, Louis Theroux; Amish: a secret life; Religulous; Fahrenheit 9/11; Witness; Inherit the Wind

Crime and Deviance

Chernobyl – Sky Atlantic; McMafia – BBC TV series; TED talk: Bryan Stevenson – [We need to talk about injustice](#); TED talk: Noy Thrupkaew – [Human trafficking is all around you. This is how it works](#); BBC documentary – One Night in Bhopal

Crime and Deviance

Dirty Money; Monster; Erin Brockovich; Hotel Rwanda; City of God; The Green Mile; This Is England; Lord of War; The Killing Fields; Bowling for Columbine

General Sociology Recommendations

Useful TV series include: Panorama; Cutting Edge; Dispatches; Louis Theroux; Stacey Dooley documentaries
TED talks available on a range of sociological topics.

Films

Billy Elliot; The Full Monty; Boy in the Striped Pyjamas; Brokeback Mountain; 12 Years a Slave; Made in Dagenham; The Truman Show; If Beale Street Could Talk; Selma; V for Vendetta; I, Daniel Blake; American Beauty; Freedom Writers; Wonder; Pride.



Trips and Visits

V&A Museum of Childhood

Visit the V&A Museum of Childhood, Bethnal Green

Museum of London

Museum of London: Votes for Women [virtual exhibition](#)

Women of the World

Women of the World (WOW) festival at the [Southbank Centre](#)