



## Psychology Wider Reading – A-Level

\*Social Psychology for Dummies by Daniel Richardson

Sapiens by Yuval Noah Harari

\*The Lucifer Effect: How good people turn evil by Phillip Zimbardo

Guns, Germs and Steel by Jared Diamond

Thinking Fast and Slow, by Daniel Kahneman, 2011

\*The Social Animal Eleventh Edition by Elliot Aronson A secure base: clinical applications of attachment

\* Thinking, Fast and Slow: Daniel Kahneman

\*The man who mistook his wife for a hat: Oliver Sacks

Descartes' Error by Antonio Damasio

Blueprint: behavioural genetics by Robert Plomin

\* The Psychopath: James Blair

\* The Selfish Gene: Richard Dawkins

\* Obedience to Authority Stanley Milgram

\* Psychology in Football: Mark Nesti

\*A Clockwork Orange Anthony Burgess

Behave by Robert Sapolsky

\* The case of Mary Bell: Gitta Sereny

\*In Cold Blood: Truman Capote

### **MOOCs and online courses/websites of interest**

[https://www.edx.org/course?search\\_query=psychology](https://www.edx.org/course?search_query=psychology)

<https://www.classcentral.com/subject/psychology>

<https://www.myheplus.com/post-16/subjects/psychology>

<https://www.myheplus.com/post-16/subjects/biology>

<https://faculty.washington.edu/chudler/neurok.html>

## **TED talks**

Best 6 TED talks

### **1. How we read each other's minds, Rebecca Saxe**

According to Saxe, a professor of neuroscience at MIT, you don't need tarot cards or ESP to read

people's minds. A functioning right temporo-parietal junction will do just fine. In her talk, Saxe

explains how this brain region allows humans to be uncannily good at sensing other people's feelings, thoughts, and motivations.

### **2. The riddle of experience vs. memory, Daniel Kahneman**

### **3. The paradox of choice, Barry Schwartz**

### **4. Are we in control of our own decisions?, Dan Ariely**

This talk "uses classic visual illusions and Ariely's own counterintuitive (and sometimes shocking)

research findings to show how we're not as rational as we think when we make decisions.

### **5. Flow, the secret to happiness, Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi**

In this talk, psychologist Csikszentmihalyi dares to ask one of life's biggest questions: What makes us happy? The answer isn't fame or money, he insists, but flow -- that lost-in-time feeling you

get when you focus intensely on work you're good at.

### **6. The psychology of evil, Philip Zimbardo**