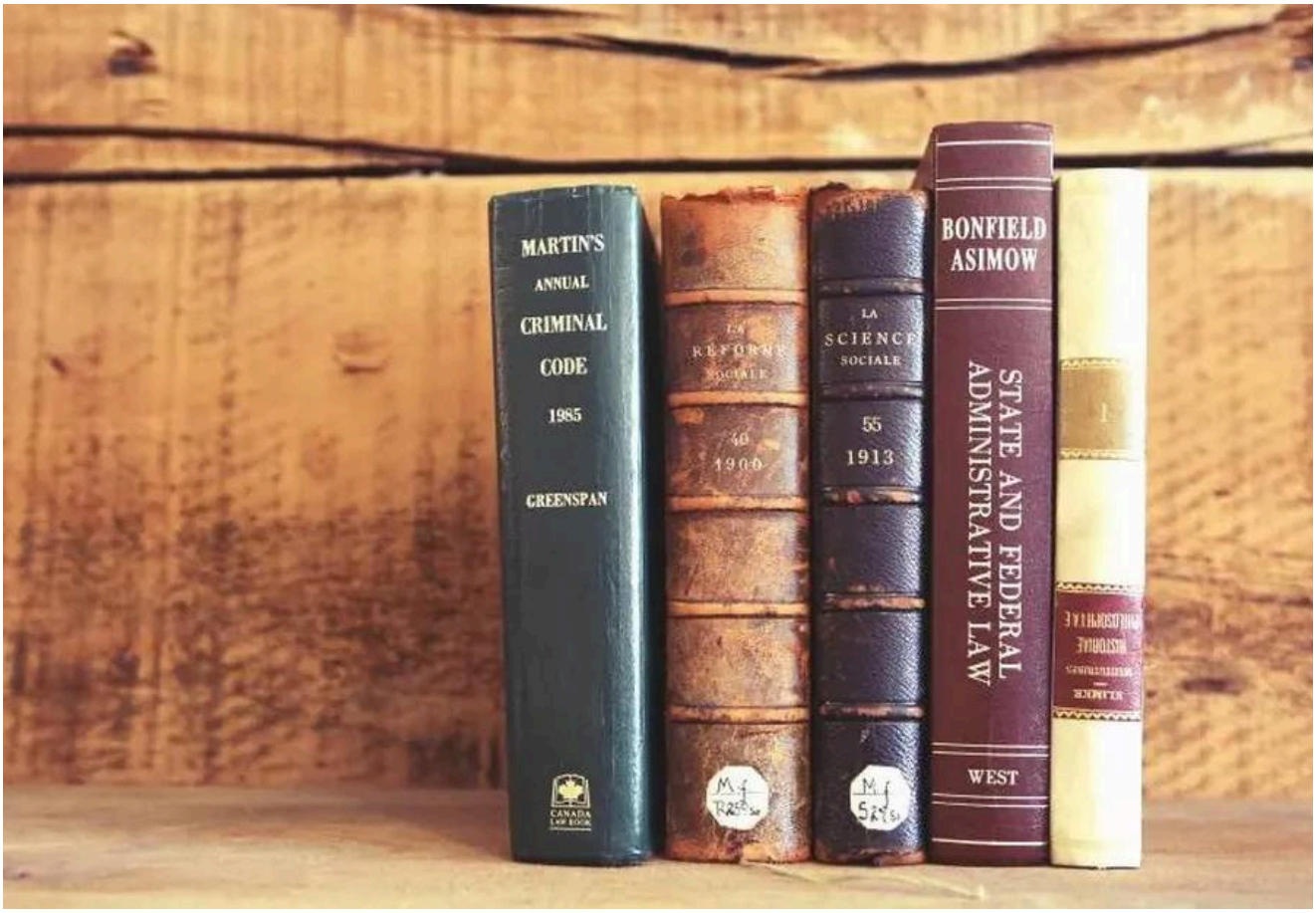


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A reading list for slower days

Eight old books, all in the public domain and free to read, chosen for long evenings, train journeys and the kind of attention our phones keep taking away.

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— Finch Hartley

The list

	Book	Why read it
☐	**Walden** Henry David Thoreau, 1854	Two years in a cabin by a pond, and a long argument for wanting less. Read a chapter a week.
☐	**Meditations** Marcus Aurelius, c. 180	An emperor's private notes to himself. Short enough for a bus ride, deep enough for a decade.
☐	**Essays** Michel de Montaigne, 1580	The book that invented the essay: a man trying to find out what he thinks by writing it down.
☐	**The Wind in the Willows** Kenneth Grahame, 1908	Messing about in boats, for grown-ups who have forgotten how.
☐	**A Room of One's Own** Virginia Woolf, 1929	On money, time and a door that locks: what anyone needs to make anything.
☐	**Middlemarch** George Eliot, 1871	A whole town, its hopes and its gossip. Slow, and worth every page.
☐	**The Compleat Angler** Izaak Walton, 1653	Ostensibly about fishing; actually about patience, rivers and good company.
☐	**Leaves of Grass** Walt Whitman, 1855	Poems to read out loud, outdoors, preferably at full volume.

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A season of reading

Two books a season, and room for your own notes.

WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER	AUTUMN
Middlemarch	Walden	The Wind in the Willows	Essays
Meditations	The Compleat Angler	Leaves of Grass	A Room of One's Own