

Must Reads For Venture Capitalists and Entrepreneurs

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There are a lot of excellent books to read on the VC topic, and blogs of famous venture capitalists are also a good starting point. Below is a selection of the books we recommend:

Smarter Ventures: A Survivor's Guide to Venture Capital Through the New Cycle

For anyone wanting to raise money from VCs (or for wannabe VCs) this is the book to read. The author details how the VC industry works in practice (not all of it flattering). The great part is that the author also spends time explaining critical differences between the VC scene in Silicon Valley and that in Europe.

Angels, Dragons and Vultures: How to Tame Your Investors... And Not Lose Your Company: Capital Advice for Entrepreneurs

Written by an experienced venture capitalist, this book gives all the practical details you need to understand VC, but doesn't get too technical. Its also a very easy read and quite entertaining, and part of the curriculum of several business schools.

Art of the Start

Written by well-known West Coast VC investor Guy Kawasaki, this is more of a practical guide to entrepreneurship. It uses quite a bit of jargon, but is full of very useful tips and highly recommended.

Raising Venture Capital for the Serious Entrepreneur

This "VC Bible" explores the details of how to set up a business plan, finance a deal, agree on term sheets, and align interests between founder and VCs. It's written for entrepreneurs but nevertheless quite useful for those looking delve a bit more in-depth into the technical aspects.

The Facebook Effect: The Real Inside Story of Mark Zuckerberg and the World's Fastest Growing Company: The Inside Story of the Company That is Connecting the World

This list wouldn't be complete without a book about Facebook. There are piles of books about the company but this is probably one of the most interesting. It captures the personality of the founders, and offers details about how the company was created as well as its future prospects.

I'm Feeling Lucky: The Confessions of Google Employee Number 59

There are also plenty of books about Google, but this one is probably one of the most enjoyable and easy to read, as it was written by a Google insider. Importantly, it doesn't just praise Google, but also highlights some of the mistakes of the company.

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