

**Peter Culley's list of 75 of maybe 150 "Essential Texts" in No Particular Order, and not including reference books.**

1. Life of Johnson--James Boswell
2. Last Lunar Badeker--Mina Loy
3. So Going Around Cities--Ted Berrigan
4. Curiosities of Literature--Isaac D'Israeli
5. Pandemonium--Humphrey Jennings
6. Collected Novels--Jean Rhys
7. Tristram Shandy--Laurence Sterne
8. Collected Poems--Hugh MacDiarmid
9. Ambit--Gerald Creede
10. Planetary Gear--Ted Pearson
11. You--George Stanley
12. The Relative Minor--Deanna Ferguson
13. Europe of Trusts--Susan Howe
14. Words--Robert Creeley
15. Journals--Gilbert White
16. Swedish Letters--Mary Wollstencraft
17. Midsummer Cushion--John Clare
18. Art Criticism--Denis Diderot
19. Lost Illusions--Honore de Balzac
20. The Cloister and the Hearth--Charles Reade
21. Polyverse--Lee Ann Brown
22. The Power Broker--Robert Caro
23. The Glenn Gould Reader
24. Charlotte Bronte--Villette
25. The Fire Next Time--James Baldwin
26. Notebooks and Marginalia--Samuel Taylor Coleridge
27. Tight Corners (and what's around them)--David Bromige
28. From Next Spring--Gerry Gilbert
29. Don Juan--Lord Byron
30. Collected Nonsense--Edward Lear
31. Moominland Midwinter--Tove Jansson
32. Fovea Centralis--Christopher Dewdney
33. The Dumbfounding--Margaret Avison
34. Travels in Arabia Derserta--Charles Doughty
35. Memoirs--Thomas Bewick
36. The Seasons--James Thompson
37. The Task--William Cowper
38. A Dance to the Music of Time--Anthony Powell
39. Autobiographies--Janet Frame
40. Reveries of a Solitary Walker--Jean-Jacques Rousseau
41. Stages on Life's Way--Soren Kierkegaard
42. Book of Magazine Verse--Jack Spicer
43. Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire--Edward Gibbon
44. Street of Crocodiles--Bruno Schulz
45. Collected Poems--Basil Bunting
46. The Mediterranean--Fernand Braudel
47. The Renewal of Pagan Antiquity--Aby Warburg
48. The Journal of a Disappointed Man--WNP Barbellion
49. Martyrology Book 2--bp Nichol
50. Midwinter Day--Bernadette Mayer
51. Collected Short Novels--Collette
52. Own Face--Clark Coolidge
53. Testimony--Charles Reznikoff
54. Self-portrait in a Convex Mirror--John Ashbery
56. Anatomy of Melancholy--Robert Burton
57. Journals--Dorothy Wordsworth
58. Voyage of the 'Beagle'--Charles Darwin
59. The Fur Trade in Canada--Harold Adams Innis

60. Archaeologist of Morning--Charles Olson
61. The Kalevela--comp. Elias Lonrot
62. Collected Poems--Lorine Niedecker
63. Memoirs--Hector Berlioz
64. Marcel Duchamp--Octavio Paz
65. The Narrative of Arthur Gordon Pym--Edgar Allen Poe
66. Diaries--Cosima Wagner
67. Essays--Arthur Schopenhauer
68. Harvest of the Cold Months--Elizabeth David
69. A Place of Greater Safety--Hilary Mantel
70. The Wind in the Willows--Kenneth Grahame
71. Imaginations--William Carlos Williams
72. Harmonium--Wallace Stevens
73. Hymns and Fragments--Friedrich Holderlin (Sieburth trans.)
74. The Wanderer--Alain-Fournier
75. Up in the Old Hotel--Joseph Mitchell

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