Books to read this year (2004):

[The inspiring story of how the Harrison father and son team made the best clock in the world at the time]

The Elegant Universe: Superstrings, Hidden Dimensions, and the Quest for the Ultimate Theory
[A popular account of Superstring Theory by a physics professor; former post-doc of Prof. Yau Shing-tung]

Linked, by Albert-Laszlo Barabasi, Penguin Books 2003 [How networking works according to a professor of physics]

[Unsung hero of WWII tycoon-technologist; insight into Yankee mentality, the driving force for building America in the last century.]

Books read by class in past years:

"The Fifth Miracle : The Search for the Origin and Meaning of Life" P. C. W. Davies.


History of Pi, Petr Beckmann, St. Martin Press 1971.

"Genome" by Matt Ridley


"The Song of the Dodo" Quammen, David

Touchstone books: 1997
Dulbecco, Renato (1975 Nobel Laureate in Medicine) "The Design of Life."

Books read by me but not yet by the class:

The Discoverers by Daniel Boorstin, Random House 1983.
[Account of great discoveries of our world and beyond in history]


Books to read in future:


Einstein's Clocks, Poincare's Maps: Empires of Time by Peter Louis Galison

Nature's Numbers, by Ian Stewart, BasicBooks, 1995

Alexander von Humboldt and the Latin American journeys that changed The way we see the world by Gerard Helferich, Gotham Books, 2004.