



FICTION AND NON FICTION
RECOMMENDED
READS



PRODUCT DESIGN



KS3

| TITLE | BY |
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| Stuff Matters | Mark Miodownik: Brilliant stories about materials students encounter every day |
| The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind | William Kamkwamba: Inspiring real-world problem solving with limited resources |
| How Things Work | DK: Perfect for dipping in; clear diagrams and explanations |
| How We Got to Now | Steven Johnson: Links invention, design, and everyday life in a very readable way. |
| Steal Like an Artist | Austin Kleon: Short, confidence-boosting, and excellent for creative mindsets |

KS4

| TITLE | BY |
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| The Design of Everyday Things | Don Norman: Eye-opening and often funny; brilliant for user-centred design |
| Stuff Matters | Mark Miodownik: Still a favourite at KS4 – deeper meaning on a second read |
| Exactly: How Precision Engineers Created the Modern World | Simon Winchester: Engaging storytelling about manufacturing and accuracy |
| How to Build a Car | Adrian Newey: A compelling insight into iteration, testing, and failure |
| Creative Confidence | Tom & David Kelley: Excellent for encouraging risk-taking and resilience in design work |