

RWER Poll 2016

The top ten economics books of the last 100 years

Subscribers to this journal were asked:

“What are the top ten economics books of the past 100 years?”

The poll was open for two weeks in May and over 3,000 economists voted. They could vote for up to ten of the books on the short list of 50 which had been compiled from the nominations submitted by [Real-World Economics Review](#) readers. People on average voted for five books. Here are the results.

		Number of votes
1.	John Maynard Keynes <i>General Theory of Employment, Interest and Money</i> (1936)	1,597
2.	Karl Polanyi <i>The Great Transformation</i> (1944)	1,027
3.	Joseph A. Schumpeter <i>Capitalism, Socialism & Democracy</i> (1942)	927
4.	John Kenneth Galbraith <i>The Affluent Society</i> (1958) [votes]	780
5.	Hyman Minsky <i>Stabilizing an Unstable Economy</i> (1986)	731
6.	Thomas Piketty <i>Capital in the Twenty-First Century</i> (2014)	687
7.	Joan Robinson <i>The Accumulation of Capital</i> (1956)	583
8.	Michal Kalecki <i>Selected Essays on the Dynamics of the Capitalist Economy</i> (1971)	582
9.	Amartya Sen <i>Collective Choice and Social Welfare</i> (1970)	580
10.	Piero Sraffa <i>Production of Commodities by Means of Commodities</i> (1960)	500