

Penguin Great Ideas Series 1: Selected Texts

- Seneca - On the Shortness of Life
- Niccolò Machiavelli - The Prince
- Jonathan Swift - A Tale of a Tub
- Jean-Jacques Rousseau - The Social Contract
- Edward Gibbon - The Christians and the Fall of Rome
- Thomas Paine - Common Sense
- Mary Wollstonecraft - A Vindication of the Rights of Women
- Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels - The Communist Manifesto
- John Ruskin - On Art and Life
- Friedrich Nietzsche - Why I Am So Wise
- Sigmund Freud - Civilization and its Discontents
- George Orwell - Why I Write

Penguin Great Ideas Series 2: Selected Texts

- Plato - The Symposium
- Cicero - An Attack on an Enemy of Freedom
- Baldesar Castiglione - How to Achieve True Greatness
- Francis Bacon - Of Empire
- Thomas Hobbes - Of Man
- Voltaire - Miracles and Idolatry
- David Hume - On Suicide
- Carl von Clausewitz - On the Nature of War
- Albert Camus - The Myth of Sisyphus

Penguin Great Ideas Series 3: Selected Texts

- Plutarch - In Consolation to his Wife
- Adam Smith - The Invisible Hand
- Edmund Burke - The Evils of Revolution
- John Ruskin - The Lamp of Memory
- Friedrich Nietzsche - Man Alone with Himself
- Leo Tolstoy - A Confession
- William Morris - Useful Work versus Useless Toil
- Marcel Proust - Days of Reading
- Leon Trotsky - An Appeal to the Toiling, Oppressed and Exhausted Peoples of Europe
- Sigmund Freud - The Future of an Illusion
- George Orwell - Books v. Cigarettes
- Albert Camus - The Fastidious Assassins

Penguin Great Ideas Series 4: Selected Texts

- Various - Writings from the Zen Masters
- Thomas More - Utopia
- John Locke - Of the Abuse of Words
- Samuel Johnson - Consolation in the Face of Death
- Immanuel Kant - An Answer to the Question: 'What is Enlightenment?'
- Thomas de Quincey - Confessions of an English Opium Eater
- Arthur Schopenhauer - The Horrors and Absurdities of Religion
- Abraham Lincoln - The Gettysburg Address
- Karl Marx - Revolution and War
- Fyodor Dostoyevsky - The Grand Inquisitor
- Robert Louis Stevenson - An Apology for Idlers

Penguin Great Ideas Series 5: Selected Texts

- Epictetus - Of Human Freedom
- Niccolo Machiavelli - On Conspiracies
- Rene Descartes - Meditations
- Giacomo Leopardi - Dialogue Between Fashion and Death
- Charles Mackay - Some Extraordinary Popular Delusions
- Jacob Burckhardt - The State as a Work of Art
- George Eliot - Silly Novels by Lady Novelists
- Sigmund Freud - The Wolfman
- Theodore Herzl - The Jewish State
- Rabindranath Tagore - Nationalism
- Vladimir Ilyich Lenin - Imperialism
- Winston Churchill - We Will All Go Down Fighting to the End