

Other Finalists: Gregg Easterbrook, *The Progress Paradox*. Douthat's *Bad Religion: How We Became a Nation of Heretics*. Davies' *Vanished Kingdoms: The Rise and Fall of States and Nations*. Michael Lewis's *Boomerang*. Lemmon Snicket's *The Villagers*. Pandora's *Tango Radio* channel. Hellman's *Great Feuds in Science*.

Great for car trips.

12. **Children's picture books** from Project Gutenberg for the Kindle or computer. teacher and student alike. Might not work for immature students, though.
11. **Online teaching**, C530 in Kelley Direct in particular. I think this is about as good for the MBA students' education, done right, but much more convenient for engagingly and politely but with the necessary condemnation and humor.
10. **Peace, They Say** (2012) by Jay Nordlinger. A neat angle on history, written jokes that the entire family can watch on Hulu. The best Korean TV serial I've seen.
9. **Warrior Baek Dong Soo** (2011). 29 episodes 18th century intrigue, combat, and history and analysis.
8. **God's Battalions: The Case for the Crusades** (2009) by Rodney Stark. Good inflexible Coriolanus implausibly softens towards the end.
7. **Coriolanus** (1608) by William Shakespeare. Under-rated, perhaps because the Hilbert's same-titled *Foundations of Geometry*. But Proposition 1-4 bothers me.
6. **Euclidean geometry**. Your first stop is the D. E. Joyce website. There are lots of good books besides the original: Heath's classic commentary, *Geometry: Euclid and Beyond*; *Geometry from Euclid to Knots*; *The Four Pillars of Geometry*; *Venema and Foundations of Geometry*. Your first stop is the D. E. Joyce website. There are lots of good books besides the original: Heath's classic commentary, *Geometry: Euclid and Beyond*; *Geometry from Euclid to Knots*; *The Four Pillars of Geometry*; *Venema and Foundations of Geometry*.
5. **Uncle Ray's Roasted Garlic potato chips**, delicious, and with a story on the back of each bag. The Michigan company's website is: here. Commentary is at Millive.com
4. **Coming Apart: The State of White America, 1960-2010** (2012) by Charles Murray. Nietzsche said that the English make up for preaching immorality by living morally; Murray says the American elite do the same.
3. **Style** (1955) by Cambridge critic F. L. Lucas. "The best book on the art of writing that I know," says Joseph Epstein. So civilized, too!
2. **Corporate Law Stories** (2009) edited by J. Mark Ramseyer, the man who (with on different computers and allows selective access to them to other people. loss carryforwards. General Editor Paul Caron's whole *Law Stories* series is worth reading.
1. **Dropbox** is a free internet storage service that allows you to work with your files

[Good Things of 2012](http://rasmusen.org/special/_amazon/xmas12.htm) (Rasmusen.org/special/\_amazon/xmas12.htm)



Behold, a virgin shall be with child,  
and shall bring forth a son, and they  
shall call his name **Emmanuel**,  
which being interpreted is, **God with  
us.**

--- Matthew 1:23

Merry Christmas!

--Eric, Helen, Amelia, Benjamin,  
Lillian, and Faith Rasmusen



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