

Pre-college or university civil engineering reading list

Useful titles to read for knowledge and enjoyment.



The below are just a selection of interesting and not-too-technical reads for the budding civil engineer – there are plenty more out there. If there is a particular aspect of civil engineering that interests you, like green energy or building complex structures then it's a great idea to research online and see what you can find.

Some of the below titles are available as e-books as well as printed titles.

Civil Engineering: A Very Short Introduction

By David Muir Wood

ISBN: 9780199578634

Engineering: A Very Short Introduction

By David Blockley

ISBN: 9780199578696

Science and the City

by Laurie Winkless

ISBN: 9781472913227

Engineering in Society

An e-book published by the Royal Academy of Engineering that is available as a free (pdf) download from the RAEng website.

<http://www.raeng.org.uk/publications/reports/engineering-in-society>

Think Like An Engineer

by Guru Madhavan

ISBN: 1780746377

The New Science of Strong Materials – or Why You Don't Fall Through the Floor

by J.E. Gordon

ISBN: 0140135979

Structures – or Why Things Don't Fall Down

by J.E. Gordon

ISBN: 0306812835

Invention by Design – How Engineers get from Thought to Thing

by Henry Petroski

ISBN: 0674463684

Why Buildings Fall Down

by Matthys Levy and Mario Salvadori

ISBN: 039331152X

Why Buildings Stand Up

by Mario Salvadori

ISBN: 0393306763

Collapse: Why Buildings Fall Down

by S Wearne

ISBN: 9781575001449

Sustainable Energy – Without the Hot Air

by David J.C. MacKay

ISBN: 0954452933



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