Recommended Apologetics Book Directory

Many have asked for a list of recommended apologetics books. This list is an attempt to provide a quick and helpful reference for apologetics reading. Each category is listed in the order in which the books are recommended.

- An *asterisk indicates a high recommendation.
- Apologetics 315 reviews are also linked here.

Keep in mind this is by no means intended to be a comprehensive list. Comment with your own recommendations.

(These links are Amazon affiliate links and help Apologetics 315.)

Beginner Apologetics
Know Why You Believe - Paul Little (review)
*On Guard: Defending Your Faith with Reason and Precision - William Lane Craig
*The Case for Christ - Lee Strobel
*A Little Primer on Humble Apologetics - James Sire (review)
*5 Minute Apologist - Rick Cornish
No Other Gods - Phil Fernandes (review)
The Big Argument: Does God Exist (review)
The Reason Why Faith Makes Sense - Mark Mittelberg

Apologetic Foundations
*Love Your God With All Your Mind - J.P. Moreland
*Mere Christianity - C.S. Lewis
*Testing Christianity's Truth Claims - Gordon Lewis (review)
*Trilogy - Francis Schaeffer (review)
Contend Earnestly for the Faith - Phil Fernandes
The Kingdom Triangle - J.P. Moreland (review)
Choosing Your Faith … In a World of Spiritual Options - Mark Mittelberg

General Apologetics
*I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be An Atheist - Geisler & Turek (review)
*Without a Doubt - Kenneth Samples
*Contending with Christianity's Critics - Copan & Craig
Hard Questions, Real Answers - William Lane Craig (review)
True For You But Not For Me - Paul Copan
Who Made God?: Answers to Over 100 Other Tough Questions of Faith - Zacharias & Geisler
The Case for Faith - Lee Strobel
The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism - Tim Keller
What's So Great About Christianity - Dinesh D'Souza
Intellectuals Don't Need God and Other Modern Myths - Alister McGrath
To Everyone an Answer: A Case for the Christian Worldview - Moreland, Craig, & Beckwith
Why I Am a Christian - edited by Geisler & Hoffman
Reasons for Faith - edited by Geisler & Meister
That's Just Your Interpretation - Paul Copan
How Do You Know You're Not Wrong? - Paul Copan
Passionate Conviction - edited by Copan and Craig
Unshakable Foundations - Geisler & Bocchino
The Questions Christians Hope No One Will Ask (with answers) - Mark Mittelberg

Jesus
*The Historical Jesus - Gary Habermas (review)
*The Case for the Real Jesus - Lee Strobel
Fabricating Jesus - Craig Evans
Jesus Under Fire: Modern Scholarship Reinvents the Historical Jesus - Wilkins & Moreland
Putting Jesus in His Place: The Case for the Deity of Christ - Bowman and Komoszewski
What Have They Done with Jesus? - Ben Witherington III
Reinventing Jesus - Komoszewski, Sawyer, Wallace

Resurrection of Jesus
*The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus - Habermas & Licona (review)
Evidence for the Resurrection - Josh & Sean McDowell
*The Resurrection of the Son of God - N.T. Wright (review)
The Son Rises - William Lane Craig
Did the Resurrection Happen? - Gary Habermas & Antony Flew
The Risen Jesus and Future Hope - Gary Habermas
Jesus’ Resurrection: Fact or Figment?: A Debate Between Craig Ludemann

Miracles
*Hume’s Abject Failure - John Earman
*In Defense of Miracles - Habermas & Geivett
Miracles - C.S. Lewis
Miracles & the Modern Mind: A Defense of Biblical Miracles - Norman Geisler

Intermediate Apologetics
*Reasonable Faith - William Lane Craig (review)
*Christian Apologetics - Norman Geisler (review)
*Scaling the Secular City - J.P. Moreland (review)
The Rationality of Theism - Copan & Moser

Advanced Apologetics
*The Blackwell Companion to Natural Theology - Craig & Moreland
Naturalism: A Critical Analysis - Craig & Moreland
Cosmological Argument from Plato to Leibniz - William Lane Craig
The Kalam Cosmological Argument - William Lane Craig
Creation out of Nothing: A Biblical, Philosophical, and Scientific Exploration - Craig & Copan

Reliability of the Bible
*Can We Trust the Gospels? - Mark D. Roberts (review)
*The Historical Reliability of the Gospels - Craig Blomberg (review)
The Canon of the New Testament - Bruce Metzger (review)
Is the New Testament Reliable? - Paul Barnett (review)
The Testimony of the Evangelists - Simon Greenleaf (review)
Inerrancy - Edited by Norman Geisler (review)
The Canon of Scripture - F.F. Bruce (review)
From God To Us - Geisler & Nix (review)
Jesus and the Eyewitnesses - Richard Baukham
Misquoting Truth - Timothy Paul Jones
The Old Testament Documents: Are They Reliable and Relevant? - Walter Kaiser
General Introduction to the Bible - Norman Geisler

Problem of Evil
*The Problem of Pain - C.S. Lewis
The End of Christianity: Finding a Good God in an Evil World - William Dembski
The Many Faces of Evil - John Feinberg
When God Weeps - Joni Eareckson Tada & Steven Estes
Till We Have Faces - C.S. Lewis
Evil and the Evidence for God - Douglas Geivett

Doubt
*Doubting: Growing Through the Uncertainties of Faith - Alister McGrath
Faith and Doubt - John Ortberg
In Search of a Confident Faith - Moreland and Issler

Science
A Fine-Tuned Universe: The Quest for God in Science and Theology - Alister McGrath
Science and Christianity: Conflict or Coherence? - Henry F. Schaefer III
The Creator and the Cosmos - Hugh Ross
Why The Universe Is The Way It Is - Hugh Ross
The Fingerprint of God - Hugh Ross
Theism, Atheism, and Big Bang Cosmology - William Lane Craig & Quentin Smith
Philosophy
*Philosophy of Religion - C. Stephen Evans
**Philosophical Foundations for a Christian Worldview - Craig & Moreland (review)
*Philosophy of Religion - Norman Geisler and Winfried Corduan (review)
Reason for the Hope Within - Murray (review)
Faith and Reason - Ronald Nash
Life's Ultimate Questions: An Introduction to Philosophy - Ronald Nash
Loving Wisdom: Christian Philosophy of Religion - Paul Copan
Introduction to Philosophy - Geisler & Feinberg (review)
An Introduction to Christian Philosophy - Gordon H. Clark and John W. Robbins
Philosophy Made Slightly Less Difficult - Moreland and DeWeese
Longing To Know - Esther Meek
Thinking About God - Gregory Ganssle
Epistemology: Becoming Intellectually Virtuous - W. Jay Wood
Metaphysics: Constructing a Worldview - William Hasker (review)
Philosophy of Religion: A Reader and Guide - William Lane Craig
The Blackwell Guide to the Philosophy of Religion - William Mann
In Defense of Natural Theology - James Sennett & Douglas Groothuis (review)
On Pascal - Douglas Groothuis (review)
Warranted Christian Belief - Alvin Plantinga
God, Freedom & Evil - Alvin Plantinga
Faith & Rationality - Alvin Plantinga
Warrant & Proper Function - Alvin Plantinga
The Nature of Necessity - Alvin Plantinga
The Elusive God: Reorienting Religious Epistemology by Paul Moser (review)

Ethics
Ethics: Approaching Moral Decisions - Arthur F. Holmes
Ethics: Options & Issues - Norman Geisler
The Blackwell Companion to Christian Ethics - Hauerwas and Wells
Moral Choices - Scott Rae
Ethix - Sean McDowell

Abortion
The Case for Life - Scott Klusendorf
Pro-Life 101 - Scott Klusendorf
Defending Life - Francis Beckwith
Pro-Life Answers to Pro-Choice Arguments - Randy Alcorn
Why Pro-Life? - Randy Alcorn

Existence of God
*20 Compelling Evidences that God Exists - Ken Boa & Rob Bowman (review)
*The Case for a Creator - Lee Strobel
The God Who Sits Enthroned - Phil Fernandes (review)
The Existence of God - Richard Swinburne (review)
The Existence of God edited by John Hick (review)
Does God Exist: The Craig-Flew Debate
Does God Exist? - J.P. Moreland and Kai Nielsen

**Logic**
* A Rulebook for Arguments - Anthony Weston (review)
* Being Logical - D.Q. McInerny (review)
** Asking the Right Questions - Neil Browne & Stuart M. Keely (review)
* Nonsense: A Handbook of Logical Fallacies - Robert Gula (review)
Informal Logic - Douglas Walton (review)
Come Let Us Reason - Geisler & Brookes (review)
Introduction to Logic - Irving Copi (review)
Logic - Gordon Clark (review)
Biblical Logic - Joel McDurmon
Socratic Logic - Peter Kreeft
A Concise Introduction to Logic – Hurley

**History of Apologetics**
* A History of Apologetics - Avery Dulles (review)
* Classical Readings in Christian Apologetics - L. Rush Bush (review)
Christian Apologetics Past & Present: A Primary Source Reader - Edgar & Oliphint
Faith in the Age of Reason - Jonathan Hill (review)

**Apologetics Reference Books**
* Pocket Dictionary of Apologetics & Philosophy of Religion - C. Stephen Evans (review)
* Pocket Handbook of Christian Apologetics - Kreeft & Tacelli
* Handbook of Christian Apologetics - Kreeft & Tacelli
Holman QuickSource Guide to Christian Apologetics - Doug Powell
Baker Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics - Norman Geisler
New Dictionary of Christian Apologetics - Evans, Campbell-Jack, McGrath
Evidence That Demands a Verdict - Josh McDowell
Encyclopedia of Bible Difficulties - Gleeson Archer
Big Book of Bible Difficulties - Geisler & Howe
Charts of Apologetics and Christian Evidences - House & Holden
The Popular Encyclopedia of Apologetics - Hindsun & Caner
Hard Sayings of the Bible - Kaiser, Davids, Bruce, Brauch

**Apologetics Study Bibles**
* The Apologetics Study Bible
Apologetics Study Bible for Students

**Books on Methodology**
* Faith Has Its Reasons - Ken Boa & Robert Bowman
* 5 Views on Apologetics - Cowan, Gundry, Habermas, Craig
The Apologetics of Jesus - Geisler & Zukeran
Classical Apologetics - R.C. Sproul

Presuppositional Apologetics
*Apologetics to the Glory of God: An Introduction - John Frame
*Always Ready - Greg Bahnsen
*Presuppositional Apologetics Stated and Defended - Greg Bahnsen
The Portable Presuppositionalist - Jamin Hubner
Pushing the Antithesis: The Apologetic Methodology - Greg Bahnsen
Van Til's Apologetic: Readings and Analysis - Greg Bahnsen
The Defense of the Faith - Cornelius Van Til
Christian Apologetics - Cornelius Van Til
Cornelius Van Til: An Analysis of His Thought - John Frame

Cults
*Kingdom of the Cults - Walter Martin
The Kingdom of the Occult - Walter Martin
Reasoning from the Scriptures with the Mormons - Rhodes & Bodine
Reasoning from the Scriptures with Muslims - Ron Rhodes
Reasoning from the Scriptures with the Jehovah's Witnesses - Ron Rhodes
Reasoning from the Scriptures with Masons - Ron Rhodes
The Challenge of the Cults and New Religions - Ron Rhodes
Angels Among Us: Separating Fact from Fiction - Ron Rhodes
The New Mormon Challenge - Beckwith, Mosser, Owen
Unmasking the New Age - Douglas Groothuis

Atheism
*God is Great, God is Good - edited by William Lane Craig & Chad Meister (review)
*The Devil's Delusion: Atheism and Its Scientific Pretensions - David Berlinski
If There is a God, Why Are There Atheists? - R.C. Sproul
A Sceptic's Guide to Atheism - Peter S. Williams
Atheism Remix - Albert Mohler
The Dawkins Delusion - Alister McGrath
The Dawkins Letters - David Robertson
The Real Face of Atheism - Ravi Zacharias
The End of Reason - Ravi Zacharias (review)
The Twilight of Atheism - Alister McGrath
The Future of Atheism - Alister McGrath & Daniel Dennett
Faith of the Fatherless - Paul Vitz
The Atheist Delusion - Phil Fernandes
Atheism & Theism - Smart & Haldane
There Is a God: How the World's Most Notorious Atheist Changed His Mind -
Antony Flew (review)
The Truth Behind the New Atheism - David Marshall

**Apologetics and Evangelism**
**Tactics: A Game Plan for Discussing Your Christian Convictions** - Greg Koukl (review)
*On Guard: Defending Your Faith with Reason and Precision* - William Lane Craig
*Questioning Evangelism* - Randy Newman
*The God Question: An Invitation to a Life of Meaning* - J.P. Moreland
How to Argue Like Jesus - Carter & Coleman
Corner Conversations - Randy Newman
When God Goes to Starbucks: A Guide to Everyday Apologetics - Paul Copan
Why Good Arguments Often Fail - James Sire
Conversational Evangelism - David Geisler
The God Conversation - Moreland & Muehlhoff
Dialogical Apologetics: A Person-Centered Approach to Christian Defense - David Clark
Humble Apologetics - John Stackhouse
Reasons of the Heart: Recovering Christian Persuasion - William Edgar
Apologetics for a New Generation - Sean McDowell

**Intelligent Design**
*Understanding Intelligent Design: Everything You Need to Know in Plain Language* - Dembski & McDowell
*The Politically Incorrect Guide to Darwinism and Intelligent Design* - Jonathan Wells
*The Edge of Evolution* - Michael Behe
*The Design Inference* - William Dembski
Icons of Evolution - Jonathan Wells
Evolution: A Theory in Crisis - Michael Denton
*Signature in the Cell* - Stephen Meyer
Intelligent Design: The Bridge Between Science and Theology - Dembski & Behe
The Design Revolution - William Dembski
The Cell's Design - Fazale Rana
The Privileged Planet - Guillermo Gonzalez and Jay Richards
Science and Evidence for Design in the Universe - Behe, Dembski, Meyer
Darwin Strikes Back: Defending the Science of Intelligent Design - Thomas Woodward
Billions of Missing Links: A Rational Look at the Mysteries Evolution Can't Explain - Geoffrey Simmons
Darwin's Black Box - Michael Behe
Darwin on Trial - Phillip Johnson
The Design Matrix: A Consilience of Clues - Mike Gene
Worldviews
*World of Difference: Putting Christian Truth-Claims to the Worldview Test - Ken Samples
*Naming the Elephant: Worldview as a Concept - James Sire
*Total Truth - Nancy Pearcy
Worldviews in Conflict - Ronald Nash
The Universe Next Door - James Sire

Postmodernism / Relativism
*Relativism - Koukl & Beckwith
Truth Decay - Douglas Groothuis
A Refutation of Moral Relativism - Peter Kreeft

Classics in Apologetics
The First Apology of Justin - Justin Martyr
Irenaeus Against Heresies - Irenaeus
The Apology - Turtullian
Against Celsus - Origen
*Confessions - Augustine
*The City of God - Augustine
Monologium & Proslogium - Anselm
Summa Contra Gentiles - Thomas Aquinas
*Summa Theologica - Thomas Aquinas
*Institutes of the Christian Religion - John Calvin
The Analogy of Religion - Joseph Butler
*Natural Theology - William Paley (review)
A View of the Evidences of Christianity - William Paley
**Pensées - Blaise Pascal (review)

DVDs
The Lee Strobel Film Collection
*Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed
The Privileged Planet
Unlocking the Mystery of Life
Darwin's Dilemma (review)
Icons of Evolution
Collision (Wilson & Hitchens)