

Bedfordshire Humanists BookShare Scheme

Author	Title	Pub.	What's it about?
Barker, Dan	Godless	2008	The account of an American preacher's journey from fundamentalist evangelicalism to atheism.
Bentley, Alex (Ed.)	The Edge of Reason	2008	A collection of essays from a range of viewpoints on the relationship between religion and science.
Coyne, Jerry	Why Evolution is True	2010	Semi-technical summary of the evidence for evolution. Very persuasive.
Dacey, Austin	The Secular Conscience	2008	'Why belief belongs in public life' – The principle thrust is to insist that religious 'conscience' cannot be allowed to be unaccountable.
Beattie, Tina	The New Atheists	2008	A Catholic theologian has a go at Dawkins and co, but with some surprising attitudes. Don't tell Benedict...
Darwin, Charles	On the Origin of Species	1859	The seminal work. Victorian books don't read quite like modern ones, but still very accessible, and very wise.
Dawkins, Richard	The God Delusion	2006	The most influential modern polemic against religion
Dawkins, Richard	The Greatest Show on Earth	2010	Semi-technical summary of the evidence for evolution. More polemical than Jerry Coyne's offering, but covers similar ground.
Dennett, Daniel	Breaking the Spell	2006	A polemic that concentrates on the cognitive origins of religion as a human artefact.
Harris, Sam	Letter to a Christian Nation	2007	Brief, fiery assault on modern American religiosity.
Hitchens, Christopher	God Is Not Great	2007	A highly personal, and at times deeply emotional, analysis of the psychological and social carnage inflicted by religion.
Hitchens, Christopher	The Portable Atheist	2007	An anthology of atheist writing from the Classical world onward. A goldmine!
Huberman, Jack	The Quotable Atheist	2007	An anthology of atheist quotations.
Lewis-Williams, David	Inside the Neolithic Mind	2005	Largely archaeological, but very interesting inferences about the origins of modern religious structures and practices.
Lewis-Williams, David	Conceiving God	2010	Picks up the threads identified in the Neolithic Mind – more explicit and polemical.
Manji, Irshad	The Trouble with Islam Today	2005	Reflections of a Muslim living in Canada on the mismatch between Islam and the modern world.
Pullman, Philip	The Good Man Jesus and the Scoundrel Christ	2010	Fictional re-telling of Jesus the spiritual teacher and his twin brother the religious founder.