

The Salone Library

The Salone Library is a special project by which the Salone del Mobile. Milano is enriching its role as a cultural catalyst, a center of innovation and planning, as well as an interdisciplinary laboratory where creativity and business life meet. At the 2025 edition, the collection welcomes literary suggestions for the second year and is enriched with 100 new titles. All the titles have been recommended by designers, curators, architects, scholars – the protagonists of the **Cultural Programme of the Salone 2025** – who, by sharing their readings, reveal which works have been their inspiration in their personal and professional journey.

The books collected this year fall into four thematic categories: Light, Architecture and Perception of Space, Culture, Ecology and Anthropology of the Contemporary, Art and Narrations of Human Experience and Science and Philosophy and Innovation of Thought. A subdivision that worked rather like a game, putting artificial intelligence to the test in recognising affinities and common trajectories between the books.

Science, Philosophy and Innovation of Thought

Ideas that break the mould, that question reality and reassemble it in a new light. These books reflect on time, on knowledge, and on technology through the curious and critical lens of those who seek to go beyond appearances. Scientists, philosophers, theorists and innovators question established certainties and open up new possibilities on what we might yet become. For those who love in-depth reflections that question paradigms and stimulate new ideas.

Title	Author	Published in	Publisher	Suggested by
A Thousand Plateaus	Gilles Deleuze, Felix Guattari	2013	Bloomsbury	Bjarke Ingels
An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us	Ed Yong	2023	Editor's Pick	Alessandro Valenti
Die gemeinsame Geschichte von Licht und Bewusstsein	Arthur Zajonc	1994	Freies Geistesleben	Carla Wilkins
Empires of Light	Jill Jones	2004	Random House Publishing Group	Lesley Lokko
Flatland: A Romance of Many Dimensions	Edwin A. Abbott	2025	Printed in Poland by Amazon Fulfillment	A.J. Weissbard
In Praise of Shadows	Jun'ichirō Tanizaki	2019	Penguin - Vintage Classics	Nicholas Belfield Adrien de Lassence Mariel Fuentes Lesley Lokko Kaoru Mende Rogier van der Heide Alessandro Valenti Carla Wilkins
Life Time	Russell Foster	2023	Penguin Life	Shelley James
Light	Margaret Elphinstone	2007	Canongate Books	Lesley Lokko
On the Genealogy of Morals	Friedrich Nietzsche	2023	Broadview Press	Bjarke Ingels
The Solar Revolution: One World. One Solution.	Steve McKevitt, Tony Ryan	2014	Icon Books	Marjan van Aubel
The Spell of the Sensuous	David Abram	2017	Vintage	Es Devlin
This is Strategy	Seth Godin	2024	Authors Equity	Shelley James
The Bible		2023	Einaudi	Robert Wilson

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