

**A non-exhaustive collection of 45 worth-reading books  
on topics strongly related to Critical AI**

*(Listed in no specific order)*

Collected by Prof. Dr. Dagmar Monett

**Islands in the Cyberstream: Seeking Havens of Reason in a Programmed Society**

Joseph Weizenbaum, Gunna Wendt

<https://litwinbooks.com/books/islands-in-the-cyberstream/>

**Resisting AI: An Anti-fascist Approach to Artificial Intelligence**

Dan McQuillan

<https://bristoluniversitypress.co.uk/resisting-ai>

**Algorithms of Oppression: How Search Engines Reinforce Racism**

Safiya Umoja Noble

<https://nyupress.org/9781479837243/algorithms-of-oppression/>

**Against Technoableism: Rethinking Who Needs Improvement**

Ashley Shew

<https://www.norton.com/books/9781324036661>

**Data Grab: The New Colonialism of Big Tech and How to Fight Back**

Ulises A. Mejías, Nick Couldry

<https://press.uchicago.edu/ucp/books/book/chicago/D/bo216184200.html>

**Feeding the Machine: The Hidden Human Labour Powering AI**

James Muldoon, Mark Graham, Callum Cant

<https://www.bloomsbury.com/us/feeding-the-machine-9781639734979/>

**The Ethical Implications of AI Hype: Examining the overinflation and misrepresentation of AI capabilities and performance**

Tania Duarte, Nicholas Barrow, Medina Bakayeva, Peter Smith

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s43681-024-00539-x>

**Artificial Unintelligence: How Computers Misunderstand the World**

Meredith Broussard

<https://mitpress.mit.edu/9780262537018/artificial-unintelligence/>

**Automating Inequality: How High-Tech Tools Profile, Police, and Punish the Poor**

Virginia Eubanks

<https://us.macmillan.com/books/9781250074317/automatinginequality/>

**Design Justice: Community-Led Practices to Build the Worlds We Need**

Sasha Costanza-Chock

<https://mitpress.mit.edu/9780262043458/design-justice/>

**New Laws of Robotics: Defending Human Expertise in the Age of AI**

Frank Pasquale

<https://www.hup.harvard.edu/books/9780674975224>

**Teaching Machines: The History of Personalized Learning**

Audrey Watters

<https://mitpress.mit.edu/9780262546065/teaching-machines/>

**The Mechanic and the Luddite: A Ruthless Criticism of Technology and Capitalism**

Jathan Sadowski

<https://www.ucpress.edu/books/the-mechanic-and-the-luddite/paper>

**Blood in the Machine: The Origins of the Rebellion Against Big Tech**

Brian Merchant

<https://www.hachettebookgroup.com/titles/brian-merchant/blood-in-the-machine/9780316487740/>

**Breaking things at work: The Luddites Are Right About Why You Hate Your Job**

Gavin Mueller

<https://www.versobooks.com/products/688-breaking-things-at-work>

**Against the Machine: On the Unmaking of Humanity**

By Paul Kingsnorth

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/756181/against-the-machine-by-paul-kingsnorth/>

**Mind over Machine: The power of human intuition and expertise in the era of the computer**

Hubert L. Dreyfus, Stuart E. Dreyfus

<https://dl.acm.org/doi/10.5555/7916>

**Disabling Intelligences: Legacies of Eugenics and How We are Wrong about AI**

Rua M. Williams

<https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-032-02665-1>

**Artificial Intelligence: Against Humanity's Surrender to Computers**

Harry Collins

<https://www.wiley.com/en-nz/Artificial+Intelligence%3A+Against+Humanity's+Surrender+to+Computers-p-9781509504152>

**Human Power: Seven Traits for the Politics of the AI Machine Age**

Gry Hasselbalch

<https://www.routledge.com/Human-Power-Seven-Traits-for-the-Politics-of-the--AI-Machine-Age/Hasselbalch/p/book/9781032698168>

**Race after Technology: Abolitionist Tools for the New Jim Code**

Ruha Benjamin

<https://www.wiley.com/en-us/Race+After+Technology%3A+Abolitionist+Tools+for+the+New+Jim+Code-p-9781509526437>

**Imagination: A Manifesto**

Ruha Benjamin

<https://bookshop.org/p/books/imagination-a-manifesto-ruha-benjamin/ace86b53356c8e56>

**Another Science is Possible: A Manifesto for Slow Science**

Isabelle Stengers

[https://www.politybooks.com/bookdetail?book\\_slug=another-science-is-possible-a-manifesto-for-slow-science---9781509521807](https://www.politybooks.com/bookdetail?book_slug=another-science-is-possible-a-manifesto-for-slow-science---9781509521807)

**Artificial Whiteness: Politics and Ideology in Artificial Intelligence**

Yarden Katz

<https://cup.columbia.edu/book/artificial-whiteness/9780231194914/>

**Atlas of AI: Power, Politics, and the Planetary Costs of Artificial Intelligence**

Kate Crawford

<https://yalebooks.yale.edu/book/9780300264630/atlas-of-ai/>

**Technocolonialism: When Technology for Good is Harmful**

Mirca Madianou

[https://www.politybooks.com/bookdetail?book\\_slug=technocolonialism-when-technology-for-good-is-harmful--9781509559022](https://www.politybooks.com/bookdetail?book_slug=technocolonialism-when-technology-for-good-is-harmful--9781509559022)

**The Age of Surveillance Capitalism: The Fight for a Human Future at the New Frontier of Power**

Shoshana Zuboff

<https://www.hbs.edu/faculty/Pages/item.aspx?num=56791>

**The AI Con: How to Fight Big Tech's Hype and Create the Future We Want**

Emily M. Bender, Alex Hanna

<https://thecon.ai/>

**Empire of AI: Dreams and Nightmares in Sam Altman's OpenAI**

Karen Hao

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/743569/empire-of-ai-by-karen-hao/>

**The Myth of Good AI: A manifesto for critical Artificial Intelligence**

Arshin Adib-Moghaddam

<https://manchesteruniversitypress.co.uk/9781526189509/>

**The Myth of Artificial Intelligence: Why Computers Can't Think the Way We Do**

Erik J. Larson

<https://www.hup.harvard.edu/books/9780674278660>

**The Shame Machine: Who Profits in the New Age of Humiliation**

Cathy O'Neil

<https://www.penguin.co.uk/books/448585/the-shame-machine-by-oneil-cathy/9781802060317>

**Datafied Childhoods: Data Practices and Imaginaries in Children's Lives**

Giovanna Mascheroni, Andra Siibak

<https://www.peterlang.com/document/1140627>

**Why Machines Will Never Rule the World: Artificial Intelligence without Fear**

Jobst Landgrebe, Barry Smith

<https://www.routledge.com/Why-Machines-Will-Never-Rule-the-World-Artificial-Intelligence-without-Fear/Landgrebe-Smith/p/book/9781032941400>

**The Unaccountability Machine: Why Big Systems Make Terrible Decisions - and How The World Lost its Mind**

Dan Davies

<https://press.uchicago.edu/ucp/books/book/chicago/U/bo252799883.html>

**Technology Is Not Neutral: A Short Guide to Technology Ethics**

Stephanie Hare

<https://londonpublishingpartnership.co.uk/books/technology-is-not-neutral-a-short-guide-to-technology-ethics/>

**Unmasking AI: My Mission to Protect What Is Human in a World of Machines**

Joy Buolamwini

<https://www.unmasking.ai/>

**AI Snake Oil: What Artificial Intelligence Can Do, What It Can't, and How to Tell the Difference**

Arvind Narayanan, Sayash Kapoor

<https://press.princeton.edu/books/hardcover/9780691249131/ai-snake-oil>

**Privacy is Power: Why and How You Should Take Back Control of Your Data**

Carissa Véliz

<https://academic.oup.com/idpl/article/12/3/255/6545822>

**The Ethics of Privacy and Surveillance**

Carissa Véliz

<https://academic.oup.com/book/55750>

**Handbook of Critical Studies of Artificial Intelligence**

Simon Lindgren (Ed.)

<https://www.e-elgar.com/shop/gbp/handbook-of-critical-studies-of-artificial-intelligence-9781803928555.html>

**Critical AI: A Field in Formation**

Rita Raley, Jennifer Rhee

<https://www.dukeupress.edu/critical-ai-a-field-in-formation>

**Ethics for People Who Work in Tech**

Marc Steen

<https://www.routledge.com/Ethics-for-People-Who-Work-in-Tech/Steen/p/book/9780367542436>

**Distrust: Big Data, Data-Torturing, and the Assault on Science**

Gary Smith

<https://global.oup.com/academic/product/distrust-9780192868459>

**Oxford Handbook of Digital Ethics**

Carissa Véliz

<https://academic.oup.com/edited-volume/37078>

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