

Research Notes - Cybernetics

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Marie Neurath: *How Machines Work*, 1954

- Author: Marie Neurath
- Reasons to read: the most simple, yet expressive, introduction on machines :)
- Publisher: Max Parrsich, London
- Links: [gallery with 3 pages](#), [all pages](#) skb: [yaml src](#)

W. Ross Ashby: *An Introduction to Cybernetics*, 1956

- Author: W. Ross Ashby
- Reasons to read: cybernetics intro, Law of Requisite Variety
- Publisher: John Wiley & Sons
- Links: [Goodreads](#), [pdf: original typeset](#), [pdf: new typeset](#), [discussion on requisite variety](#), [WikiQoutes](#) skb: [yaml src](#)

Norbert Wiener: *Cybernetic OR Control and Communication in the Animal and the Machine*, 1965

- Author: Norbert Wiener
- Reasons to read: the standard work on cybernetics (with definition) and control
- Publisher: MIT Press, Cambridge, Massachusetts
- Links: [Wikipedia](#), [Goodreads](#), [PDF: original typeset](#) skb: [yaml src](#)

Humberto R. Maturana: *Biology of Cognition*, 1970

- Author: Humberto R. Maturana
- Reasons to read: tbd
- Published: Biological Computer Laboratory Research Report BCL 9.0. Urbana IL: University of Illinois, 1970
- Links: [PDF](#), [Online](#) skb: [yaml src](#)

Humberto R. Maturana et al.: *The Tree of Knowledge*, 1987

- Authors: Humberto R. Maturana, Francisco J. Valera
- Reasons to read: tbd
- Publisher: Shambhala, Boston & London
- Links: [Goodreads](#), [PDF](#) skb: [yaml src](#)

- Authors: Hugh Dubberly, Paul Pangaro
- Reasons to read: historyc context for cybernetics, interactive graph with links and link annotations
- Publisher: Hippie Modernism: The Struggle for Utopia, Exhibit Catalog, October 2015
- Links: [Paper: html with pdf links](#), [Interactive Graph](#), [Article Text](#) skb: [yaml src](#)