



Wonder, Creativity, and Imagination

A Select Bibliography

What sets humans apart is the ability for wonder, creativity, and imagination. Fostering these in children and young adults is an important part of growing and developing their brains to encourage deep thinking and analysis. It is these abilities that have led to humans creating art, architecture, and gardens. It has developed new discoveries in medicine, science and engineering and made us look to the stars and ponder the universe.

All the books listed involve wonder, creativity, and imagination. And remember all these books came about because of the wonder, creativity, and imagination of their creators.

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