Our goal with this list is to offer you twenty-five recommendations for our unique historical moment. While many of these books have been published in recent years and reflect the times in which we live, we have also chosen venerable classics that will provide insight and lend interpretive depth to your leadership—in 2023 and beyond.
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Chris Anderson

Of Human Kindness: What Shakespeare Teaches Us About Empathy
Paula Marantz Cohen

Watergate: A New History
Garrett M. Graff

The King’s Two Bodies: A Study in Mediaeval Political Theology
Ernst H. Kantorowicz

Anthea Roberts and Nicolas Lamp

The Man Who Ran Washington: The Life and Times of James A. Baker III
Peter Baker and Susan Glasser

What Universities Owe Democracy
Ronald J. Daniels and Grant Shreve

Naturally Georgia: From the Mountains to the Coast
Chris Greer

Designing Creative Communities: Your Town Is Your Canvas. Learn How to Make your Mark.
Spud Marshall

Flipped: How Georgia Turned Purple and Broke the Monopoly on Republican Power
Greg Bluestein

The Storm Before the Calm: America’s Discord, the Crisis of the 2020s, and the Triumph Beyond
George Friedman

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The Economic Weapon: The Rise of Sanctions as a Tool of Modern War
Nicholas Mulder

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Christian Seelos and Johanna Mair

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The Power of Crisis: How Three Threats – and Our Response – Will Change the World
Ian Bremmer

Talking to Strangers
Malcolm Gladwell

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Reclaiming Patriotism in an Age of Extremes
Steven B. Smith

View from Above: An Astronaut Photographs the World
Terry Virts

Gross National Happiness: Why Happiness Matters for America – and How We Can Get More of It
Arthur C. Brooks

How to Be a Minister: A 21st-Century Guide
John Hutton and Leigh Lewis

Can’t We Just Print More Money? Economics in Ten Simple Questions
Rupal Patel and Jack Meaning

Ethics in an Age of Savage Inequalities
James J. Winchester