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A community-authored Hugging Face security post-mortem is the standout resource, joined by Tony Fadell’s books on negotiation and reflection and Brad Feld’s builder-oriented fiction and psychology picks. The common thread is using well-chosen resources to examine decisions, systems, and human-machine futures.

Most compelling: *Post mortem analysis of the Hugging Face incident*

- **Content type:** Security post-mortem / report
- **Author/creator:** Hundreds of CISOs; reviewed by Hugging Face
- **Link:** Cloud Security Alliance artifact [1]
- **Recommended by:** Martin Casado
- **Key takeaway:** The report was produced collectively over a weekend by hundreds of CISOs and reviewed by Hugging Face. Casado presents it as an example of the security community mobilizing around emerging AI threats. [1, 2]
- **Why it matters:** It is the day’s most compelling pick because it is a directly accessible, practitioner-led resource on an AI-security incident—not merely a general endorsement. Casado’s recommendation argues that broad industry participation and openness can strengthen responses to new security issues. [2]

Tony Fadell's picks: negotiation, perception, and decision-making

Getting to Yes

- **Content type:** Book
- **Author/creator:** William Ury and others
- **Link:** No direct book URL supplied; recommendation context
- **Recommended by:** Tony Fadell
- **Key takeaway:** Fadell describes the book as being about making the case for why someone should say yes to a proposal. [3]
- **Why it matters:** It is a focused recommendation for readers who want to improve how they frame proposals and communicate their rationale.

In Praise of Shadows

- **Content type:** Book
- **Author/creator:** Not identified in the supplied material
- **Link:** No direct book URL supplied; recommendation context
- **Recommended by:** Tony Fadell
- **Key takeaway:** Fadell says he regularly gives this book as a gift. [3]
- **Why it matters:** A book someone repeatedly gives away is a stronger signal than a passing mention: it is a resource Fadell chooses to share with others.

Thinking, Fast and Slow

- **Content type:** Book
- **Author/creator:** Daniel Kahneman
- **Link:** No direct book URL supplied; recommendation context
- **Recommended by:** Tony Fadell
- **Key takeaway:** Fadell returns to the book because its ideas make him reflect both on the material and on his own life. [3]
- **Why it matters:** It stands out as a reread rather than a one-time recommendation, making it a useful candidate for sustained reflection on judgment and decision-making.

Brad Feld's builder shelf: making, world-building, and human-machine questions

Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance

- **Content type:** Book
- **Author/creator:** Robert Pirsig
- **Link:** No direct book URL supplied; recommendation context
- **Recommended by:** Brad Feld

- **Key takeaway:** Feld recommends it to entrepreneurs and says it is a book that anyone who makes things should read; he has revisited it every few years since high school. [4]
- **Why it matters:** This is Feld’s clearest high-conviction book endorsement and the strongest fit for builders looking for a frequently revisited work rather than a tactical manual.

Neuromancer and Snow Crash

- **Content type:** Science-fiction books
- **Author/creator:** William Gibson; Neal Stephenson
- **Link:** No direct book URLs supplied; recommendation context
- **Recommended by:** Brad Feld
- **Key takeaway:** Feld highlights *Neuromancer* for its early anticipation of technological and social dynamics, including AI and politics. He values *Snow Crash* for both its technology and geopolitical imagination. [4]
- **Why it matters:** Together, they illustrate Feld’s view that science fiction can be a way to examine current society through constructed futures.

Hyperion

- **Content type:** Science-fiction book series
- **Author/creator:** Dan Simmons
- **Link:** No direct book URL supplied; recommendation context
- **Recommended by:** Brad Feld
- **Key takeaway:** Feld describes the *Hyperion Cantos* as a multi-century narrative combining AI-versus-human questions with religion, society, gender, augmentation, and geopolitics. [4]
- **Why it matters:** It is a dense choice for readers who want speculative fiction that deliberately connects technological questions with social systems.

Dune

- **Content type:** Science-fiction book
- **Author/creator:** Frank Herbert
- **Link:** No direct book URL supplied; recommendation context
- **Recommended by:** Brad Feld
- **Key takeaway:** Feld praises its world-building and says readers can learn leadership lessons from it. [4]
- **Why it matters:** It is Feld’s explicit bridge between a canonical fictional world and leadership learning.

Exhalation and The Paper Menagerie

- **Content type:** Short-story collections
- **Author/creator:** Ted Chiang; Ken Liu

- **Link:** No direct book URLs supplied; recommendation context
- **Recommended by:** Brad Feld
- **Key takeaway:** Feld highly recommends Chiang’s *Exhalation* and also recommends Liu’s *The Paper Menagerie*. He characterizes both as accessible short-story collections with depth, without requiring the commitment of a long novel. [4]
- **Why it matters:** These are practical entry points for readers who want speculative fiction with substantive ideas in a lower-commitment format.

The Philosophy of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy

- **Content type:** Psychology / philosophy book
- **Author/creator:** Donald Robertson
- **Link:** No direct book URL supplied; recommendation context
- **Recommended by:** Brad Feld
- **Key takeaway:** Feld found the book interesting and recommends it as a resource for people curious about CBT. [4]
- **Why it matters:** It is the most direct non-fiction companion to Feld’s fiction-heavy list, aimed at readers exploring cognitive behavioral therapy and its Stoic framing.

Battlestar Galactica

- **Content type:** Television series
- **Creator:** Not identified in the supplied material
- **Link:** No direct series URL supplied; recommendation context
- **Recommended by:** Brad Feld
- **Key takeaway:** Feld values the series for its treatment of humans and machines, the evolution of both, and the social boundaries that follow. He sees world-building as a core strength of science fiction. [4]
- **Why it matters:** It extends the day’s recurring theme beyond books: imagined worlds can help readers and viewers interrogate human-machine relationships and society.

All items above are organic recommendations made in a social post or long-form interview; no sponsored, paid, or self-promotional material is included.

Sources

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