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Sarah Guo made the clearest practical recommendation of the day with Harvey’s LAB benchmark for legal-agent evaluation and deployment. The rest of the list mixed Reid Hoffman’s future-facing fiction picks, Garry Tan’s endorsement of a Lulu Meservey interview, and Paul Graham’s Churchill productivity cue.

Why LAB led today’s list

The clearest recommendation was also the most practical. Sarah Guo did not just name a resource; she explained what it is for: a long-horizon, open-source legal agent benchmark that can help teams assess what legal agents can do now, plan deployment, and design human-agent cooperation [1].

LAB

- **Content type:** Open-source legal agent benchmark / article
- **Author/creator:** Harvey [1]
- **Link/URL:** <http://x.com/i/article/2051782974098886656> [2]
- **Who recommended it:** Sarah Guo [1]
- **Key takeaway:** Guo called LAB the first long-horizon, open-source legal agent benchmark and said it helps legal teams answer “what can legal agents do today?”, plan deployment, and design human-agent cooperation [1]
- **Why it matters:** This was the most concrete, deployment-oriented recommendation in the set, with a clear role in evaluating agents inside a

hard domain [1]

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Worldview builders

The Culture series

- **Content type:** Science fiction books
- **Author/creator:** Iain M. Banks [3]
- **Link/URL:** No direct resource URL was provided; source context: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=brscUjmA2To> [3]
- **Who recommended it:** Reid Hoffman [3]
- **Key takeaway:** Hoffman pointed to the series as a vision of how AI and human beings can help create the future together [3]
- **Why it matters:** Of Hoffman’s picks, this was the most explicit AI-and-



human futures recommendation [3]

How Beeple’s \$69 MILLION sale was just the beginning. (56:56)

Murderbot

- **Content type:** TV series
- **Author/creator:** Not specified in the provided notes
- **Link/URL:** No direct resource URL was provided; source context: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=brscUjmA2To> [3]
- **Who recommended it:** Reid Hoffman [3]

- **Key takeaway:** He said the Apple television series contains elements that make him optimistic about the future and highly recommended it [3]
- **Why it matters:** This was Hoffman’s most direct screen recommendation in response to a question about optimism [3]

Sherlock

- **Content type:** TV series
- **Author/creator:** Not specified in the provided notes
- **Link/URL:** No direct resource URL was provided; source context: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=brscUjmA2To> [3]
- **Who recommended it:** Reid Hoffman [3]
- **Key takeaway:** Hoffman praised Benedict Cumberbatch’s *Sherlock* as an example of taking something old and making it “very present future,” with a through line of humanism [3]
- **Why it matters:** The recommendation points to a specific standard for modernizing older material without losing its human core [3]

“how you can take this old thing and make it very present future. It’s like a through line of humanism.” [3]

Operator reading and watching

Winston Churchill’s collected works

- **Content type:** Books
- **Author/creator:** Winston Churchill [4]
- **Link/URL:** No direct resource URL was provided; source context: <https://x.com/paulg/status/2051979280989511874> [4]
- **Who recommended it:** Paul Graham [4]
- **Key takeaway:** Graham highlighted the scale of Churchill’s output and noted that dictation changes the medium, not the cognitive work [4]
- **Why it matters:** The recommendation reads as a standard-setting example of sustained written output while carrying major operating responsibilities [4]

“He mostly dictated them, but that’s just as much work for the brain, if not for the hand.” [4]

My first interview with @lulumeservey, Founder of Rostra

- **Content type:** Video interview shared on X
- **Author/creator:** ti_morse
- **Link/URL:** https://x.com/ti_morse/status/2051740965485113473 [5]
- **Who recommended it:** Garry Tan [5]
- **Key takeaway:** Tan’s endorsement was simple and strong: he compared Lulu Meservey to “The Wolf” from *Pulp Fiction* [5]

- **Why it matters:** The interview spans topics including Palmer Luckey, Elon, culture after the X acquisition, loyalty, and Jensen Huang’s metric-making, making it a broad operator conversation rather than a narrow founder profile [6]

Bottom line

If you save one item from today’s set, save **LAB**. It was the only recommendation paired with a clearly stated job to do right now: benchmark what legal agents can actually do and think more concretely about deployment and human-agent collaboration [1].

Sources

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