An abbreviated list of good stuff to read/watch about general science/anthropology/history

Michael L. Ferro

Ayaan Hirsi Ali:

Douglas Adams: Everything he ever did! Especially:
- The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy (series)

Russell Ciochon:
- Other Origins: The Search for the Giant Ape in Human Prehistory. ISBN-10: 0553070819
- Dragon Bone Hill. (with Noel Thomas Boaz) ISBN-10: 0195152913

Bill Bryson: Everything he’s done, especially:
- A Short History of Nearly Everything. ISBN-10: 0767923227
- Mother Tongue: The English Language. ISBN-10: 014014305X

Richard Dawkins:

Vincent Gaston Dethier:
- To Know a Fly. 1963. ISBN-10: 0070165742

Jared Diamond:

Hans Magnus Enzensberger:

Richard P. Feynman: (He’s done a lot)
Tim Flannery: [He’s done a lot, but the only one I’ve read is:]

Harry G. Frankfurt:

R. Buckminster Fuller: (He’s done a lot)
-The Dymaxion World of Buckminster Fuller. With Robert Marks. ISBN 0385018045

George Gamow:

Marvin Harris:
-Our Kind: who we are, where we came from, where we are going. 1990. ISBN 0-060-91990-6.
-Patterns of Race in the Americas ISBN 0-313-22359-9

Sam Harris:

Kit Harrison, George H. Harrison, Michael James Riddet:
-Birds Do It, Too: The Amazing Sex Life of Birds. ISBN-10: 1572230924

Stephen Hawking:

Adam Hochschild

Darrell Huff:

Arno Karlen:
-Napoleon's Glands and Other Ventures in Biohistory. ISBN-10: 0446329738

Harriet Jacobs:
-Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl. 1861.

Dean King:

Annie Leonard:
The Story of Stuff: How Our Obsession with Stuff Is Trashing the Planet, Our Communities, and Our Health-and a Vision for Change, ISBN-10: 143912566X
-http://storyofstuff.com/
Aldo Leopold:  
-A Sand County Almanac (Outdoor Essays & Reflections)

Paul Lockhart:  

Gordon MacCreagh:  
-White Waters and Black. ISBN-10: 0226500187  

George MacDonald Fraser:  
-Everything he did, especially:  
-The Flashman Series (12 books)  
-Quartered Safe Out Here (1992)

Kathleen Meyer:  
-How to Shit in the Woods: An Environmentally Sound Approach to a Lost Art

Gary Larson:  
-There's a Hair in My Dirt!: A Worm's Story. 1998. ISBN 0-06-093274-0  

Charles C. Mann:  

Herman Melville:  
-Moby-Dick. 1851. [ONE OF THE GREATEST BOOKS EVER]  
-Typeee: A Peep at Polynesian Life

Desmond Morris:  
(He’s done a lot, but the only two I’ve read are:)  
-The Naked Ape (1967)  

Redmond O’Hanlon:  
-Into the Heart of Borneo (1984)  
-In Trouble Again (1988)  
-No Mercy: A Journey Into the Heart of the Congo (1997) [ONE OF THE GREATEST BOOKS EVER]  
-Trawler (2005)

Henry Petroski:  
(He’s done a lot, but the only one I’ve read is:)  

James Randi:  

William Ryan and Walter Pitman:  

Carl Sagan:  
-All of it, especially  
Michael Shermer: [He’s done a lot, but the only one I’ve read is:]

Pat Shipman:

Jason Stearns

Neil deGrasse Tyson: [He’s done a lot, but the only one I’ve read is:]
-Death by Black Hole: And Other Cosmic Quandaries (2007) ISBN 0393330168

Samantha Weinberg:
-A Fish Caught in Time: The Search for the Coelacanth. ISBN-10: 0060932856

Steven Weinberg:
-The First Three Minutes: A Modern View Of The Origin Of The Universe

Edward O. Wilson: [He’s done a lot:]

Howard Zinn: [He’s done a lot, but the only one I’ve read is:]
-A People’s History of the United States

And of course it goes without saying anything by these authors is fantastic: Arthur C. Clarke, Philip José Farmer (especially Venus on the Half-Shell), Stephen Fry, Harry Harrison, Peter F. Hamilton, Robert A. Heinlein, Elspeth Huxley, George Orwell, Jonathan Swift, Mark Twain (everything he wrote), Bill Watterson (Calvin and Hobbes), Kurt Vonnegut, etc.