

## 65. Fünf Bücher von Erik Kirschbaum (Englisch)

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### [Catch-22](#), Joseph Heller

It's a great book that helps explain what a crazy world we live in. This is the essence of the book: "There was only one catch and that was Catch-22, which specified that a concern for one's safety in the face of dangers that were real and immediate was the process of a rational mind. Orr was crazy and could be grounded. All he had to do was ask; and as soon as he did, he would no longer be crazy and would have to fly more missions. Orr would be crazy to fly more missions and sane if he didn't, but if he were sane he had to fly them. If he flew them he was crazy and didn't have to; but if he didn't want to he was sane and had to. Yossarian was moved very deeply by the absolute simplicity of this clause of Catch-22 and let out a respectful whistle."

### [An Inconvenient Truth](#), Al Gore

It's a book and film that changed my life. It woke me up to the very real problem of climate change and in many ways changed my life. I started putting up photovoltaic systems on my roof and other roofs and began looking for ways to reduce my carbon footprint. I'm sure I get on a lot of people's nerves by turning off unused lights and computers at work and elsewhere...but I have this sinking feeling that in 100 years future generations will look back at us and say: 'What, those morons knew about climate change but didn't do anything about it?'

### [Solar](#), Ian McEwan

It's a fascinating and extremely well-written novel.

### [The Powers That Be](#), David Halberstam

It's a great book about the power of the media by David Halberstam. I read it many, many years ago but still think about it.

### [The Prize: The Epic Quest for Oil, Money & Power](#), Daniel Yergin

It's another book I read many years ago but it still stays with me. It puts the last 150 years of history into a new perspective seeing that oil was and is a driving force behind so much of what has happened in modern history. A great read.