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# Recommended Readings



The following is a list of recommended readings from the contributing editors that they feel will pique your interest and help keep you informed.

**“Just Like Someone without Mental Illness Only More So,”** by Mark Vonnegut, MD. Like his first memoir, “Eden Express: A Memoir of Insanity,” this also deals with his experience with bipolar disorder. Now 30 years later, he talks about his experiences with our health care system as a practicing pediatrician who’s frustrated by the way our payment system not only rewards the wrong things but makes doing the right things much harder. He’s also a patient and shares his experience in ways that are touching and funny. [www.npr.org](http://www.npr.org). Search term: Mark Vonnegut. Or use QR code.



**“Global Perspectives on Insurance Today: A Look at National Interest Versus Globalization,”** by Cecelia Kempler, Michel Flamee, Charles Yang and Paul Windels. This ambitious book, which contains contributions from nearly 40 authors, covers insurance and reinsurance, as well as “modern risk transfer vehicles that allow participation by non-industry investors.” A consistent theme is the tension between national interests and globalization and the industry’s need to achieve a balance in order to succeed. [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). Search term: Cecelia Kempler. Or use QR code.



## Fictional Actuaries

Sightings of fictional actuaries go way beyond “About Schmidt.” They range from an actuary as a villain in two 1994 issues of the Batman DC comic book (in which the actuary develops the Batman risk tables and teaches the Penguin about risk management) to “Are You With It?” a 1948 musical starring Donald O’Connor as a singing, tap dancing actuary who runs away to join a carnival after a misplaced decimal costs his company millions. [www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org). Search term: fictional actuaries. Or use QR code.



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