



## Ironbridge Gorge Reading List (Books)

The following books, or in some cases sections or chapters within books, are recommended to those who wish to learn more about the history and industries of the Ironbridge Gorge. Most will be available through your local library or the inter-library loans network. All items listed are held in the Library & Archives at the Ironbridge Gorge Museum in Coalbrookdale, where they can be consulted, for reference only, by prior appointment. A similar list of articles is in preparation.

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