How to Mark A Book

There are all kinds of ways to mark a book intelligently. Here are a few of the more common techniques.

Underlining of major points or important or forceful statements

Vertical lines at the margin to emphasize a statement already underlined

Stars, asterisks or other markings at the margin to be used sparingly to emphasize the ten or twenty most important statements in the book

A fold (dog-ear) on the bottom corner of a page which has especially useful information.

Numbers at the margin to indicate the sequence of points an author makes in developing his argument

Numbers of other pages in the margins to indicate where additional information relating to the point being made

Circling of key words or phrases

Writing in the margin or at the top or bottom of the page for the sake of recording questions and perhaps answers which a passage may have raised in your mind; reducing a complicated discussion to a single statement; recording a sequence of major points, etc

Using the endpapers of a book for similar purpose as described above