



## MONTHLY MUST READS

Each month, we post a selection of 'hot off the press' recommended reads...

These are taken from 'The Reader Teacher' <https://www.thereaderteacher.com/> a fantastic source of reads, reviews and recommendations at KS1 and KS2.

These books are not currently on the 30 Reads list but could be added under the 'your choice' section on the 30 Reads log.

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 <p><b>Picture book of the month</b></p>	 <p><b>Fiction book of the month</b></p>	
<p><b>Interest age: 7+</b>  <b>Independent reading age: 7+</b>  <i>What letter does the word bee start with? If you said "B" you're right - in English! But in many, many languages, it actually starts with A. Bee is Anu in Igbo. Ari in Turkish. Aamoo in Ojibwe. And Abelha in Portuguese. Come and explore the gorgeous variations in the ways we talk about familiar things, unified and illuminated through Ellen Heck's eye-catching illustrations.</i></p>	<p><b>Interest age: 8+</b>  <b>Independent reading age: 9+</b>  <i>On a summer holiday in Wales, Portia and Ben find a mysterious door set in a bramble hedge in the middle of a forest. It is a portal to the Otherworld and should never be opened, but how are they supposed to know that? After all, the old stories about the wonders and dangers of the Otherworld have long been forgotten ...</i></p>	<p><b>Interest age: 8+</b>  <b>Independent reading age: 9+</b>  <i>Forbidden to leave her island, Isabella dreams of the faraway lands her cartographer father once mapped. When her friend disappears, she volunteers to guide the search. The world beyond the walls is a monster-filled wasteland – and beneath the dry rivers and smoking mountains, a fire demon is stirring from its sleep. Soon, following her map, her heart and an ancient myth, Isabella discovers the true end of her journey: to save the island itself.</i></p>
 <p><b>Non-fiction book of the month</b></p>		
<p><b>Interest age: 7+</b>  <b>Independent reading age: 7+</b>  <i>From the alarm clock to the toilet, discover the incredible history all around you in this hilarious and fascinating book from popular historian and podcaster Greg Jenner. Thought history was only in museums? Think again! Join Greg Jenner as he takes you on a trip through the amazing history hidden in the things you use every day.</i></p>	<p><b>Interest age: 7+</b>  <b>Independent reading age: 7+</b>  <i>No one knows who Grace is. One day, she appeared in a shop doorway in a sleeping bag, with a cat called Luna, surrounded by strange things. When Jess and her mum strike up a friendship with Grace, Jess has questions: why did she leave her home? Does she have enough to eat? And what happens when the cold weather comes?</i></p>	<p><b>Interest age: 7+</b>  <b>Independent reading age: 8+</b>  <i>Wings? Check. A super-cool, super-secret past? Check. An impossible mission to save the world from a furious enemy? Check. When Tunde sprouts wings and learns he's all that stands between Earth and total destruction, suddenly school is the least of his problems. Luckily, his rag-tag group of pals have got his back, and with his new powers, Tunde is ready to fly in the face of danger.</i></p>