8 reads for March

In this monthly feature, The Straits Times lines up eight hot-off-the-press home-grown books for readers to dive into.

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1. FIGHTER NEMESIS
by Donal Clark
CHIJMES Press, 2023
294 pages, $25.90
Available at bookshops

When Singapore was first founded by the British, much of the island was covered in jungle. The wildlife was vast...and voracious. The 19th-century British writer, William Raffles, in his 1826 book 'Journey to the Malayan Archipelago', described a 'wild and unexplored country', where 'people are scarce, and the animals are numerous'.

2. FICTION
by stamp
Paperback, 2023
Available at bookshops

In his 2020 novel, Sam Keay and Dareen Goh’s Lonly Island imagined a world in which five dancers were stranded in a popular tourist destination. The book was praised for its critical appraisal of the colonial legacy.

3. FIGHTER NEMESIS
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The Recessional may be over, but the colonial legacy continues to shape our world today. The Recessional is a novel that explores this theme through a series of interconnected short stories.

4. YOUNG ADULT ADULT AND FRIENDS
by stamp
Paperback, 2023
Available at bookshops

Little Mole has been told she will soon be a special girl with a special power. However, when she tries to use it, she discovers that it is not as easy as she thought. The story is told through the eyes of Mole’s friends and family.

5. CHILDREN’S FICTIONS
by stamp
Paperback, 2023
Available at bookshops

If you’re looking for a book to read with your children, look no further! This list of children’s fiction includes stories that are both fun and educational.

6. CHILDREN’S FICTIONS
by stamp
Paperback, 2023
Available at bookshops

The play, written by British-based Singaporean writer and producer by stamp, is set in a world where all the characters are animals. The story follows a young rabbit named Mole, who discovers that she has a special power.

7. CHILDREN’S FICTIONS
by stamp
Paperback, 2023
Available at bookshops

This book is a collection of short stories written by stamp, each with a different theme. The stories are aimed at children aged 6-10 years old.

8. THEATRE DRAGONS
by stamp
Paperback, 2023
Available at bookshops

A near future where robots and AI are running the world. A group of friends have to come together to save humanity from destruction.