

Reading Week 2021: Poem of the Week

In this week's poem, poet Dylan Thomas shares his thoughts on the joys of reading.

The gripping, transformative impact of reading is vividly brought to life by his explosive, energetic language and imagery: *sandstorms; ice blasts; staggering; splashing; blinding bright lights...*

And on that note,

Happy Reading Week 2021!

Notes on the Art of Poetry

I could never have dreamt that there were such goings-on
in the world between the covers of books,
such sandstorms and ice blasts of words,
such staggering peace, such enormous laughter,
such and so many blinding bright lights,
splashing all over the pages
in a million bits and pieces
all of which were words, words, words,
and each of which were alive forever
in its own delight and glory and oddity and light.

Dylan Thomas