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Elon Musk's resurfaced endorsement and Martin Casado's historical framing make Bostrom's *Superintelligence* the period's strongest reading lead; Patrick Collison adds a terse but unusually emphatic pointer to Ruskin's *Nature of Gothic*.

Most compelling: *Superintelligence*

- **Content type:** Book · **Creator:** Bostrom · **Link:** Musk's original recommendation. [1]
- **Recommended by:** Elon Musk, whose current re-share points back to the recommendation, and Martin Casado, who added the historical framing. [2]
- **Key takeaway:** Musk's endorsement is unusually direct: "Worth reading," followed by a call to be "super careful with AI" because it is "potentially more dangerous than nukes." [1] Casado calls it "the book that framed people's mental picture of the technology, three years before transformers was published" and "the legacy of Bostrom." [3]
- **Why it matters:** This is the strongest high-context reading lead in the set: one recommender supplies a concrete reason to read it—AI-risk caution—while the other presents it as a pre-Transformer reference point for how the technology was understood. [1, 3]

A terse but high-confidence second pick: *Nature of Gothic*

- **Content type:** Book/essay · **Creator:** Ruskin · **Link:** No direct work URL is supplied; Collison's recommendation. [4]
- **Recommended by:** Patrick Collison. [4]

- **Key takeaway:** Collison says it is “the best thing I’ve read so far this year.” The post gives no summary of the work’s argument or lesson. [4]
 - **Why it matters:** The value here is the strength and specificity of the endorsement, not an extracted framework. Treat it as a reading lead to investigate directly rather than as a claim that Collison’s post has already explained the book. [4]
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Sources

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4. X post by @patrickc