

YOU CAN USE CTA'S

# CALIFORNIA READS



TO PROMOTE READING IN YOUR  
SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES

As educators, we know how important reading is to student success. It's not just success at school, though. Researchers often look at literacy as a means to predict how lawful our students will grow up to be.

Teaching a child to read and to love reading is giving them one of the best life skills. And that's why CTA has expanded our Read Across America efforts to promote more than one book on one day. Instead, through our California Reads program, we promote teacher-recommended books in all grades and reading levels (Pre-K through K-12) throughout the year.

Use this guide to promote California Reads and Read Across America in your schools and communities.

**AND CELEBRATE READ ACROSS AMERICA**  
**TURN THE PAGE FOR RESOURCES**





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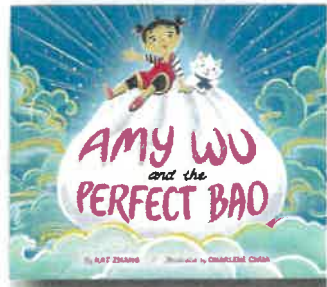


## TEACHER RECOMMENDED BOOKS (Pre/TK/K)

While we promote literacy throughout the year, we still enjoy participating in our national literacy events through Read Across America. So, again this year, CTA has created resources for you and your members to download and use locally. There are posters, certificates in English and Spanish, a bookmark, and our "6 Reading Keys" flyer in 8 languages (these make great handouts for parents).

As you make your plans to celebrate reading on March 2, 2022, the official Read Across America Day, consider using one of the books from our recommended reading list.

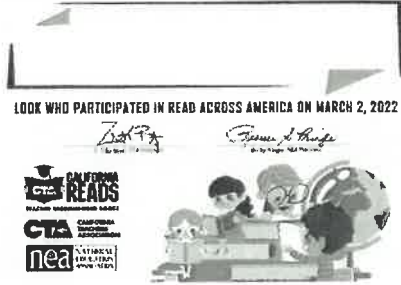
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Author: Kat Zhang  
Illustrator: Charlene Chu



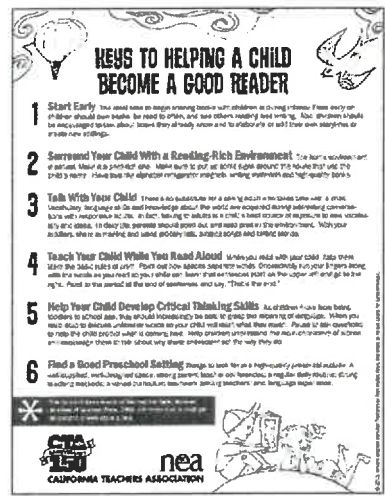
## Resources

Download these resources at [www.cta.org/californiareads](http://www.cta.org/californiareads).

### CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION



Certificate also available in Spanish



Parent handout "6 Keys" available in 8 languages



Bookmark



Poster



And let us know what you are planning and we will help promote that to your local media. Just email Anqi Hong at [ahong@cta.org](mailto:ahong@cta.org) with the details about your event.



Once you learn to read, you will be forever free. — Frederick Douglass

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**Ben and Emma's Big Hit**

Author: Gavin Newsom

Illustrator: Alexandra Thompson

**Change Sings: A Children's Anthem**

Author: Amanda Gorman

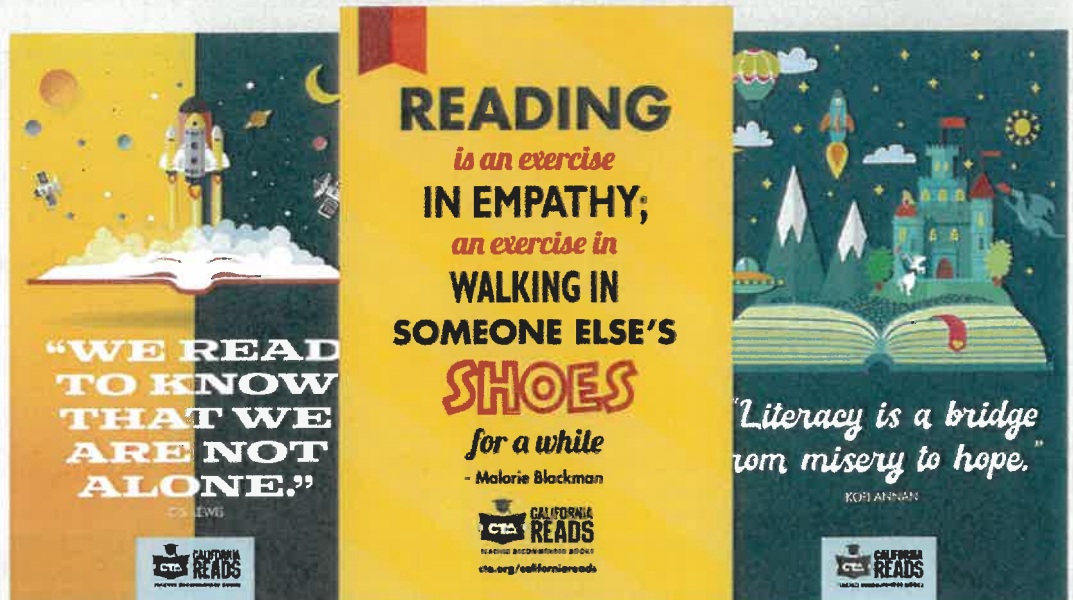
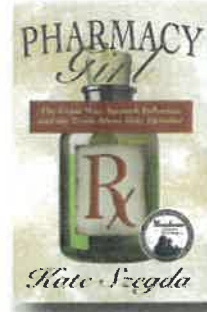
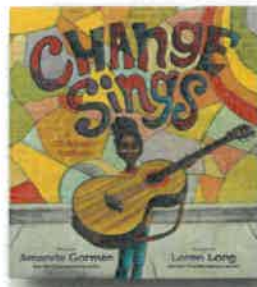
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Author: Kate Szegda

**Firekeeper's Daughter**

Author: Angeline Boulley



with all 2021-2022 recommended books

Inspirational Posters



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TEACHER RECOMMENDED BOOKS



## 2021-2022 RECOMMENDED BOOKS

PreK/TK/K



**The Colors of Us**  
Author & Illustrator: Karen Katz



**I Promise**  
Author: LeBron James  
Illustrator: Nina Mata



**Amy Wu and the Perfect Bao**  
Author: Kat Zhang  
Illustrator: Charlene Chua

Grades 1-2



**Ben and Emma's Big Hit**  
Author: Gavin Newsom  
Illustrator: Alexandra Thompson



**Write to Me: Letters from Japanese American Children to the Librarian They Left Behind**  
Author: Cynthia Grady  
Illustrator: Amiko Hirao



**Gratitude is My Superpower: A Children's Book About Giving Thanks and Practicing Positivity**  
Author: Alicia Ortego

Grades 3-5



**Change Sings: A Children's Anthem**  
Author: Amanda Gorman  
Illustrator: Loren Long



**Dolores Huerta: A Hero to Migrant Workers**  
Author: Sarah E. Warren  
Illustrator: Robert Casilla



**We Dream of Space**  
Author: Erin Entrada Kelly

Grades 6-8



**Esperanza Rising**  
Author: Pam Muñoz Ryan



**The Other Boy**  
Author: M. G. Hennessey  
Illustrator: Sfe R. Monster



**Pharmacy Girl: The Great War, Spanish Influenza, and the Truth about Billy Detwiler**  
Author: Kate Szegda

Grades 9-12



**Firekeeper's Daughter**  
Author: Angeline Boulley



**Children of Blood and Bone**  
Author: Tomi Adeyemi



**The Hill We Climb: An Inaugural Poem for the Country**  
Author: Amanda Gorman



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