



# BookBreak Read Across America 50 States Book List

## Alabama

- **Picture Books:**
  - *The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read* by Rita Lorraine Hubbard
  - *Helen's Big World: The Life of Helen Keller* by Doreen Rappaport, illustrated by Matt Tavares
  - *Stitchin' and Pullin': A Gee's Bend Quilt* by Patricia McKissack
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963* by Christopher Paul Curtis
  - [\*Inside Out & Back Again\*](#) by Thanh Hà Lai

## Alaska

- **Picture Books:**
  - *Kumak's Fish* by Michael Bania
  - *Berry Magic* by Teri Sloat
  - *Akiak: A Tale From the Iditarod* by Robert J. Blake
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *Sweet Home Alaska* by Carole Estby Dagg
  - *Song for a Whale* by Lynne Kelly

## Arizona

- **Picture Books:**
  - *Big Moon Tortilla* by Joy Cowley
  - *Cactus Hotel* by Brenda Z. Guiberson
  - *Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story* by Kevin Noble Maillard
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus* by Dusti Bowling
  - *The Canyon's Edge* by Dusti Bowling

## Arkansas

- **Picture Books:**
  - *A Band of Angels* by Deborah Hopkinson
  - *Preaching to the Chickens* by Jabari Asim
  - *Rise! From Caged Bird to Poet of the People* by Bethany Hegedus
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *The Lions of Little Rock* by Kristin Levine
  - *Summer of the Woods* by Steven K. Smith

## California

- **Picture Books:**
  - *Separate Is Never Equal* by Duncan Tonatiuh
  - *Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix* by Jacqueline Briggs Martin
  - [\*Last Stop on Market Street\*](#) by Matt de la Peña
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Muñoz Ryan
  - [\*The Misfits\*](#) by Lisa Yee
  - [\*Front Desk\*](#) by Kelly Yang

## Colorado

- **Picture Books:**
  - *Grandma's Gift* by Eric Velasquez
  - *Just Like Beverly* by Vicki Conrad
  - *High As A Hawk* by T. A. Barron
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *Hard Gold: The Colorado Gold Rush of 1859* by Avi
  - *The Secret School* by Avi

## Connecticut

- **Picture Books:**
  - *The Taxing Case of the Cows* by Pegi Deitz Shea
  - *Gingerbread for Liberty!* by Mara Rockliff
  - *Wonder Horse* by Emily Arnold McCully
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *The Penderwicks* by Jeanne Birdsall
  - *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

## Delaware

- **Picture Books:**
  - *The Pig Who Went Home on Sunday* by Donald Davis
  - *Horses of the Storm* by Sandy Rabinowitz
  - *High Tide for Horseshoe Crabs* by Lisa Kahn Schnell
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *The Rescue Begins in Delaware* by Cheri Pray Earl
  - *Bluefish* by Pat Schmatz



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- **Picture Books:**
  - *Mercy Watson to the Rescue* by Kate DiCamillo
  - *The Great Pig Search* by Eileen Christelow
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen
  - [\*Because of Winn-Dixie\*](#) by Kate DiCamillo

## Georgia

- **Picture Books:**
  - *Lailah's Lunchbox* by Reem Faruqi
  - *John Lewis in the Lead* by Jim Haskins
- **Middle Grade:**
  - [\*Restart\*](#) by Gordon Korman
  - *Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything in It* by Sundee T. Frazier

## Hawaii

- **Picture Books:**
  - *Dumpling Soup* by Jama Kim Rattigan
  - *Surfer of the Century* by Ellie Crowe
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *Heroes* by Alan Gratz
  - [\*High Tide in Hawaii\*](#) by Mary Pope Osborne

## Idaho

- **Picture Books:**
  - *Potato: A Tale from the Great Depression* by Kate Lied
  - *Mailing May* by Michael Tunnel
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *The Fences Between Us* by Kirby Larson
  - *Mountain Dog* by Margarita Engle

## Illinois

- **Picture Books:**
  - *Mr. Ferris and His Wheel* by Kathryn Gibbs Davis
  - *Larry Gets Lost in Chicago* by John Skewes
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *Finding Langston* by Lesa Cline-Ransome
  - *Scratch Scratch* by Lindsay Currie

## Indiana

- **Picture Books:**
  - *The Christmas Tapestry* by Patricia Polacco
  - *Major Taylor, Champion Cyclist* by Lesa Cline-Ransome
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *Running Out of Time* by Margaret Peterson Haddix
  - *The Season of Styx Malone* by Kekla Magoon

## Iowa

- **Picture Books:**
  - *American Gothic: The Life of Grant Wood* by Susan Wood
  - *Creekfinding* by Jacqueline Briggs Martin
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *The Luck of the Buttons* by Ann Ylvisaker
  - *Blue Jasmine* by Kashmira Sheth

## Kansas

- **Picture Books:**
  - *The Storm in the Barn* by Matt Phelan
  - *Three Names* by Patricia MacLachlan
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *Moon Over Manifest* by Clare Vanderpool
  - *May B.* by Caroline Starr Rose

## Kentucky

- **Picture Books:**
  - *That Book Woman* by Heather Henson
  - *Lift Your Light a Little Higher* by Heather Henson
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *Saving Wonder* by Mary Knight
  - *Brother's Keeper* by Julie Lee

## Louisiana

- **Picture Books:**
  - *Trombone Shorty* by Troy Andrews
  - *Freedom in Congo Square* by Carole Boston Weatherford
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *Ninth Ward* by Jewell Parker Rhodes
  - *Louisiana's Way Home* by Kate DiCamillo





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- **Picture Books:**
  - *The Circus Ship* by Chris Van Dusen
  - *Many Hands: A Penobscot Indian Story* by Angeli Perrow
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *The Someday Birds* by Sally J. Pla
  - *Reaching for Sun* by Tracie Vaughn Zimmer

## Maryland

- **Picture Books:**
  - *Becoming Babe Ruth* by Matt Tavares
  - *Love Twelve Miles Long* by Glenda Armand
  - *Perry's Baltimore Adventure: A Bird's-Eye View of Charm City* by Peter Dans
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *Iveliz Explains It All* by Andrea Beatriz Arango
  - *Shakespeare's Secret* by Elise Broach

## Massachusetts

- **Picture Books:**
  - *Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey
  - *The Boy Who Drew Birds* by Jacqueline Davies
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney
  - *I Survived the Great Molasses Flood, 1919* by Lauren Tarshis
  - *Show Me a Sign* by Ann Clare LeZotte

## Michigan

- **Picture Books:**
  - *The Legend of Sleeping Bear* by Kathy-jo Wargin
  - *Magic Trash* by J.H. Shapiro
  - *Clever Beatrice: An Upper Peninsula Conte* by Margaret Willey
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis
  - *Willow Run* by Patricia Reilly Giff

## Minnesota

- **Picture Books:**
  - *Bowwow Powwow: Bagošenjige-niimi'idim* by Brenda J. Child
  - *Marven of the Great North Woods* by Kathryn Lasky
- **Middle Grade:**
  - [\*Jo Jo Makoons: The Used-to-be Best Friend\*](#) by Dawn Quigley
  - *Home of the Brave* by Katherine Applegate

## Mississippi

- **Picture Books:**
  - *Crossing Bok Chitto* by Tim Tingle
  - *Midnight Teacher* by Janet Halfmann
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *Love, Ruby Lavender* by Deborah Wiles
  - *Midnight Without a Moon* by Linda Williams Jackson

## Missouri

- **Picture Books:**
  - *Steamboat School* by Deborah Hopkinson
  - *Painting for Peace in Ferguson* by Carol Swartout Klein
  - *Fairy Floss: The Sweet Story of Cotton Candy* by Ann Ingalls
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *Scout's Honor* by Avi
  - *I Survived the Joplin Tornado, 2011* by Lauren Tarshis

## Montana

- **Picture Books:**
  - *Jeanette Rankin: Political Pioneer* by Gretchen Woelfle
  - *Cowboy Charlie: The Story of Charles M. Russell* by Jeanette Winter
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *Hattie Big Sky* by Kirby Larson
  - *The Merits of Whispering Creek* by Niki Lenz





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- **Picture Books:**
  - *Dandelions* by Eve Bunting
  - *Nora's Chicks* by Patricia MacLachlan
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *Worth* by A. LaFaye
  - *Room One* by Andrew Clements

## Nevada

- **Picture Books:**
  - *Sagebrush and Paintbrushes* by Sharyn V. Ross
  - *Rhyolite: The True Story of a Ghost Town* by Diane Siebert
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *96 Miles* by J.L. Esplin
  - *Some Kind of Courage* by Dan Gemeinhart

## New Hampshire

- **Picture Books:**
  - *The Bear That Heard Crying* by Natalie Kinsey-Warnock
  - *Imogene's Last Stand* by Candace Fleming
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *Half a Chance* by Cynthia Lord
  - *Frindle* by Andrew Clements

## New Jersey

- **Picture Books:**
  - *The Night of the Moonjellies* by Mark Shasha
  - *Brothers at Bat: The True Story of an Amazing All-Brother Baseball Team* by Audrey Vernick
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *I Survived the Shark Attacks of 1916* by Lauren Tarshis
  - *Superfudge* by Judy Blume

## New Mexico

- **Picture Books:**
  - *Southwest Sunrise* by Nikki Grimes
  - *A Spoon for Every Bite* by Joe Hayes
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *The Green Glass Sea* by Ellen Klages
  - *Masterminds* by Gordon Korman

## New York

- **Picture Books:**
  - *Nana in the City* by Lauren Castillo
  - *Mirette and Bellini Cross Niagara Falls* by Emily Arnold McCully
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *New Kid* by Jerry Craft
  - *Tight* by Torrey Maldonado
  - *The Vanderbeekers* by Karina Yan Glaser

## North Carolina

- **Picture Books:**
  - *Freedom on the Menu* by Carole Boston Weatherford
  - *Miss Dorothy and Her Bookmobile* by Gloria Houston
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *Ban this Book* by Alan Gratz
  - *Wish* by Barbara O'Connor

## North Dakota

- **Picture Books:**
  - *Buffalo Bird Girl* by S.D. Nelson
  - *Sunflower House* by Eve Bunting
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *Apple in the Middle* by Dawn Quigley
  - *Wild Life* by Cynthia DeFelice

## Ohio

- **Picture Books:**
  - *Lentil* by Robert McCloskey
  - *The Stone Thrower* by Jael Ealey Richardson
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *Hello, Universe* by Erin Entrada Kelly
  - *Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper
  - *Other Words for Home* by Jasmine Warga

## Oklahoma

- **Picture Books:**
  - *Jingle Dancer* by Cynthia Leitich Smith
  - *I Have Heard of a Land* by Joyce Carol Thomas
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *Roll With It* by Jamie Sumner
  - *Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse





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- **Picture Books:**
  - *Apples to Oregon* by Deborah Hopkinson
  - *Thirty Minutes Over Oregon* by Marc Tyler Nobleman
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *Ramona the Pest* by Beverly Cleary
  - *Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson

## Pennsylvania

- **Picture Books:**
  - *The Matchbox Diary* by Paul Fleischman
  - *Saving the Liberty Bell* by Megan McDonald
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *Pie* by Sarah Weeks
  - *Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson

## Rhode Island

- **Picture Books:**
  - *Blizzard* by John Rocco
  - *The Scrimshaw Ring* by William Jaspersohn
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *The Art of Keeping Cool* by Janet Taylor Lisle
  - *The Art of the Swap* by Kristine Asselin

## South Carolina

- **Picture Books:**
  - *Ron's Big Mission* by Rose Blue
  - *Princess and the Peas* by Rachel Himes
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson
  - *The Parker Inheritance* by Varian Johnson

## South Dakota

- **Picture Books:**
  - *The Christmas Coat* by Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve
  - *When Sue Found Sue: Sue Hendrickson Discovers Her T. Rex* by Toni Buzzeo
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *Gingersnap* by Patricia Reilly Giff
  - *In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse* by Joseph Marshall

## Tennessee

- **Picture Books:**
  - *The Quickest Kid in Clarksville* by Pat Zietlow Miller
  - *Memphis, Martin, and the Mountaintop: The Sanitation Strike of 1968* by Alice Faye Duncan
  - *John Philip Duck* by Patricia Polacco
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *Paperboy* by Vince Vawter
  - *A Snicker of Magic* by Natalie Lloyd
  - *Last in a Long Line of Rebels* by Lisa Lewis Tyre

## Texas

- **Picture Books:**
  - *The Old Truck* by Jarrett and Jerome Pumphrey
  - *¡Vamos! Let's Go to The Market!* by Raúl the Third
  - *Opal Lee and What It Means to Be Free* by Alice Faye Duncan
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *Holes* by Louis Sachar
  - *Starfish* by Lisa Fipps

## Utah

- **Picture Books:**
  - *Pando: A Living Wonder of Trees* by Kate Allen Fox
  - *Dinosaur Mountain: Digging Into the Jurassic Age* by Deborah Kogan Ray
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *The Great Brain* by John D. Fitzgerald
  - *Ghost Horses: A Mystery in Zion National Park* by Gloria Skurzynsk

## Vermont

- **Picture Books:**
  - *Snowflake Bentley* by Jacqueline Briggs Martin
  - *Nora's Ark* by Natalie Kinsey-Warnock
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *Witness* by Karen Hesse
  - *The Brilliant Fall of Gianna Z.* by Kate Messner





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  - *Ellen's Broom* by Kelly Starling Lyons
  - *Twenty-One Steps* by Jeff Gottesfeld
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *Judy Moody* by Megan McDonald
  - *The Last Last-Day-of-Summer* by Lamar Giles

## Wisconsin

- **Picture Books:**
  - *The Raft* by Jim LaMarche
  - *Ten Ways to Hear Snow* by Cathy Camper
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *The Year of Billy Miller* by Kevin Henkes
  - *Amina's Voice* by Hena Khan

## Washington

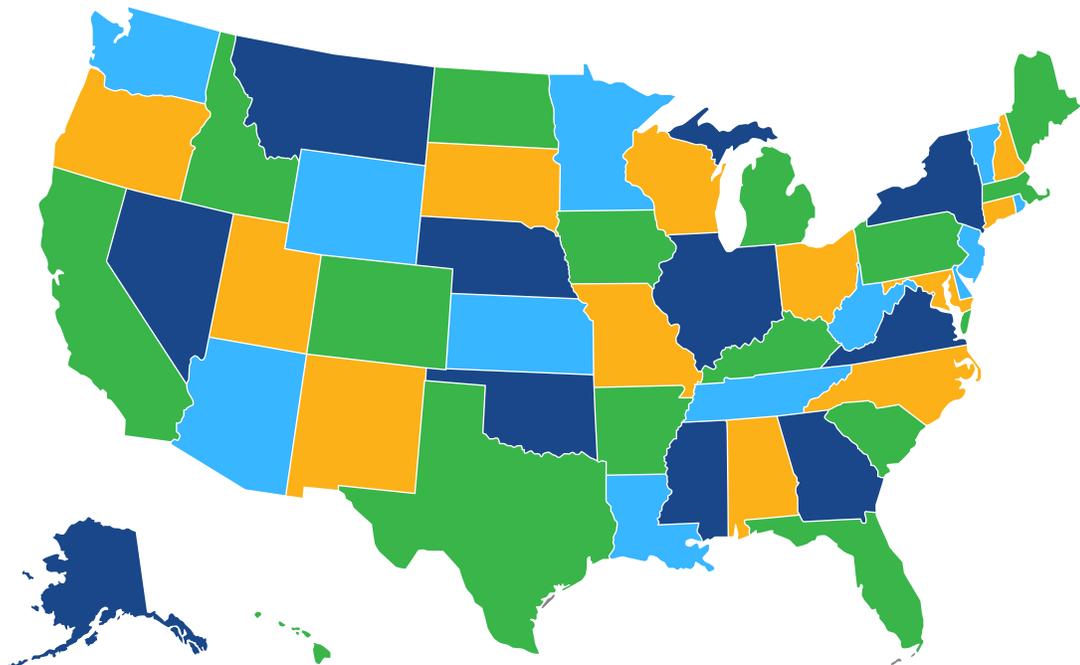
- **Picture Books:**
  - *Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla* by Katherine Applegate
  - *The Boy Who Cried Bigfoot!* by Scott Magoon
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate
  - *Our Only May Amelia* by Jennifer L. Holm
  - *I Survived the Eruption of Mount St. Helens, 1980* by Lauren Tarshis

## Wyoming

- **Picture Books:**
  - *I Could Do That: Esther Morris Gets Women the Vote* by Linda White
  - *Yellowstone Moran: Painting the American West* by Lita Judge
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *My Friend Flicka* by Mary O'Hara
  - *Paint the Wind* by Pam Muñoz Ryan

## West Virginia

- **Picture Books:**
  - *When I Was Young in the Mountains* by Cynthia Rylant
  - *A Piece of Home* by Jeri Watts
- **Middle Grade:**
  - *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
  - *Missing May* by Cynthia Rylant



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