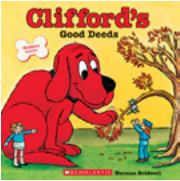

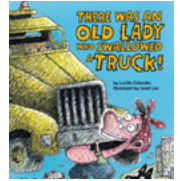





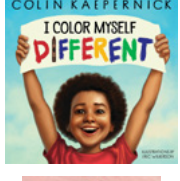






WORLD READ ALOUD DAY® BOOK PICKS 2023



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BOOK	TITLE	BOOK DESCRIPTION	AUTHOR	AGES
	Clifford's Good Deeds	Clifford has a good heart, but whenever he tries to BE RESPONSIBLE and do good deeds for others, they always seem to backfire. In the end, he manages to save two children from a burning house, and then put out the fire. Finally, Clifford is a hero!  Available in Spanish	Norman Bridwell	3–5
	There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Truck	You won't believe why the Old Lady swallowed a truck, a tire, a chain, some wood, some metal, some tools, and some screws! Filled with hilarious illustrations and fun rhyming text, this volume is sure to be a hit with young readers!	Lucille Colandro illus. by Jared Lee	3–5
	My Moms Love Me	Cuddle up and celebrate love in this picture book that shines a spotlight on LGBTQ+ moms! Two mommies share a perfect day with their little one, including visiting farm animals and a cozy bedtime.	Anna Membrino, illus. Joy Hwang Ruiz	3–5
	The Rice in the Pot Goes Round and Round	Sing along to this delicious twist on "The Wheels on the Bus" and celebrate the food, laughter, and love of a multigenerational family meal!	Wendy Wan-Long Shang, illus. Lorian Tu	3–5
	Drive It! Fix It!: An Acorn Book (Racing Ace #1)	Ace has built her very own car and is getting ready to race! After oiling the wheels and kicking the tires, Ace sets out to win. But when a missing part and a rut in the middle of the track threaten to keep her in last place, Ace has to think fast to finish strong – and come out on top!	Larry Dane Brimner, illus. by Kaylani Juanita	4–6
	The Three Billy Goats Gruff	The MOMENTOUS debut of a groundbreaking Fairy Tale series – a brilliantly crafted, hilarious twist on this beloved classic, <i>The Three Billy Goats Gruff</i> , from renowned, award-winning, and <i>New York Times</i> bestselling duo and picture book pioneers Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen!	Mac Barnett, illus. by Jon Klassen	4–8
	Doña Esmeralda, Who Ate Everything!	The wickedly hilarious tale of one very old, but very stylish little lady who loves to eat, but can only find the ooey, gooey, mushy, smelly leftovers of naughty children to nosh on. But what happens when Doña Esmeralda finds out about all the tasty treats that children do eat?	Melissa de la Cruz, illus. by Primo Gallanosa	4–8
	I Color Myself Different	This book from Colin Kaepernick is a joyful ode to Black and Brown lives based on real events from young Colin's life and is perfect for every reader's bookshelf. It's a story of self-discovery, staying true to one's self, and advocating for change... even when you're very little!	Colin Kaepernick, illus. by Eric Wilkerson	4–8
	Skater Cielo	Meet Cielo, a fierce skater who finds that facing your fear of failing gives you the courage to persevere!  Available in Spanish	Rachel Katstaller	4–8

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	The Underpants	Farmer's underpants will never be the same when Kitty and her wacky barnyard pals squeeze into their new "coat" and prance around the farm. The hilarity is nonstop!	Tammi Sauer illus. by Joren Cull	4-8
	Sometimes I Grumblesquinch	A sweet and touching exploration of the scariness of BIG feelings and overcoming the pressures to do everything "just right," in this companion title to bestselling picture book <i>Sometimes I'm Bombaloo</i> .	Rachel Vail illus. by Hyewon Yum	4-8
	How Do Dinosaurs Learn to Be Kind?	Being kind can be a little difficult, even for dinosaurs. But with a little practice and some heartfelt humor, our prehistoric pals can develop empathy and compassion for others.	Jane Yolen, illus. by Mark Teague	4-8
	My Bindi	In this universal story about embracing who we are and where we come from, a young girl finds the magic, power, and history of wearing a bindi for the first time.	Gita Varadarajan, illus. by Archana Sreenivasan	4-8
	Doug the Pug and the Kindness Crew	Join the Kindness Crew and follow Doug as he embarks on an adventure across town to share kindness with everyone he meets. With messages of kindness, acceptance, and inclusion, this beautifully illustrated picture book is perfect for Doug the Pug's youngest fans and anyone looking to make the world a kinder place.	Leslie Mosier, Karen Yin, Rob Chianelli, illus. by Lavanya Naidu	4-8
	Charlie Makes a Splash!	The award-winning team who brought us <i>My Brother Charlie</i> present a companion book that celebrates the power of water for those who have autism.	Shane W. Evans, Holly Robinson Peete	4-8
	Owl Diaries #1: Eva's Treetop Festival <small>Anchor Title for WRAD 2023</small>	In the first book of this New York Times bestselling book series, Eva Wingdale gets in over her head when she offers to organize a spring festival at school. Even with her best friend Lucy's help, there is NO way she will get everything done in time. Will the festival have to be cancelled? This book is written as Eva's diary – with Rebecca Elliott's owl-dorable full-color illustrations throughout! <small>Available in Spanish</small>	Rebecca Elliott	5-7
	The Ocean Is Kind of a Big Deal	This funny and factual picture book from Heart and Brain creator Nick Seluk explains the science behind the ocean: its plant and animal life, its contribution to the world, and what we can do every day to protect it. Humans wouldn't be able to survive without a healthy ocean. That's kind of a big deal.	Nick Seluk	6-8
	Spider-Ham: Hollywood May-Ham	Peter Porker, Spider-Ham himself, hits the PIG time... in Hollywood! Experience a brand new laugh-out-loud adventure with the Spectacular Spider-Ham!	Steve Foxe, illus. by Shadia Amin	7-10
	The Inflatables in Bad Air Day (The Inflatables #1)	The Inflatables don't get pumped. They stay pumped! Flamingo, Cactus, Donut, and Watermelon may be forgotten water park floats who live at the lost and found, but these inflata-pals are about to make some big waves in a funny graphic novel series that's perfect for fans of Dog Man and The Bad Guys!	Beth Garrod, Jess Hitchman, illus. by Chris Danger	7-10
	Because of You, John Lewis	An inspiring story of a friendship between Congressman John Lewis and ten-year-old activist Tybre Faw by <i>New York Times</i> bestselling and Coretta Scott King Award-winning author Andrea Davis Pinkney!	Andrea Davis Pinkney, illus. by Keith Henry Brown	7-10

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	Cat Kid Comic Club: Collaborations: A Graphic Novel	The Cat Kid Comic Club learns to collaborate in this creative, funny, and insightful graphic novel by Dav Pilkey, the author and illustrator of <i>Dog Man</i> .	Dav Pilkey	7–10
	The Super Cup Face-Off (Geronimo Stilton #81)	When you're with Geronimo Stilton, it's always a fabumouse adventure! Join Geronimo as he works to uncover a plot to make his favorite soccer team lose!	Geronimo Stilton	7–10
	Miss Quinces: A Graphic Novel	Rising star Kat Fajardo's debut middle-grade graphic novel about a girl who would rather do anything other than celebrate her quinceañera! A funny and heartfelt coming-of-age story about navigating the expectations of family and cultural tradition. 📖 Available in Spanish	Kat Fajardo	8–12
	The Tyrell Show: Season One	A highly illustrated, funny, and heartwarming story from the point of view of a precocious 11-year-old boy, Tyrell, who copes with his day-to-day stress by hosting an imaginary real-time podcast in his head!	Miles Grose, illus. by Shaz Enrico Lym	8–12
	Witchlings	With action-packed adventure, a coven of quirky witchlings, and girl-power vibes, you won't be able to put down this middle-grade Latine witch story from <i>New York Times</i> bestselling author of <i>Ghost Squad</i> , Claribel A. Ortega.	Claribel A. Ortega	8–12
	It's The End of the World and I'm in My Bathing Suit	A hilarious new middle-grade from Justin A. Reynolds that asks: What happens when five unsupervised kids face the apocalypse under outrageously silly circumstances?	Justin A. Reynolds	8–12
	The Tryout: A Graphic Novel	This pitch perfect graphic memoir about courage and competition, friendship and belonging is perfect for fans of <i>Smile</i> , <i>New Kid</i> , <i>Rollergirl</i> , and <i>Real Friends</i> . Hilarious and highly relatable, you will laugh, cry, and cheer!	Christina Soontornvat, illus. by Joanna Cacao	8–12
	Hummingbird	From the bestselling author of <i>A Snicker of Magic</i> comes a heartfelt story about a girl who – armed with her trusty, snazzy wheelchair – refuses to let her brittle bone disease stand in the way of adventure.	Natalie Lloyd	8–12
	Bhai for Now	A fresh and fun new spin on the Parent-Trap story. <i>Bhai for Now</i> is by turns heartwarming and hilarious, and with an unforgettable Muslim family and friendship story at its core.	Maleeha Siddiqui	8–12
	Kaleidoscope	A ship. A garden. A library. A key. <i>Kaleidoscope</i> , by Brian Selznick, award-winning creator of <i>The Invention of Hugo Cabret</i> and <i>Wonderstruck</i> , is a feat of storytelling about two people bound to each other through time and space, memory and dreams, and how even the wildest tales can help us in the hardest times.	Brian Selznick	10+