



WORLD READ ALOUD DAY BOOK PICKS 2022




	TITLE/ ISBN	BOOK DESCRIPTION	AUTHOR	AGES
	Bright Brown Baby: A Treasury 9780545872294	Cuddle up with your little one, read aloud, and repeat! Dive into these five beautiful poems that celebrate the early days between parent and child and the exuberant joy of watching a brand-new life take shape.	Andrea Davis Pinkney, illus. by Brian Pinkney	0–3
	Ten Little Birds / Diez Pajaritos 9781338343694	The popular song from the Latin Grammy Award-winning album is cleverly and beautifully brought to life in this bright, bouncy board book! Each of the 10 birds is given a fun and silly personality, and children will love to follow along as each flies away—and escapes a lurking kitty! Bilingual Title	Andrés Salguero, illus. by Sara Palacios	0–3
	Only My Dog Knows I Pick My Nose 9781338680256	To the outside world, it might look like you do everything right, but what about when no one is looking, and your messier, sillier self is revealed? This tender picture book celebrates self-acceptance, friendship, and unconditional love.	Lauren Tarshis, illus. by Lisa Bronson Mezoff	3–5
	Pig the Pug 9781338112450	Pig the Pug refuses to share his toys with his friend, Trevor, but he's about to learn that being greedy has consequences. Young readers will love the irresistibly quirky illustrations and Pig's hilarious antics in this first installment of the New York Times bestselling series. Available in Spanish	Aaron Blabey	3–5
	Groundhog Day (Rookie Read-About Holidays) 9780531273531	This year WRAD falls on Groundhog Day! Jam-packed with facts and colorful photos, this nonfiction book takes an in-depth look at the history and festivities of this uniquely American holiday.	Lisa M. Herrington	3–5
	Bisa's Carnaval 9781338617627	The perfect way to prepare for Carnaval (February 25, 2022), this picture book follows Clara as she and great-grandmother prepare for their favorite holiday! With lyrical text and bright illustrations, <i>Bisa's Carnaval</i> introduces readers to the sights and sounds of Brazil while illuminating the importance of love and family.	Joana Pastro, illus. by Carolina Coroa	4–8
	All Because You Matter* 9781338574852	Poignant, timely, and full of love, this New York Times bestselling picture book is an ode to Black and Brown children everywhere. Part love letter and part anthem, <i>All Because You Matter</i> reminds readers that they matter, that they always have mattered, and that they always will. Anchor Title for WRAD 2022	Tami Charles, illus. by Bryan Collier	4–8
	In the Spirit of a Dream: 13 Stories of American Immigrants of Color 9781338552874	A collection of poems by award-winning author Aida Salazar with illustrations by 13 first- and second-generation immigrant artists, <i>In the Spirit of a Dream</i> is an inspiring tribute to American immigrants of color, including astronaut Anousheh Ansari, Paralympic athlete Alejandro Albor, and author Edwidge Danticat.	Aida Salazar, compiled and illus. by Alina Chau	4–8
	Lala's Words 9781338648232	Every day, Lala waters the plants in the patch of dirt and concrete near her home, but it's her kind words that make them sway and nod. Written and illustrated by debut talent Gracey Zhang, <i>Lala's Words</i> celebrates the quiet power of words and the magic of being loved for who you are.	Gracey Zhang	4–8



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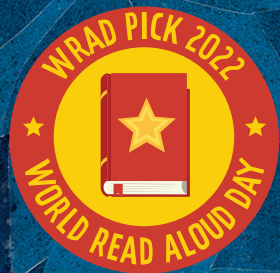
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 <p>Layla and the Bots #1: Happy Paws (A Branches Book) 9781338582895</p>	Layla and the Bots are in an awesome rock band! They also use problem-solving and creativity to build cool inventions. With artwork on every page and easy-to-read speech bubbles, this early chapter book is perfect for newly independent readers.	Vicky Fang, illus. by Christine Nishiyama	4–8
 <p>Our Table 9781338572322</p>	Violet's family doesn't gather around the dining room table anymore...and now the table is shrinking! Can Violet help her family reconnect? The newest picture book from <i>New York Times</i> bestselling author and creative visionary Peter H. Reynolds, <i>Our Table</i> is a tender fable of multigenerational love, gratitude, and togetherness.	Peter H. Reynolds	4–8
 <p>Standing on Her Shoulders 9781338358001</p>	A love letter to the important women who shape us, this stunning picture book encourages readers to learn about the trailblazing women who laid the path for the future, find female heroes in their own lives, and become role models themselves.	Monica Clark-Robinson, illus. by Laura Freeman	4–8
 <p>The Children's Moon 9781338216394</p>	There once was a time when the sun alone ruled the day, the moon graced the night, and little children were sent to bed before sunset. In this brilliantly crafted original pourquoi tale about finding one's place in the universe, the moon hears the sound of children's laughter and sets a clever plan into motion.	Carmen Arga Deedy, illus. by Jim LaMarche	4–8
 <p>The Little Butterfly That Could 9781338615005</p>	Delivered with hilarity and heart, this playful story about butterfly migration pays loving homage to every child's struggle to spread their wings and gain confidence and independence. Bursting with jokes, heart, STEM tie-ins, and relatable social-emotional themes, <i>The Little Butterfly That Could</i> is sure to be a read-aloud favorite!  Available in Spanish	Ross Burach	4–8
 <p>Wishes 9781338305890</p>	<i>Wishes</i> tells the powerful story of one Vietnamese family's search for a new home on the other side of the world. Inspired by actual events in the author's life, the sparse text and luminous illustrations take a gentle, moving approach to a timely and important topic.	Mụon Thị Văn, illus. by Victo Ngai	4–8
 <p>You Are Enough 9781338630749</p>	It can be hard to be different, but wouldn't it be boring if we were all the same? Inspired by model and Down syndrome self-advocate Sofia Sanchez, this inspiring book reminds readers to embrace their differences, be confident, and be proud of who they are.	Margaret O'Hair, illus. by Sofia Cardoso, inspired by Sofia Sanchez	4–8
 <p>Dog Man #10: Mothering Heights 9781338680454</p>	The wildly popular Dog Man series appeals to readers of all ages and explores universally positive themes, including empathy, kindness, persistence, and the importance of doing good. In this book, the world is spinning out of control as new villains spill into town - yet hope is not lost. Can the incredible power of love save the day?  Available in Spanish	Dav Pilkey	7–10
 <p>The Bailey School Kids: Vampires Don't Wear Polka Dots 9781338736595</p>	The beloved chapter book series is now available as a graphic novel, adapted by Academy Award-winning artist Pearl Low. The third graders at Bailey Elementary are so hard to handle that all of their teachers have quit. But their new teacher, Mrs. Jeepers, is from the Transylvanian Alps, wears a mysterious glowing brooch, and just moved into a spooky old house in Bailey City. Could Mrs. Jeepers be a vampire?	Marcia Thornton Jones & Debbie Dadey, illus. by Pearl Low	7–10



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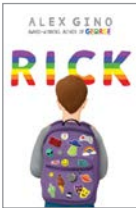





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 <p>Total Mayhem #1: Monday - Into the Cave of Thieves 9781338770377</p>	<p>When the forces of chaos interrupt the most important meal of Dash's day and conspire against him, his friends, his school, his town, and indeed the entire planet, Dash needs to take things into his own hands. Can he contain this Total Mayhem situation?</p>	Ralph Lazar	7–10
 <p>Barakah Beats 9781338702064</p>	<p>Looking to fit in at her new middle school, twelve-year-old Nimra accepts an unlikely invitation to join the school's popular 8th grade boy band, Barakah Beats. One problem: Nimra was taught that music isn't allowed in Islam, and her parents would be disappointed if they found out. When the band signs up for a talent show to benefit refugees, Nimra has to decide whether to betray her bandmates – or herself.</p>	Maleeha Siddiqui	8–12
 <p>Force of Fire 9781338636642</p>	<p>Pinki hails from a long line of rakkhosh resisters, demons who have spent years building interspecies relationships, working to overthrow their snakey oppressors and taking back their rights. But she has more important things to worry about, like maintaining her status as fiercest rakkhosh in her class and looking after her little cousins. There is also the teeny tiny detail of not yet being able to control her fire breathing and accidentally burning up school property...</p>	Sayantani DasGupta	8–12
 <p>Last Gamer Standing 9781338741506</p>	<p>In a near-future society, gaming is everything! Professional esports teams are mainstream celebrities and kids begin training as young hopefuls aspiring for the big leagues. Gaming is still a boy's club and to protect herself, up-and-coming gamer Reyna Cheng hides her identity. But when she's blackmailed and threatened to be doxed, Reyna will have to deal with a toxic gaming community, family complications, and the increasing pressure to win.</p>	Katie Zhao	8–12
 <p>Last Gate of the Emperor 9781338665857</p>	<p>Yared Heywat lives an isolated life in Addis Prime—a hardscrabble city with rundown tech, lots of rules, and not much to do. One day, the stories of city-razing monsters and kingdoms in the sky that he was told by his uncle as a young boy suddenly come to life. And somehow Yared is at the center of them.</p>	Kwame Mbalia, and Prince Joel Makonnen	8–12
 <p>Living Ghosts and Mischievous Monsters 9781338681604</p>	<p>Ghost stories remain among the most treasured tales passed from generation to generation in American Indian cultures. Through time, communities have told and continue to tell stories to share origins of the world and tribal history, to carry messages and to teach, and of course to entertain. From timeless tales to sightings that could have happened yesterday, prepare for terrifying accounts of restless spirits, walking dolls, shape-shifters, and hungry skeletons.</p>	Dan SaSuWeh Jones, illus. by Weyshoyot Alvitre	8–12
 <p>Manu 9781338264180</p>	<p>Manu is the class clown at her school for magical girls, but when a prank goes too far, she ends up losing her powers. Manu will do anything to get them back, even turning to dark magic. But she learns that some magic comes at a high price.</p>	Kelly Fernández	8–12
 <p>Miles Morales: Shock Waves 9781338648034</p>	<p>Miles Morales is just a normal kid... except when he's swinging through the streets of Brooklyn as Spider-Man! After an earthquake hits his mother's birthplace of Puerto Rico, Miles sets up a fundraiser to help. But when a new student's father goes missing, Miles starts to see suspicious connections to a giant corporation sponsoring his fundraiser.</p>	Justin A. Reynolds, illus. by Pablo Leon	8–12



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 <p>Rick 9781338048100</p>	<p>Rick's never questioned much, especially not his own identity. But new doors are opening as he starts middle school. One of them leads to the school's Rainbow Spectrum club, where kids of many genders and identities congregate, including the girl who sits in front of Rick in class and seems to have her life together. Rick wants his own life to be that ... understood. Even if it means breaking some old friendships and making some new ones.</p>	<p>Alex Gino</p>	<p>8–12</p>
 <p>The Magical Reality of Nadia #2: Middle School Mischief 9781338572292</p>	<p>Nadia feels like there's no challenge she can't overcome! Whether it's acing her math test, righting wrongs at school, or fighting off an ancient Egyptian evil villain who suddenly shows up seeking revenge, Nadia is ready for it all! (Okay, maybe not that last one, but with a little help from her friends, Nadia is willing to try...)</p>	<p>Bassem Youssef, and Catherine R. Daly, illus. by Douglas Holgate</p>	<p>8–12</p>
 <p>When the World Turned Upside Down 9781338746266</p>	<p>Nobody expected a tiny little virus to change the whole world in such a big way, especially not Shayla, Liam, Ai, and Ben. As they each struggle to adjust to life in quarantine, they discover they are not alone: their apartment building is full of people who need their help. Soon, each friend has to decide what it means to be part of a community — and how much they're willing to do to make this world safer for everyone.</p>	<p>K. Ibura</p>	<p>8–12</p>
 <p>Keep It Together, Keiko Carter 9781338607529</p>	<p>Seventh grade is supposed to be a game changer. And Keiko thinks she's got it covered, especially with her besties by her side. Suddenly, it looks like things may be changing in all the wrong ways and the friendship she's always thought was rock-solid begins to crumble. Keiko feels pulled in two directions. Should she try to help her friends — even if it means losing one of them — or follow her heart?</p>	<p>Debbi Michiko Florence</p>	<p>8–12</p>

