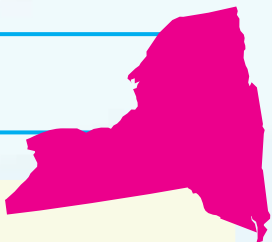




Read Across America



ALABAMA



WONDERLAND

By Barbara O'Connor

(Farrar, Straus & Giroux Books for Young Readers)

When a girl's mom gets a job in a new Alabama town, she hopes they stay long enough for her to find a best friend.

ALASKA



DOGSONG

By Gary Paulsen

(Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers)

A teen is pushed to the limits as he goes on an epic dog-sledding journey across Alaska.

ARIZONA



DUST

By Dusti Bowling

(Little, Brown and Company)

Dust storms are wreaking havoc in an Arizona town known for its clean air. Could a new student have something to do with weather changes?

ARKANSAS



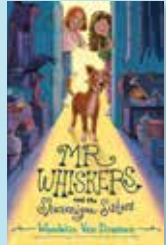
UNPLUGGED

By Gordon Korman

(Balzer + Bray)

A California boy's family sends him to a wellness retreat in Arkansas to disconnect from technology, and he ends up enjoying his device-free life.

CALIFORNIA



MR. WHISKERS AND THE SHENANIGAN SISTERS

By Wendelin Van Draanen

(Alfred A. Knopf)

When a college professor is kidnapped, his daughters and a dog detective traverse San Francisco to crack the case.

What is Read Across America?

Read Across America is a celebration of reading sponsored by the National Education Association (NEA), a group of 3 million educators, that begins on March 2. The day—which began in 1998 and falls during National Reading Month—honors teachers, librarians, parents, caregivers, and students who encourage reading. More than 45 million people participated in Read Across America Day last year, making it the biggest reading celebration in the US. In 2018, Read Across America became a year-round program. An important goal of Read Across America is to introduce children to diverse books with characters they can relate to and worlds that are different from their own.

This year, the NEA will celebrate the award-winning novel in verse *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander with a special concert. The author will read *The Crossover* (*The Week Junior's* pick for North Carolina, p16) aloud, accompanied by a jazz performance. Videos of the concert will be posted every day from March 3–7. See it and learn more about Read Across America at tinyurl.com/TWJUS-Read.



COLORADO



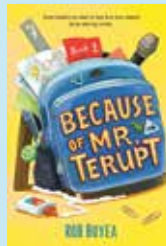
ALONE

By Megan E. Freeman

(Aladdin)

A 12-year-old wakes up to find that everyone in her Colorado town has been suddenly evacuated—except her.

CONNECTICUT



BECAUSE OF MR. TERUPT

By Rob Buyea

(Yearling)

When an inspiring teacher is hospitalized for a snowball accident, seven of his students use what he taught them to work together.

DELAWARE



WE DREAM OF SPACE

By Erin Entrada Kelly

(Greenwillow Books)

Three siblings from a small town are enthralled with space and react to the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger in 1986.

FLORIDA



BEAST

By Watt Key

(Farrar, Straus & Giroux Books for Young Readers)

After his parents disappear following a car accident, a teen sets off to find answers (and maybe even Bigfoot).

GEORGIA



FUTURELAND: BATTLE FOR THE PARK

By H.D. Hunter

(Yearling)

When a floating theme park stops in Atlanta in the year 2048, it becomes a target for a sinister force.

HAWAII

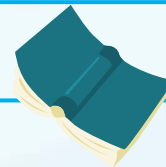


KAYA OF THE OCEAN

By Gloria L. Huang

(Holiday House)

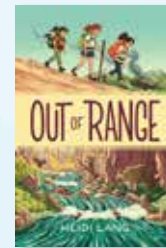
Something mystical happens in Maui when a teenage girl who has always been afraid of the water decides to go surfing with her friends.



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IDAHO



OUT OF RANGE

By Heidi Lang

(Margaret K. McElderry Books)

Three squabbling sisters, who are sent to a technology-free sleepaway camp in the Idaho mountains, get lost in the wilderness during a wildfire.

ILLINOIS



DOODLEVILLE

By Chad Sell

(Random House Children's Books)

In this graphic novel, a budding artist and her classmates visit the Art Institute of Chicago, where their doodles come to life.

INDIANA



UNFADEABLE

By Maurice Broaddus

(Katherine Tegen Books)

A homeless teen artist turns into an activist when she suspects that funds are being misused in her Indianapolis neighborhood.

IOWA



DEWEY THE LIBRARY CAT: A TRUE STORY

By Vicki Myron and Bret Witter

(Little, Brown Books for Young Readers)

A tabby kitten found in a return book slot gets to spend the rest of his life at the library.

KANSAS



THE AMELIA SIX

By Kristin L. Gray

(Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers)

When six girls spend the night in Amelia Earhart's childhood home, the aviator's flight goggles go missing.

KENTUCKY



LIGHT COMES TO SHADOW MOUNTAIN

By Toni Buzzeo

(Holiday House)

In 1937, a girl tries to convince her neighbors (and mom!) to bring electricity to their rural community.

LOUISIANA



NINTH WARD

By Jewell Parker Rhodes

(Little, Brown and Company)

A 12-year-old orphan, who communicates with ghosts, summons her fortitude (one of her favorite words) to survive Hurricane Katrina.

MAINE



SMALL AS AN ELEPHANT

By Jennifer Richard Jacobson

(Candlewick Press)

Abandoned in Maine's Acadia National Park by his mentally ill mom, a boy struggles to survive and find his way back home.

MARYLAND



SQUISHED

By Megan Wagner Lloyd,

illustrated by Michelle

Mee Nutter

(Scholastic)

An 11-year-old with six siblings wishes for her own room in this graphic novel.

MASSACHUSETTS



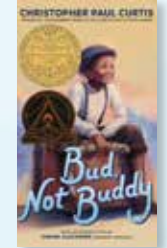
KARTHIK DELIVERS

By Sheela Chari

(Amulet Books)

A boy bikes all over Boston to make deliveries for his family's grocery store while discovering new friends and his true passion—theater!

MICHIGAN



BUD, NOT BUDDY

By Christopher Paul Curtis

(Yearling)

In this Newbery Medal-winning book that takes place during the Great Depression (1929–1941), a 10-year-old runs away from a children's home to find his dad.

MINNESOTA



HOME OF THE BRAVE

By Katherine Applegate

(Square Fish)

A young refugee from Africa, whose mother is missing, comes to live with his aunt and cousin on a Minnesota farm in this novel in verse.

MISSISSIPPI



THE LUCKY ONES

By Linda Williams Jackson

(Candlewick Press)

With the help of an incredible teacher, an 11-year-old boy with a big heart tries to get his family out of poverty in northwest Mississippi.

MISSOURI



NOW YOU SAY YES

By Bill Harley

(Peachtree)

On a cross-country road trip to find their grandmother, two siblings stop in St. Clair and witness a solar eclipse and the kindness of strangers.

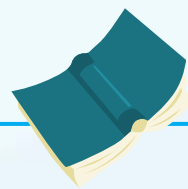


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MONTANA



15 SECRETS TO SURVIVAL
By Natalie D. Richards
(Delacorte Press)
When four classmates get in trouble for unkind texts, their parents send them on a trip to the wilderness to learn teamwork and survival skills.

NEBRASKA



ONE BIG OPEN SKY
By Lesa Cline-Ransome
(Holiday House)
In this novel in verse set in the 1800s, a girl and her family embark in a wagon from Mississippi to Nebraska to find land to build a home.

NEVADA



PHANTOM STALLION: THE WILD ONE
By Terri Farley
(Aladdin)
A 13-year-old rancher hopes the silver stallion she sees in the wild is her horse that went missing two years ago.

NEW HAMPSHIRE



A WEEK IN THE WOODS
By Andrew Clements
(Aladdin)
During a fifth-grade camping trip, a boy who is going to be sent home storms off into the New Hampshire woods alone.

NEW JERSEY



THE BIG BREAK
By Mark Tatulli
(Little, Brown and Company)
In this graphic novel, two best friends investigate sightings of the Jersey Devil, a creature some believe lurks in the state's Pinelands.

NEW MEXICO



THE GHOSTS OF RANCHO ESPANTO
By Adrianna Cuevas
(Farrar, Straus & Giroux Books for Young Readers)
A Florida boy works during the summer at a New Mexico ranch where mysteries abound.

NEW YORK



THE TAPPER TWINS: TEAR UP NEW YORK
By Geoff Rodkey
(Little, Brown and Company)
Sixth graders compete in a zany scavenger hunt around New York City to win tickets to a special event.

NORTH CAROLINA



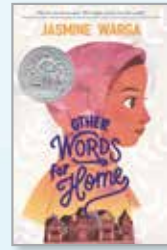
THE CROSSOVER
By Kwame Alexander
(Clarion Books)
Twin basketball players dream of playing at North Carolina universities in this dynamic Newbery Award-winning novel in verse.

NORTH DAKOTA



A SKY FULL OF SONG
By Susan Lynn Meyer
(Union Square Kids)
The beautiful North Dakota prairie becomes the new home of a Jewish family fleeing the Russian empire in the early 1900s.

OHIO



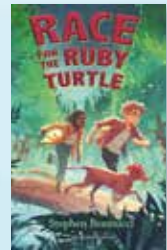
OTHER WORDS FOR HOME
By Jasmine Warga
(Balzer + Bray)
In this tender novel in verse, a Syrian girl adjusts to her new life in the city of Cincinnati and even tries out for the school musical.

OKLAHOMA



SALT MAGIC
By Hope Larson, illustrated by Rebecca Mock
(Margaret Ferguson Books)
A 12-year-old risks her life to save her family's farm from a witch curse in this graphic novel set in 1919.

OREGON



RACE FOR THE RUBY TURTLE
By Stephen Bramucci
(Bloomsbury)
During the last week of summer break, a boy and his new friend strive to protect an endangered turtle from poachers.

PENNSYLVANIA



IN HONOR OF BROKEN THINGS
By Paul Acampora
(Dial Books for Young Readers)
Three eighth graders form an unlikely friendship during a pottery class at their school in a small coal town.

RHODE ISLAND



THE ART OF THE SWAP
By Kristine Asselin and Jen Malone
(Aladdin)
The daughter of a Newport museum caretaker magically swaps places with a girl who lived there a century ago.



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SOUTH CAROLINA



THE CREEPING OF DOGWOOD HOUSE
By Eden Royce
(Walden Pond Press)
A boy and his aunt move into a mysterious home that's been in the family for generations and uncover its secrets.

SOUTH DAKOTA



THE MOUNT RUSHMORE CALAMITY
By Jeff Brown
(Harper)
The first book of Flat Stanley's Worldwide Adventures Series explores Mount Rushmore.

TENNESSEE



THE LONELY HEART OF MAYBELLE LANE
By Kate O'Shaughnessy
(Alfred A. Knopf)
An 11-year-old girl signs up for a singing contest in Nashville to reconnect with her absent father.

TEXAS



BRIDGE TO BAT CITY
By Ernest Cline
(Little, Brown for Young Readers)
A grieving teen pours her heart into relocating a colony of bats to Austin because their cave has been destroyed by a mining company.

UTAH



GHOST HORSES: A MYSTERY IN ZION NATIONAL PARK
By Gloria Skurzynski and Alane Ferguson
(National Geographic)
Mustangs behave curiously in Zion National Park.

VERMONT



GOOSEBUMPS HOUSE OF SHIVERS: GOBLIN MONDAY
By R.L. Stine
(Scholastic)
Bizarre things happen after a Florida boy travels to his grandparents' Vermont home.

VIRGINIA



JUNE BERRY BLUE
By Candice Ransom
(Peachtree)
A girl wants to reopen the factory that made the delicious Juneberry Blue beverage so her dad can return home to work.

WASHINGTON



A GALAXY OF WHALES
By Heather Fawcett
(Rocky Pond Books)
Two young neighbors, whose parents each run whale-watching tours, team up to compete in a wildlife photography contest.

WASHINGTON, DC



NATIONAL ARCHIVE HUNTERS: CAPITOL CHASE
By Matthew Landis
(Pixel + Ink)
Twins witness a museum robbery and track the case using clues from the National Archives Research Center.

WEST VIRGINIA



SHILOH
By Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
(Atheneum Books for Young Readers)
In this Newbery Medal-winning story, a boy befriends a beagle who was abused by its owner.

WISCONSIN



HELLO FROM RENN LAKE
By Michele Weber Hurwitz
(Wendy Lamb Books)
When a beloved lake becomes contaminated with harmful algae, a 12-year-old and her friend discover an eco-friendly way to save it.

WYOMING



WILDER BOYS
By Brandon Wallace
(Aladdin)
While on a quest to find the father who abandoned them, teen brothers explore the wilderness at Grand Teton National Park.



Take our challenge!

Which books from which states on the list have you read, and which do you want to explore next? We challenge you to read a book from any state, then write a brief review. Have a photo taken of you with your book, then ask an adult to email your photo and review to hello@theweekjunior.com. Please be sure to include your first name, age, and the state where you live with your submission. It may appear in a future issue! If you're looking for even more amazing middle-grade books, check out kids.theweekjunior.com/bookclub.

