**Getting More Bang for Your Book!**

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*\*These books were referenced by the presenter during the GaDOE sessions.*

As always, you should read any book yourself before sharing with your students to determine appropriateness.

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| **Titles Specifically Recommended for Grades K-2** | |
| **Name of Book** | **How/why do you use it?** |
| A Spot of Kindness | Teaching kindness in PreK - when kids are spotted being kind after we’ve read the story, they get their own “spot of kindness” (circle label sticker on their hand) |
| Have You Filled A Bucket Today? | Civic Action, Giving, Sharing, Caring |
| The Angry Dragon | Civic Action, Feelings and Emotions |
| My Mouth is a Volcano | Civic Action, Choices, Emotions |
| When Sophie Gets Angry: Really, Really Angry | Civic Action, Feelings |
| How Full is Your Bucket | Civic action, Giving, Sharing, Caring |
| \*Spaghetti in a Hotdog Bun: Having the Courage to Be Who You Are | Civic Action, Courage, Kindness |
| We are all Wonders | Civic Action, Empathy, Kindness |
| Fill a Bucket | Civic Action, Kindness, Caring |
| All Are Welcome | Diversity, Encouragement, Valuing differences |
| Even Steven, Odd Todd | Math concepts, Opposites |
| \*I Walk With Vanessa | Civic action, Kindness |
| \*Be Kind | Civic action, Kindness |
| \*The Invisible Boy | Civic action, Kindness |
| \*Each Kindness | Civic action, Kindness |
| \* If you Plant a Seed | Civic action, Kindness |
| \* One | Civic action, Kindness |
| \*What Pet Should I Get? | Scarcity, Making choices |
| \*What if Everybody Did That? | Civic Action, Making choices |
| \*I Have a Dream Martin | Martin Luther King Jr., Civic Action, Choices, Civil Rights, Courage |
| \*All The Way to the Top | Civic Action, Courage |
| \*I Want My Hat Back | Economics, Scarcity, Choices |
| \*This is Not My Hat | Economics, Scarcity, Choices |
| \*We Found a Hat | Economics, Scarcity, Choices |
| \*Blue Sky White Star | Patriotism |
| \*Thomas Jefferson: Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Everything | Thomas Jefferson |
| \*Looking at Lincoln | Abraham Lincoln |
| \*Fireboat | September 11th, Civic Action |
| \*Now and Ben: The Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin | Benjamin Franklin, Inventors |
| \*Thomas Jefferson Builds a Library | Thomas Jefferson, Civic Action |
| \*Water and Land: Land and Water Forms Around the World | Geography, Landforms |
| \*Miss Pinkeltink’s Purse | Civic Action, Kindness |
| \*The United States V. Jackie Robinson | Jackie Robinson, Civil Rights |
| \*How to Build a Hug | Empathy, Kindness |
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| **Titles Specifically Recommended for Intermediate Grades** | |
| **Name of Book** | **How/why do you use it?** |
| The Other Side by Jacqueline Woodson | Racial Segregation |
| The Wall | Vietnam War, Memorials |
| Kweeks of Kookatumdee | Scarcity |
| The Poppy Lady | WWI, Civic Action, Veterans Day |
| H Is for Honor: A Military Family Alphabet | Veterans Day, Patriotism |
| Ruth and the Green Book by Calvin A. Ramsey | Equality, Segregation, Civil Rights, Jim Crow Laws |
| \*Maya Lin: Artist-Architect of Light and Lines Designer of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial | Vietnam War, Memorials, Civic Action, Art Integration/Visual Literacy |
| \*Rolling Thunder | Vietnam War, Memorials, Patriotism, Civic Action |
| \*Dazzleships | Art of War, WWI, Art Integration/Visual Literacy |
| \*All Different Now | Juneteenth, Civil War, Slavery |
| \*Molly Bannaky | Colonial Times, Slavery, Indentured Servitude |
| \*We are Grateful Otsaliheliga | Native American life |
| \*The Undefeated | Poetry, Slavery, Civil Rights |
| \*The Great Fuzz Frenzy | Scarcity, Choices |
| \*Water and Land: Land and Water Forms Around the World | Geography, Landforms |
| \*Follow the Moon Home: A Tale of One Idea, Twenty Kids, and a Hundred Sea Turtles | Civic Action |
| \*Trouper | Differences, Empathy |
| \*Each Kindness | Civic Action, Kindness, Choices |
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| **Titles Specifically Recommended for Grades 6-12** | |
| **Name of Book** | **How/why do you use it?** |
| Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge | Civil War |
| The Butterfly | World History, Holocaust |
| Children of the Dust Bowl: The True Story of the School at Weedpatch Camp | Dust Bowl, Primary Sources, Migrant workers (Other books by Jerry Stanley were mentioned) |
| I am an American | World History, Japanese Internment |
| Beyond Lies The Wub | Science Fiction |
| How to Write About Africa | Africa, Preconceptions |
| Terrible Things: An Allegory of the Holocaust | World History, Holocaust |
| \*Yertle the Turtle | Governance, Conflict/Rebellion |
| \*The Butter Battle Book | Democracy vs Communism, Cold War |
| \*Horton Hears a Who | Civic Action |
| \*The Sneetches | Haves/Have nots, Some Economic Concepts |
| \*The Lorax | Economics, Robber Barons, Early Industry |
| The Water Princess | Scarcity of water |
| From Slave Ship to Freedom Road | Slavery |
| The Winter Horses | WWII, Holocaust, Great to pair with Faithful Elephants |
| \*What Pet Should I Get? | Scarcity, Making choices |
| \*Nya’s Long Walk: A Step at a Time | Scarcity of water, Picture book companion to A Long Walk to Water |
| Shin’s Tricycle | Hiroshima, WWII |
| \*Dazzleships | Art of War, WWI, Art Integration/Visual Literacy |
| \*The Poppy Lady | WWI, Civic Action , Veterans Day |
| \*Ruth Bader Gingsburg: The Case of RBG vs. Inequality | Inequality, Antisemitism, Developing Claims and Using Evidence |
| \*Maya Lin: Artist-Architect of Light and Lines Designer of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial | Vietnam War, Memorials, Civic Action, Art Integration/Visual Literacy |
| \*Rolling Thunder | Vietnam War, Memorials, Patriotism, Civic Action |
| \*The United States v. Jackie Robinson | Jackie Robinson, Inequality, Civil Rights |
| \*Knit Your Bit: A World War I Story | WWI, Civic Action |
| \*Abraham Lincoln’s Dueling Words | Abraham Lincoln |
| \*Dadblamed Union Army Cow | Civil War, Persistence |
| \*Through My Eyes | Ruby Bridges, Inequality, Civil Rights |
| \*My Rows and Piles of Coins | Economics |
| \*Weslandia | Economics |
| \*Uncle Jed’s Barbershop | Economics |
| \*The Harmonica | World History, Holocaust |
| \*A Single Shard | World History |
| \*Sunjata | World History |
| \*Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood | World History |
| \*Dear Primo: A Letter to My Cousin | World History/Geography, Cultural Comparison |
| \*The Great Kapok Tree | World History, Geography |
| \*The Red Pencil | World History, Geography |
| \*Faithful Elephants | World History, Geography |
| \*Planting the Trees of Kenya: The Story of Wangari | World History, Geography |
| \*14 Cows For America | World History, Geography |
| \*A Long Walk to Water | World History, Geography |
| \*One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of Gambia | World History, Geography, Civic Action |
| \*Give a Goat | World History, Geography, Civic Action |
| \*The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind | World History, Geography, Civic Action |
| \*We are Grateful Otsaliheliga | Native American life |
| \*All Different Now | Juneteenth, Civil War, Slavery |
| \*Molly Bannaky | Colonial Times, Slavery, Indentured Servitude |
| \*Freedom Summer | Civil Rights, Friendship |
| \*She Stood for Freedom: The Untold Story of a Civil Rights Hero | Civil Rights, Civic Action |
| \*Follow the Moon Home: A Tale of One Idea, Twenty Kids, and a Hundred Sea Turtles | Civic Action |
| \*Dangerous Jane | Civic Action, WWI, Reform Movement, Early 20th Century |
| \*Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and Her Family’s Fight for Desegregation | Desegregation, Civil Rights |

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| **Social Studies Titles and Poetry** | |
| **Name of Book** | **How/why do you use it?** |
| Martin Rising: Requiem for a King | Final months of Martin Luther King’s life and assassination |
| Memphis, Martin, and the Mountaintop: The Sanitation Strike of 1968 | Martin Luther King, Civil Rights, Civic Action |
| Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story | Native American, Culture, Family |
| Got Geography! | Geography, Landforms, Continents, Oceans, Location |
| Jumping Off Library Shelves | Library, Story, Reading |
| Amazing Places Poems Selected by Lee Bennett Hopkins | Location, Diversity |
| A Poem for Peter | Ezra Jack Keats, Determination, Persistence |
| Boycott Blues: How Rosa Parks Inspired a Nation | Rosa Parks, Civil Rights, Civic Action |
| The Day You Begin | Diversity, Feelings |
| The Undefeated by Kwame Alexander | Slavery, Civil Rights |
| The Crossover by Kwame Alexander | Sports, Family, Choices |
| \*The Red Pencil | Courage, Persistence |
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| **Professional Titles Collection** | |
| **Name of Book** | **How/why do you use it?** |
| \*Reading to Make a Difference: Using Literature to Help Students Speak Freely, Think Deeply, and Take Action | Incorporating diverse literature into classrooms |
| \*Igniting a Passion for Reading: Successful Strategies for Building Lifetime Readers | Developing readers not only motivated to read but to also love reading |
| \*The Ramped-Up Read Aloud: What to Notice As You Turn The Page | Two page read aloud experiences for 101 picture books focusing on what to notice, say, and wonder |
| \*Reading Aloud Across the Curriculum: How to Build Bridges in Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies | How to make the read aloud a strong supporting structure for literacy learning across the day |
| \*Unwrapping the Read Aloud: Sustaining Best Practice | Making read alouds intentional by purposely selecting texts and inspiring students to read and write across the curriculum |
| \*In Defense of the Read-Aloud: Sustaining Best Practice | Supporting, sustaining, and celebrating the power of the read aloud |
| \*The Book Whisperer: Awakening the Inner Reader inner Reader in Every Child | Helping students navigate the word of literature and giving students time to read and pick out books themselves |
| \*The Ultimate Read-Aloud Resource | Guidelines, lessons, and resources for making every read aloud experience intentional and instructional |
| \*Every Book is a Social Studies Book | Collection of lessons and activities for picture books putting an emphasis on Social Studies |
| \*Notable Books, Notable Lessons | Strategies, lesson plans, and activities that use literature for Social Studies lessons |