

# Read Across America!

## Alabama

Primary

*A Black Elephant with a Brown Ear (In Alabama)* by Bill Traylor

Elementary

*I Am Rosa Parks* by Rosa Parks

Upper Elementary

*Alabama Moon* by Walt Key

\**The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963* by Christopher Paul Curtis

*Run Away Home* by Pat McKissack

*Bird* by Angela Johnson

## Alaska

Primary

*Running with the Big Dogs: A Sled Dog Puppy Grows Up in Denali National Park, Alaska* by Lori Yanuchi

Elementary

*The Year of Miss Agnes* by Kirkpatrick Hill

Upper Elementary

*The Great Eagle Spirit* by Hal Granum

## Arizona

Primary

*Arizona Charlie and the Klondike Kid* by Julie Lawson

*Desert Trip* by Barbara Steiner

Elementary

*Charlie Moves to Arizona (Charlie's great adventure)* by C.A. Goody

## Arkansas

Primary

*Amistad: The Story of a Slave Ship: Station Stop 3* by Patricia McKissack

Elementary

*Casey Jones (On My Own Folklore)* by Stephen Krensky

Upper Elementary

*I've Already Forgotten Your Name, Philip Hall!* By Bette Greene

## California

Primary

*Smoky Night (Caldecott Medal Book)* by Eve Bunting

*Earthquake* by Milly Lee

Elementary

*Lion Singer* by Sylvia Ross

*Surfer Dog* by Elizabeth Spurr

Upper Elementary

*Earthquake!: A Story of the San Francisco Earthquake (Once Upon America)* by Kathleen V. Kudlinski

\**Higher Power of Lucky* by Susan Patron

\**Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Gennifer Choldenko

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## Colorado

Primary

*Grandfather's Christmas Tree* by Keith Strand

Elementary

*In the Heart of the Rockies* by G.A. Henty

*Prairie School* by Avi

Upper Elementary

*The Coach That Never Came* by Patricia Beatty

*Nowhere, Now Here* by Ann Howard Creel

## Connecticut

Primary

*The Middle Moffat* by Eleanor Estes

Elementary

*Little Maid of Old Connecticut* by Alice Turner Curtis

Upper Elementary

*Windcatcher* by Avi

*Where the Great Hawk Flies* by Liza Ketchum

*A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* by Mark Twain

\**The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth George Speare

## Delaware

Elementary

*Reaching Tidewater: Life on the Delaware Canal* by Noreen F. Moore

Upper Elementary

*Moon of Two Dark Horses* by Sally M. Keehn

## Florida

Primary

*Chessie: The Meandering Manatee* by Carol A. Amato

Elementary

*The Goose's Gold (A to Z Mysteries)* by Ron Roy

*Panther Girl* by Maity Schrecengost

*My Name is Sally Little* Song by Brenda Woods

Upper Elementary

\**Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo

*A Key Keepers Mystery: The Game Begins* by Liz Shore

*Manatee Blues* by Laurie Halse Anderson

## Georgia

Primary

*Georgia Music* by Helen V. Griffith

Elementary

*Eight Paws to Georgia* by Pamela Bauer Mueller

Upper Elementary

*Moonpie and Ivy* by Barbara O'Conner

*Blue Ridge* by John Harper

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## Hawaii

Primary

*The Best Hawaiian Style Mother Goose* by Kevin Sullivan

*Luka's Quilt* by Georgia Guback

Elementary

*The Broccoli Tapes* by Jan Slepian

Upper Elementary

*Kaiulani: The People's Princess, Hawaii, 1889* by Ellen Emerson White

## Idaho

Primary

*Snowboard Twist (Outdoor Adventures)* by Jean Craighead George

Elementary

*Fire Storm* by Jean Craighead George

Upper Elementary

\**Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech

*Fire in the Hole!* by Mary Cronk Farrell

## Illinois

Elementary

*Growing Seasons* by Carolyn Pratt

*On The Wings of Heroes* by Richard Peck

Upper Elementary

\**The Great Fire* by Jim Murphy

\**A Long Way from Chicago* by Richard Peck

\**A Year Down Yonder* by Richard Peck

*SURVIVAL! Fire (Chicago, 1871)* by Kathleen Duey

## Indiana

Primary

*A Goose Named Gilligan* by Jerry M. Hay

Elementary

*Ahyoka and the Talking Leaves* by Connie Roop

*Ruthie's Gift* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Upper Elementary

*Throwing Stones* by Kristi Collier

*The Teacher's Funeral: A Comedy in Three Parts* by Richard Peck

## Iowa

Primary

*Junkyard Junction: Squirt's New Home* by James Pottebaum and Kelly

Johns

Elementary

*Cora Frear* by Susan E. Goodman

Upper Elementary

*Blue Jasmine* by Kashmira Sheth

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## Kansas

Primary

*Twister Twyla: The Kansas Cowgirl* by Jerri Gerretson

*Aunt Minnie and the Twister* by Mary Skillings Prigger

Elementary

*Billy's Mountain* by Steve Richardson

Upper Elementary

*Steal Away Home* by Lois Ruby

## Kentucky

Primary

*My Mountain Song* by Shutta Crum

Elementary

*Keeper of the Doves* by Betsy Byars

Upper Elementary

*Tadpole* by Ruth White

## Louisiana

Primary

*Clovis Crawfish and the Big Betail* by Mary Alice Fontenot

Elementary

*Mister and Me* by Kimberly Willis Holt

Upper Elementary

*Fiddle Fever* by Sharon Arms Doucet

*The Red Rose Box* by Brenda Woods

## Maine

Primary

*Birdie's Lighthouse* by Deborah Hopkinson

*The Sea Chest* by Tony Buzzeo

Elementary

*The Seal Island Seven* by Susan Bartlett

Upper Elementary

\**Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy* by Gary D. Schmidt

## Maryland

Elementary

*Catie and Josephine* by Jonathan Scott Fuqua

Upper Elementary

*Amelia's War* by Ann Rinaldi

*The Art of Keeping Cool* by Janet Taylor Lisle

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## Massachusetts

Primary

*Letting Swift River Go* by Jane Yolen

*Tattered Sails* by Verla Kay

Elementary

*Three Young Pilgrims* by Cheryl Harness

*The Pilgrims of Plimoth* by Marcia Sewall

Upper Elementary

*A Break with Charity: A Story about the Salem Witch Trials* by Ann Rinaldi

*Someday* by Jackie French Koller

\**Olive's Ocean* by Kevin Henkes

## Michigan

Primary

*By the Light of the Moon: A Story of Kindness and Friendship Above the*

*Mighty Mac* by Lisa Dos Santos

Elementary

*Night of the Full Moon* by Gloria Whelan

Upper Elementary

*The Loon Feather* by Iola Fuller

## Minnesota

Primary

*Marven of the Great North Woods* by Kathryn Lasky

Elementary

*Bigger* by Patricia Calvert

Upper Elementary

*The Foxman* by Gary Paulsen

*The Shrouding Woman* by Loretta Elsworth

## Mississippi

Primary

*Monday on the Mississippi* by Marilyn Singer

Elementary

*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain

*I Dream of Trains* by Angela Johnson

Upper Elementary

*Let the Circle Be Unbroken* by Mildred D. Taylor

*Night Cry* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

## Missouri

Elementary

*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain

Upper Elementary

*Sooner* by Patricia Calvert

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## Montana

Elementary

*When the Circus Came to Town* by Laurence Yep

Upper Elementary

*Rescue Josh Mcguire* by Ben Mikaelson

\**Hattie Big Sky* by Kirby Larson

## Nebraska

Primary

*Prairie Friends* by Nancy Smiler Levinson

Elementary

*Dandelions* by Eve Bunting

Upper Elementary

*Worth* by A. LaFaye

## Nevada

Elementary

*Weird Stories from the Lonesome Café* by Judy Cox

Upper Elementary

*Washoe Seasons of Life: A Native American Story* by Karen Wallis

## New Hampshire

Elementary

*Dillon Dillon* by Kate Banks

Upper Elementary

*The Sin Eater* by Gary D. Schmidt

*Heart of a Chief* by Joseph Bruchnac

## New Jersey

Primary

*The 18 Penny Goose* by Sally M. Walker

Elementary

*The Battlefield Ghost* by Margery Cuyler

Upper Elementary

*The Edison Mystery: Qwerty Stevens, Back in Time* by Dan Gutman

*Tales of the Atlantic Pirates* by Geoffrey Girard

## New Mexico

Primary

*The Dirty Cowboy* by Amy Timberlake

Elementary

*The Mystery of the Lost Village* by Gertrude Chandler Warner

Upper Elementary

*Kokopelli's Flute* by Will Hobbs

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## New York

Primary

*What Zeesie Saw on Delancey Street* by Elsa Okon Rael

Elementary

*Fleabiscuit Sings!* by Marlene Fanta Shyer

Upper Elementary

*Between Madison and Palmetto* by Jacqueline Woodson

*From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg

## North Carolina

Primary

*Rescue on the Outer Banks* by Candice F. Ransom

*Freedom on the Menu: the Greensboro Sit-Ins* by Carol Boston

Weatherford

Elementary

*Back Home* by Gloria Jean Pinkney

Upper Elementary

\**Surviving the Applewhites* by Stephanie S. Tolan

## North Dakota

Elementary

*Spaceship Over North Dakota* by Kevin Kremer

Upper Elementary

*Jake's Orphan* by Peggy Brooke

*Blizzard's Wake* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

## Ohio

Primary

*Ohio Thunder* by Denise Dowling Mortensen

Elementary

*Danger Along the Ohio* by Patricia Willis

*Night Boat to Freedom* by Margot Theis Raven

Upper Elementary

*Gina.Jamie.Father.Bear.* by George Ella Lyon

## Oklahoma

Primary

*Don't Forget Winona* by Jeanne Whitehouse Peterson

*Green Snake Ceremony* by Sherrin Watkins

Elementary

*I Have Heard of a Land* by Joyce Carol Thomas

*Angels in the Dust* by Margot Theis Raven

Upper Elementary

*The Starplace* by Vicki Grove

\**Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse

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## Oregon

Primary

*Apples to Oregon* by Deborah Hopkinson

Elementary

*The Mystery of Devil's Gulch* by Patricia Rose Upczak

*Emily's Runaway Imagination* by Beverly Cleary

Upper Elementary

*Operation Clean Sweep* by Darlene Bailey Beard

## Pennsylvania

Primary

*The Egg Tree* by Katherine Milhous

*Sparrow Jack* by Mordicai Gerstein

Elementary

*Brady* by Jean Fritz

*The Prometheus Project: Trapped* by Douglas E. Richards

Upper Elementary

*The Bread Sister of Sinking Creek* by Robin Moore

*The Philadelphia Adventure* by Lloyd Alexander

*\*An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever*

*Epidemic of 1793* by Jim Murphy

## Rhode Island

Primary

*Alfred Visits Rhode Island* by Elizabeth O'Neill

Elementary

*Little Maid of Narragansett Bay* by Alice Turner Curtis

Upper Elementary

*The Crying Rocks* by Janet Taylor Lisle

## South Carolina

Elementary

*Secret Holes* by Pansie Hart Flood

Upper Elementary

*The Girl Who Ate Chicken Feet* by Sandy Richardson

*The Keeping Room* by Anna Myers

## South Dakota

Primary

*Alfred Visits South Dakota* by Missie Mcpherson

Elementary

*Prairie Summer* by Bonnie Geisert

*Little Town on the Prairie* by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Upper Elementary

*Prairie Whispers* by Frances Arrington



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## Tennessee

Primary

*Swamp Angel* by Anne Isaacs

*Daniel's Duck* by Clyde Robert Bulla

Elementary

*Sweet By and By* by Patricia Hermes

Upper Elementary

*Graveyard Girl* by Anna Myers

*Cold in Summer* by Tracy Barrett

## Texas

Primary

*Ten Cows to Texas: Handprint Books* by Peggy Mercer

*The Foot-Stomping Adventures of Clementine Sweet* by Kitty Griffin

Elementary

*West Texas Chili Monster* by Judy Cox

Upper Elementary

*Lucky Lady* by Susan Saunders

*Our House on Hueco* by Carlos Nicolas Flores

## Utah

Elementary

*Hannah Stands Tall* by Shirley Rees

Upper Elementary

*The Great Brain Is Back* by John D. Fitzgerald

## Vermont

Primary

*Here Comes Darrell* by Leda Schubert

*A Christmas Like Helen's* by Natalie Kinsey-Warnock

*Nora's Ark* by Natalie Kinsey-Warnock

Elementary

*A Llama in the Family* by Johanna Hurwitz

Upper Elementary

*Stray Voltage* by Eugenie Doyle

## Virginia

Primary

*One Christmas Dawn* by Candice F. Ransom

Elementary

*Moonshiner's Son* by Carolyn Reeder

Upper Elementary

\**Belle Prater's Boy* by Ruth White

*Virginia Bound* by Amy Butler

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## Washington

Primary

*Salt & Pepper at the Pike Place Market* by Carol A. Losi

*Dear Ichiro* by Jean Davies Okimoto

Elementary

*The Secret Voice of Gina Zhang* by Dori Jones Yang

Upper Elementary

\**Our Only May Amelia* by Jennifer L. Holm

*Jackie's Wild Seattle* by Will Hobbs

*Hannah West in Deep Water* by Linda Johns

## West Virginia

Primary

*Little Ned Stories: A Chapter-Picture Book for Kids* by Edward Allen Faine

Elementary

\**Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

*Witch Catcher* by Mary Downing Hahn

Upper Elementary

*The Haunting of Swain's Fancy* by Brenda Seabrooke

*Dream Soul* by Laurence Yep

*A Blue-Eyed Daisy* by Cynthia Rylant

## Wisconsin

Primary

*The Deer in the Wood (Little House)* by Laura Ingalls Wilder

*The Giant Ball of String* by Arthur Geisert

Elementary

*Caddie Woodlawn* by Carol Ryrie Brink

Upper Elementary

*Ida B: . . . and Her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster, and (Possibly)*

*Save the World* by Katherine Hannigan

## Wyoming

Primary

*Dinosaur Hunter* by Elaine Marie Alphin

Elementary

*One Day in the Alpine Tundra* by Jean Craighead George

Upper Elementary

\**Hope Was Here* by Joan Bauer

*Walker's Crossing* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Start by marking "Black Elephant With a Brown Ear (in Alabama)" as Want to Read: Want to Read savingâ€¦| Want to Read. "Bill Traylor was born into slavery and worked as a farmer most of his life; in the years between 1939 and 1942, the elderly, untutored black artist made over 1200 paintings on scraps of paper and cardboard. Porte has taken 10 pieces of art, reproduced here in full-color, and has told an imaginative tale for each one....Porte's writings, which are light and folksy in tone, "Bill Traylor was born into slavery and worked as a farmer most of his life; in the years between 1939 and 1942, the elderly, untutored black artist made over 1200 paintings on scraps of paper and cardboard.