



# CALIFORNIA READS

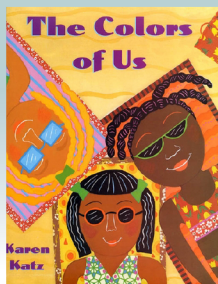
TEACHER RECOMMENDED BOOKS

'California STRONG'

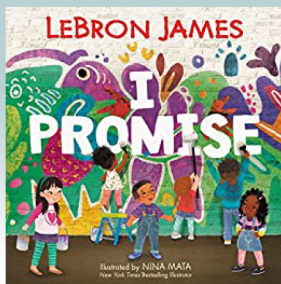


## 2021-2022 RECOMMENDED BOOKS

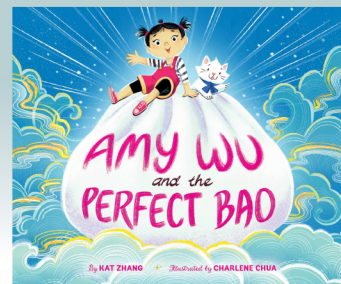
PreK/TK/K



**The Colors of Us**  
Author & Illustrator: Karen Katz

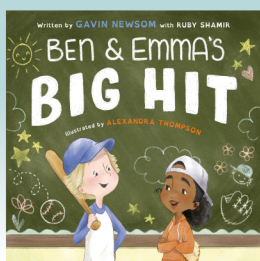


**I Promise**  
Author: LeBron James  
Illustrator: Nina Mata

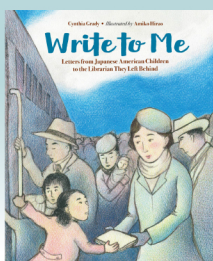


**Amy Wu and the Perfect Bao**  
Author: Kat Zhang  
Illustrator: Charlene Chua

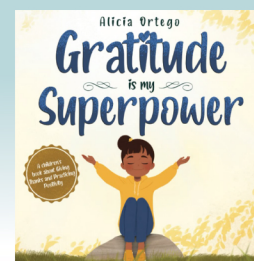
Grades 1-2



**Ben and Emma's Big Hit**  
Author: Gavin Newsom  
Illustrator: Alexandra Thompson

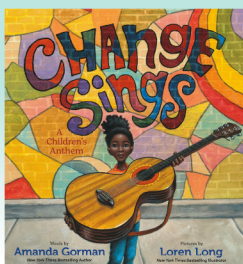


**Write to Me: Letters from Japanese American Children to the Librarian They Left Behind**  
Author: Cynthia Grady  
Illustrator: Amiko Hirao

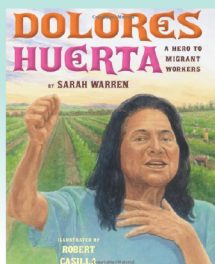


**Gratitude is My Superpower: A Children's Book About Giving Thanks and Practicing Positivity**  
Author: Alicia Ortego

Grades 3-5



**Change Sings: A Children's Anthem**  
Author: Amanda Gorman  
Illustrator: Loren Long



**Dolores Huerta: A Hero to Migrant Workers**  
Author: Sarah E. Warren  
Illustrator: Robert Casilla



**We Dream of Space**  
Author: Erin Entrada Kelly

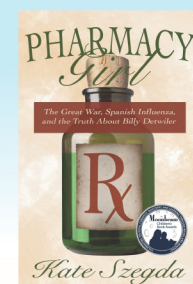
Grades 6-8



**Esperanza Rising**  
Author: Pam Muñoz Ryan

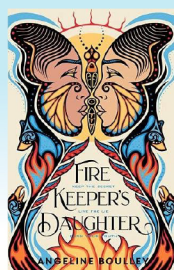


**The Other Boy**  
Author: M. G. Hennessey  
Illustrator: Sfe R. Monster



**Pharmacy Girl: The Great War, Spanish Influenza, and the Truth about Billy Detwiler**  
Author: Kate Szegda

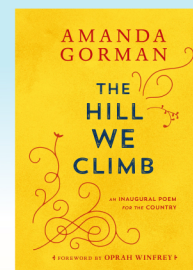
Grades 9-12



**Firekeeper's Daughter**  
Author: Angeline Boulley



**Children of Blood and Bone**  
Author: Tomi Adeyemi



**The Hill We Climb: An Inaugural Poem for the Country**  
Author: Amanda Gorman