A children’s book for every state

To celebrate Read Across America Day on March 2, which kicks off National Reading Month, The Week Junior chose one middle-grade book set in every state across the US. Happy reading!

Turn the page to find out more about every book pictured on the map!
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, support professionals, students, parents, caregivers, and others who encourage and promote reading. About 45 million people participated in Read Across America Day last year, making it the biggest reading celebration in the U.S. In 2018, Read Across America became a year-round program that fosters reading through special events.

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. To help accomplish this, NEA is working with the nonprofit Little Free Library to provide educators with book-sharing boxes so they can expand access to reading in their communities. To find out about NEA’s plans for Read Across America all year long, visit nea.org/ReadAcrossAmerica.