



Commissioner's Book Club: Change Sings: A Children's Anthem

Discussion guide

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Art can help make things better in society. It can do this in many ways. One way is by showing people what's unfair in the world. Art can also help people understand each other better. When we read a story about someone's life, we can imagine what it's like to be them. Art can also be a way for people to stand up for what's right and to feel like we all belong.

We hope that both adults and children will engage with these books, and that caregivers find the discussion questions useful in initiating conversations with the young people in their lives.

- ★ The book shows children fixing broken things like a wall. If you could build something to help your community, like those kids, what would you build?
- ★ The illustrations in the book show a lot of different people working together. Why do you think teamwork is important?
- ★ Do you think kids can make big changes in the world? Why or why not?
- ★ The children carry tools and instruments in the story. If you could carry something to help make the world better, what would it be?
- ★ The book talks about "bridges" and "walls." What do you think that means? How can we build bridges with other people?
- ★ What do you think makes a person brave?
- ★ What's something you're good at that you could use to help other people?
- ★ What does it mean to "listen to your voice"? How can we use our voices to make a difference?
- ★ Do you think everyone's voice is important? What happens when people don't get to share their voices?