



BOOK RESUME: CHANGE SINGS

BOOK SYNOPSIS

In this stirring, much-anticipated picture book by presidential inaugural poet and activist Amanda Gorman, anything is possible when our voices join together. As a young girl leads a cast of characters on a musical journey, they learn that they have the power to make changes—big or small—in the world, in their communities, and in most importantly, in themselves.

With lyrical text and rhythmic illustrations that build to a dazzling crescendo by #1 *New York Times* bestselling illustrator Loren Long, *Change Sings* is a triumphant call to action for everyone to use their abilities to make a difference.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★ “In rich language and vivid art, this hopeful celebration of the life-affirming power of change to ripple out into a better future is irresistible. Text and poetry work together to regulate a careful reading of this beautiful work. One to keep, to read, and to reread.” —*Kirkus Reviews*, starred review

★ “This uplifting serenade will instill readers of any age with hope for the future and the initiative to improve it.” —*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

“A lovely and loving call to action and kindness.” —*Booklist*

“So rich are both the art and the verses in uplifting imagery that it’s hard to imagine any young audience remaining unstirred by this call to be the change they want to see.” —*School Library Journal*

“This inspiring call to action unambiguously suggests that every individual, regardless of age, can contribute to making the world a better place.”
—*The Horn Book*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- 2022 NCTE/CLA Notable Children’s Books in the Language Arts Award
- 2022 ILA Notable Books for a Global Society Award Winners
- 53rd NAACP Image Awards in the Outstanding Literary Work – Children Category Nominee
- 2022 NCSS-CBC Notable Social Studies Trade Books List
- 2021 Black Caucus American Library Association Best of the Best selection

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- A Kentucky Bluegrass Book Award selection
- A Missouri Show Me Readers Book Award selection
- A New Hampshire Ladybug Book Award selection
- A Tennessee Volunteer State Book Award selection
- A Choose to Read Ohio selection
- A Iowa Goldfinch Book Award selection

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

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- [USA Today article: Amanda Gorman says banning books 'encroaches on our freedom'](#)
- [Amanda Gorman speaks on CNN on why Book Bans may increase](#)

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