

“VOICE THROUGH VERSE”

Name _____

A Renée Watson Reading Challenge

Beloved author Renée Watson has prepared a reading challenge with the theme of reading and writing in verse. Renée believes in the power of poetry and her ability to use poetry as a way to get to the heart of the matter. She invites you to read some of her favorite books and novels in verse. Then, she suggests that you take up the pen and write a poem in response to one of the poems that you read. Mark off all of the books you read and share your poem with us on social media!



Book Recommendations

Middle Grade

- ☐ "Reckless, Glorious Girl" by Ellen Hagan
- ☐ "One Last Word" by Nikki Grimes
- ☐ "Legacy" by Nikki Grimes
- ☐ "Brown Girl Dreaming" by Jacqueline Woodson
- ☐ "The Moon Within" by Aida Salazar



Young Adult

- ☐ "Punching the Air" by Ibi Zoboi & Yuself Salaam
- ☐ "Don't Call Me a Hurricane" by Ellen Hagan



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Reading Log

Color in an image for every 30 minutes that you read.



30m



60m



90m



120m



150m



180m



210m



240m



270m



300m



Renée Watson was a guest on the Beanstack podcast, The Reading Culture, where she shared about this challenge and about her journey to becoming a writer.

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