



**Books Recommended
by Educators, for Educators:**

EDUCATOR
MARTIN ODIMA JR.
RECOMMENDS:

Born a Crime
BY TREVOR NOAH

"Trevor Noah is one of my favorite comedians, not just because of his jokes, but because of his ability to share the truth, no matter how hard it is to talk about. *Born a Crime* is a great book because Trevor Noah delivers a compelling narration of his life and how he got to be where he is now."

EDUCATOR
MARIA ARFANAKIS (GALANIS)
RECOMMENDS:

***KEEP GOING: 10 WAYS TO STAY
CREATIVE IN GOOD TIMES AND BAD***
BY AUSTIN KLEON

"I discovered this book during this year's #DitchSummit at a time when I needed it most – in the midst of the pandemic and dealing with so many things. Finding ways to 'keep going' especially in these times when we're dealing with the weight of the world is not easy, but the ideas shared in this book just make so much sense and are truly inspiring and helpful."



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TEACHER
SARAH JACOBS
RECOMMENDS:

THE VANISHING HALF
BY BRIT BENNETT

"'The Vanishing Half' by Brit Bennett was a spectacular story of two sisters torn apart by a heart-wrenching choice. The novel continues to follow their daughters and shows how the consequences of that decision are forever present. The characters and places are so richly drawn that you feel an instant connection to the sisters, and their guilt, love, hardships, and victories are yours as much as they are theirs."

EDUCATOR
MORGAN SMITH
RECOMMENDS:

PARACHUTES
BY KELLY YANG

"'Parachutes' gave me a window view into a section of the Asian community. As a person of color, I know my own examples of being oppressed and judged, but this gave me a glimpse into what racism looks like with another group that is also marginalized. It highlighted racism not just from the Black and white perspective, but as a white supremacy issue."

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