

Stacey Speaks Up

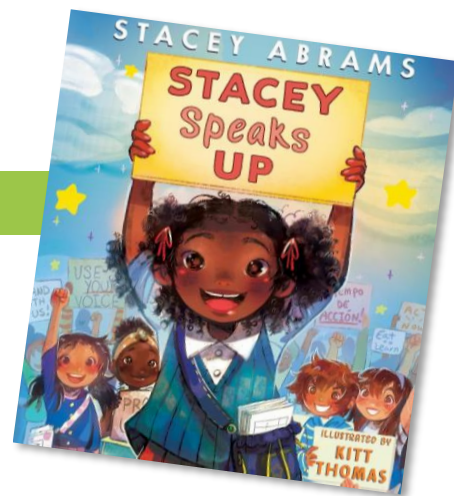
READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Activism & Social Justice, Politics & Government, School, Values

Book Brief: Stacey and her friends eagerly await TacoPizza FryDay but are troubled to learn that some classmates can't afford lunch. Inspired by Stacey Abrams, they rally their community to take action, showing how anyone can make a difference.

Author:
Stacey Abrams

Illustrator:
Kitt Thomas



BEFORE READING

The Cover: Have students make predictions about the story based on the cover.

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they notice about Stacey.

Prior Knowledge: Ask students, "What can you do when something is unfair?"

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

Purpose for Reading: "As we read today, pay attention how Stacey speaks up for what is right and fights for fairness."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- What happened to the student in front of Stacey in the lunch line, and how did she respond?
- Why do you think Mr. McCormick encouraged Stacey to speak at the assembly?
- What actions did Stacey take to solve the problem, and were they successful?
- Can you describe what happened during the assembly?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: Stacey spoke up for what is fair and right. What happened as a result of Stacey speaking up?

Extending Our Thinking: Stacey stood up for what her classmates need. Using [RIF's Writing Template](#), have students think of a topic of change that they can bring awareness to. What could be done?

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more about activism.
 - [Rocket Says Speak Up!](#) (2023)
 - [Just Help!: How to Build a Better World by Sonia Sotomayor](#) (2022)
 - [The Power of Her Pen](#) (2020)