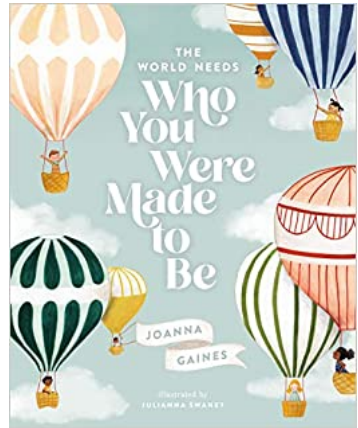


“The World Needs Who You Were Made to Be” by Joanna Gaines



About *The World Needs Who You Were Made to Be*:

In the #1 New York Times bestseller *The World Needs Who You Were Made to Be*, Joanna Gaines and illustrator Julianna Swaney celebrate how creativity and acceptance can come together to make for a bright and beautiful adventure. The book follows a group of children as they each build their very own hot-air balloons. As the kids work together, leaning into their own skills and processes, to fill the sky with beautiful colors, we discover that the same is true for life--it's more beautiful and vibrant when our differences are celebrated.



About The Author: Joanna Gaines is the co-founder of Magnolia, a home and lifestyle brand that she started with her husband, Chip, in 2003. She is the bestselling author of *The Magnolia Story*, *Magnolia Table*, and *Homebody*, as well as editor-in-chief of *Magnolia Journal*, a lifestyle magazine offering inspiration for your life and home. The Gaineses, along with their five kids, live on a farm in Waco, Texas, where they enjoy caring for their bustling family garden.



Read Aloud Tips:

- Introduce the book by flipping through the pages and showing the students the illustrations. The students can predict what the book is about.
- Have students create their own hot-air balloon. Within the balloon, students can write their favorite qualities about themselves as well as goals or aspirations.
- Ask student why they think it is important to celebrate our differences. This can be tied back to the overall meaning and theme of the book.

Additional Resources:

Find more information on other books that can be used in your class library at literacy.roosevelt.edu.