



## ***Press Release***

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### **“All America Reads is taking the Nation by Storm”**

(WASHINGTON, DC July 5, 2001): **All America Reads (AAR)**, a nationwide comprehensive reading project designed to encourage reading and discussion, is quickly spreading across the country. **AAR** selects a single title by which readers can join in a shared reading experience and explore the book's characters and themes. And the project organizers have selected *Wish You Well* by David Baldacci for 2001/2002 (Warner Books).

**All America Reads** is a collaborative project designed in two main parts: one, to encourage middle and high school students to read while providing them with the necessary strategies for comprehending the text and; two, provide reading guides and information for all readers including exciting and innovative programs for book groups.

The project website ([www.allamericareads.org](http://www.allamericareads.org) , currently online and launching with expanded features September 1, 2001) has been designed to include information about the author and the selected text, extensive educational lesson plans for students and educators, reading guides and resources for book groups, inter-active chat rooms, teacher resources, author on-line interviews and discussions, guest articles and discussions, and information for community literacy groups.

**All America Reads** project partners and sponsors include numerous state and national literacy and educational organizations. The project is working closely with the state Departments of Education across the country to promote books and reading nationwide.

You can visit the AAR website, [www.allamericareads.org](http://www.allamericareads.org), for a full list of sponsors and partners and for additional information.

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