



# BOOK REPORT



Name: Brooke Charter Schools

Subject: Brooke Book Club with author Governor Deval Patrick

Book: [A Reason to Believe: Lessons from an Improbable Life](#)

**OVERVIEW:** Brooke scholars' infectious enthusiasm for learning and reading fuels our culture of high achievement. From kindergartners learning how to sound out words to 8th grade scholars analyzing an author's purpose and choices, excitement grows when scholars share their thoughts on a common topic and learn from each other's perspectives. Teachers use [Brooke's Elements of Effective Reading Instruction](#) to engage students in the struggle and deep thinking.

**CHARACTERS:** *"When students connect with a book, they scaffold their own learning by contributing their own experiences to the conversation. It allows them to better understand the characters' choices and/or the authors' craft in story-telling."* Ms. Julie Planera, Grade 8 English Language Arts Teacher, Brooke Roslindale



**SETTING:** Brooke book clubs are a special series of events that allow students to share their love of reading with adults in the community. They learn that while there are many paths to success, reading is central to most of them. Authors often join us, and last month we had the privilege of welcoming Governor Deval Patrick, 30 community leaders, and 45 8th grade Brooke scholars to discuss his autobiography, [A Reason to Believe: Lessons from an Improbable Life](#). Brooke scholars took leadership roles as panelists in a Q&A with Governor Patrick and table discussions with community leaders.



**THEME:** *"In book club, I came to have a better understanding that no matter the person, you can never see the troubles they have gone through. I've realized everyone has something they've needed to overcome in their lifetime."* - Jaleel Heath, 8th grader, Brooke Roslindale

If you are interested in joining, hosting, or suggesting a book for a future Brooke book club, contact Hagar Berlin.

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