



# We Are the Builders!

by Deepa Iyer

**A new picture book about social change & belonging**

At a time when the world is so overwhelming, many of us - regardless of our age and experience - may not know what to do. *We Are The Builders!* is a new picture book about how we can all get involved in our communities by playing different roles. Written by Deepa Iyer in warm, inviting rhymes with vivid illustrations by Romina Galotta, *We Are The Builders!* is a gentle introduction for children (and their caregivers) to finding your place, helping each other, and changing your community.

**Welcome to our Community Day!  
Ready to find your role to play?**

It's Community Day, and all the kids want to know where they fit in. Could they be builders, restoring old furniture for new neighbors? Caregivers, nurturing friends who are sad or lonely? Frontline responders, preparing for emergencies?

What the children discover is that there's a place for every person, no matter their age, skills or interests—and that collaboration is what makes their community strong



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Over the course of two decades supporting nonprofits and social movements, Deepa has played many roles: weaver, frontline responder, storyteller, and guide. Deepa's first book, *We Too Sing America: South Asian, Arab, Muslim, and Sikh Immigrants Shape Our Multiracial Future* (The New Press, 2015), chronicles community-based histories in the wake of 9/11 and received a 2016 American Book Award. Deepa's second book, *Social Change Now: A Guide for Reflection and Connection*, is a guide based on the social change ecosystem map. Her upcoming children's book, *We Are the Builders!*, is based on Deepa's social change map and is currently available for pre-order with a publication date of September 2024.

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## Book Details

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