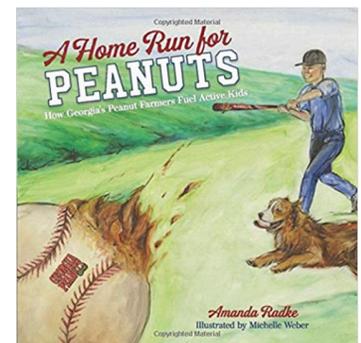


## Georgia Connection: Book from Georgia Peanut Commission

### A HOME RUN FOR PEANUTS

by *Amanda Radke*

The Georgia Peanut Commission is proud to present “A Home Run For Peanuts!” Meet Jake, and his loyal farm dog, Max! They live on a Georgia peanut farm and are excited to show you around! Grab a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and let’s explore the farm through the changing seasons. Along the way, we will discover how farmers take care of their farm machinery, plant the seeds, tend to the crop, harvest the peanuts and enjoy the fruits of their labor! Plus, we’ll see how Jake applies lessons learned on the farm into other areas of his life — studying for tests at school, overcoming obstacles and practicing his baseball swing for the big game! Written by author Amanda Radke with a strong focus on agricultural accuracy and promoting literacy about farm production, teachers and parents will appreciate the built-in educational component of this story, which also includes a glossary of farm terms and a tasty peanut recipe for kids to enjoy. Young readers will enjoy the vibrant illustrations painted by artist Michelle Weber, which truly brings the story to life and makes for a memorable, legacy book to have on your shelf for generations to come! Fall in love with these playful characters as they work on the farm, go to school and play ball! This is a fun and educational read geared for second and third grade reading levels, but this book can be enjoyed by children of all ages! Welcome to the Georgia peanut farm! We are happy to have you here!



You Tube video of the author reading this book

### Fun Facts:

- Georgia produced 53% of the United States’ peanuts in 2018 - more than 1.45 million tons.
- Georgia farmers harvested 650,000 acres, yielding an average of 4,450 pounds per acre.
- Georgia farmers planted peanuts in more than 75 counties in Georgia.
- Georgia has approximately 4,500 peanut farmers.
- Georgia peanuts accounted for 28% of the state’s row and forage crops income.
- The peanut industry contributes more than 50,000 jobs in Georgia.
- Peanuts are Georgia’s Official State Crop.

### Videos

- Georgia Farm Monitor- Georgia Peanut Farmers Ready For Harvest After Difficult Growing Season
- Georgia Peanut Harvest
- Meet Georgia Peanut Farmer Jan Jones
- Peanut Harvest in Georgia

### Activities

- Lesson plans based on the book
- Peanut Butter Recipe
- No Bake Peanut Cookies
- Peanut Coloring Page
- Peanut Traveling Trunk-call your local Farm Bureau to use it
- Plant a Peanut
- Peanut Plant Growth Chart
- Label the Parts of the Peanut Plant
- Answer Key