

Battle of the Books 2023-24

Title	Author	Summary
Anybody Here Seen Frenchie?	Connor	When her best friend Frenchie, who is autistic and doesn't talk, disappears after they encounter a rare piebald deer in the woods, Aurora feels that she's to blame and does everything she can to find him.
Better With Butter	Piontek	Afraid of absolutely everything, 12-year-old Marvel momentarily forgets her anxiety when she rescues a fainting goat named Butter and must fight for her new friend when she is told she might have to give Butter up forever.
Book Scavenger	Bertman	Just after twelve-year-old Emily moves to San Francisco, she teams up with new friend James to follow clues in an odd book they find, hoping to figure out its secrets before the men who attacked Emily's hero, publisher Garrison Griswold, solve the mystery or come after the friends.
Bound for Home	Hashimoto	With her family life in shambles, Erin and her rescue dog Max take off into the Maine woods where they soon find themselves fighting to survive in a place where they must choose between getting back to safety and saving a friend.
Concrete: From the Ground Up	Theule	This book reveals how concrete plays a huge role in the creation of the human-made world.
Duet	Broach	The life of a musically gifted bird changes forever after she discovers the music of Chopin and helps a talented young pianist solve the mystery of a long-lost Chopin piano.
Full of Beans	Holm	Ten-year-old Beans Curry, a member of the Keepsies, the best marble playing gang in Depression-era Key West, Florida, engages in various schemes to earn money while "New Dealers" from Washington, D.C., arrive to turn run down Key West into a tourist resort.
Guardian Test, The	Soontornvat	Accepted to the Guardian Academy on Lotus Island, a place where kids transform into magical creatures sworn to protect the natural world, young Plum finds herself struggling and might be forced to leave school if she cannot embrace her inner animal soon.
Honestly Elliott	McDunn	Struggling with ADHD, loneliness, and connecting with his divorced father who would rather see him embrace sports instead of cooking, sixth-grader Elliott finds an unlikely friend in popular, perfect Maribel when the two are paired in a school-wide contest.
How Science Saved the Eiffel Tower	Smith	The city of Paris wanted to tear down the Eiffel Tower after the 1889 World's Fair! Gustave Eiffel, an engineer and amateur scientist, crafted a clever plan to make the tower too useful to tear down by turning it into "a laboratory such as science has never had at its disposal." Could science save the Eiffel Tower?
How to Win a Slime War	Respicio	After moving to Sacramento to take over his grandparents' Filipino market, sixth-grader Alex seeks popularity by selling homemade slime at school, while his father insists he join a soccer team.
Hummingbird	Lloyd	Twelve-year-old Olive, who is seen as "fragile" due to brittle bone disease, searches for a magical, wish-granting hummingbird that could possibly make her most desperate, secret wish come true.
Linked	Korman	When swastikas begin appearing all over town, Link, Michael, and Dana, the only Jewish girl in town, must face crimes both past and present to find the truth.
Maizy Chen's Last Chance	Yee	Eleven-year-old Maizy Chen visits her estranged grandparents, who own and run a Chinese restaurant in Last Chance, Minnesota. As her visit lengthens, she makes unexpected discoveries about her family's history and herself.

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Manatee Summer	Griffith	Peter and his best friend, Tommy, have a goal for their last summer before middle school: finish their Discovery Journal, a catalog of the wildlife around their Florida town. When they spot a manatee in a canal, Peter knows they've found something special—and when the manatee is injured by a boat, something to protect.
Midnight Children, The	Gemeinhart	When lonely Ravani Foster discovers his new friend Virginia and her six mysterious runaway companions are in danger, he must fight to keep them safe, or lose the only person who has ever understood him.
Millionaires for the Month	McAnulty	After seventh graders Benji and Felix "borrow" \$20 from a lost wallet, the billionaire owner challenges them to spend over \$5 million dollars in thirty days in order to learn life lessons about money.
Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics	Grabenstein	Mr. Lemoncello has invited teams from all across America to compete in the first ever LIBRARY OLYMPICS...but someone is trying to censor what the kids are reading
New from Here	Yang	Knox works to keep his family together as they move from Hong Kong back to northern California during the initial outbreak of the coronavirus.
Nightmare at the Bookfair	Gutman	When fifth-grader Trip Dinkleman, who does not like to read very much, is hit on the head by a heavy box and becomes a character in a series of different books--from a sports story to a science fiction novel to an adventure tale--his view of reading is changed forever.
One and Only Ivan, The	Applegate	When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.
Odder	Applegate	Odder spends her days off the coast of central California, practicing her underwater acrobatics and spinning the quirky stories for which she's known. But when Odder comes face-to-face with a hungry great white shark, her life takes a dramatic turn, one that will challenge everything she believes about herself--and about the humans who hope to save her.
Outside Nowhere	Borba	After setting off one too many pranks, Parker is sent to work on an unusual farm in the middle of nowhere where something extraordinary is growing underground.
Renegade Reporters, The	Weissman	After getting kicked out of their school's new show, reporter Ash and her friends start their own news show, getting a big lead when they discover the educational company providing their school's software is recording their every move.
Rover's Story, A	Warga	Built to explore Mars, Resilience begins to develop human-like feelings as he learns from the NASA scientists who assembled him, and as he blasts off and explores Mars, Resilience must overcome different obstacles as he explores the red planet.
School for Whatnots, The	Haddix	Delving into the power of privilege, the importance of true friendship and the question of humanity and identity, this novel follows fifth grader Max as he searches for his best friend who disappeared, leaving behind a strange note.
Secret Battle of Evan Pao, The	Shang	Evan Pao and his family move to Haddington, Virginia in hopes of keeping his father's notoriety a secret, but a small southern town is not an easy place for a Chinese-American boy to fit in, and one kid, Brady Griggs, seems determined to make things difficult.
Secret of the Storm	McMullen	When she finds an abandoned kitten who needs her help in ways she never could have imagined, outcast Cassie wonders if she is strong enough to protect him – and everything she loves – from an enemy who stalks them all

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Seventh Most Important Thing, The	Pearsall	In 1963, Arthur is sentenced to community service helping the neighborhood Junk Man after he throws a brick at the old man's head in a moment of rage, but the junk he collects might be more important than he suspects.
Shelter	Matheson	While ten-year-old Maya attends an elite private school on scholarship, her classmates are unaware that she and her family are living in a homeless shelter.
Sir Fig Newton and the Science of Persistence	Thomas	When her beloved cat, Sir Fig Newton, is diagnosed with diabetes, but her family cannot afford the insulin shots, Mira relies on her ingenuity, determination, scientific know-how and a surprising ally to save him.
Sisterhood of Sleuths	Bertman	When eleven-year-old Maizy finds a box of vintage Nancy Drew books, her mysterious discovery uncovers a truth from the past that will lead to self-discovery in the present, connecting three generations of women.
Superteacher Project, The	Korman	Oliver and Nathan, determined to get to the bottom of their new homeroom teacher's fishy behavior, discover Mr. Aidact is actually an AI robot from a secret experimental program.
Thirst	Bajaj	Living in the poorest part of Mumbai, where water is a precious commodity, Minni starts work in a high-rise building where she discovers that water is plentiful and fights to bring it to everyone.
Three Strike Summer	Schrempp	Dust Bowl refugee Gloria Mae Willard finds herself uprooted and working on a California peach orchard, where she tries to join the secret, all-boys baseball team that she's desperate to play on.
Violet and Jobie in the Wild	Perkins	Violet and Jobie, sibling mice accustomed to living comfortably in a human home, find themselves uprooted and must quickly adapt to an unfamiliar world.
We Own the Sky	Philbrick	In 1924 Maine, with the Ku Klux Klan on the rise, orphans Davy and Jo Michaud are taken in by a famous aviator relative and spend their days doing dangerous stunts until they cross paths with the KKK, prompting them to run for their lives.
What Comes Next	Buyea	Twelve-year-old Thea, devastated after seeing her best friend die, begins to open to the possibility of new friendships and forgiveness, and comes to believe in what cannot be fully explained.
When Life Gives You Lemons, Make Peach Pie	Downing	Looking forward to the summer after a difficult year, siblings Lucy, Freddy and Herb are rendered unexpected millionaires by one of their late mother's inventions, before their father invests in a food truck and takes them on a pie-selling road trip.
Wild River	Philbrick	When a dam fails and rushing waters sweep away their adult supervisors, five middle schoolers on a white-water rafting adventure are left alone with few supplies and the opportunity to forge powerful bonds as well as develop dangerous disagreements.