

Battle of the Books 2024-2025

Title	Author	Summary	
Almost a World Record Breaker	Burnham	Ten-year-old Teddy Mars seeks to stand apart from his six siblings by earning a listing in the Guinness Book of World Records.	
Averil Offline	Parks	Twelve-year-old Averil is on a mission to find the creator of the phone app her helicopter parents use to keep track of her.	
Detective's Assistant, The	Hannigan	In 1859, Nell goes to live with her aunt, Kate Warne, the first female detective for Pinkerton's National Detective Agency. Nell helps her aunt solve cases, including a mystery surrounding Abraham Lincoln and the mystery of what happened to Nell's own father.	
Dogtown	Applegate	When Chance, a real dog, and Metal Head, a robot dog, break out of the Dogtown shelter, they embark on an adventure to find their fur-ever homes, encountering both danger and unexpected kindness along the way.	
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.	
Firefly Summer, The	Matson	When her estranged grandparents invite her to stay with them in the Poconos for the summer, Ryanna meets many relatives on her late mom's side of the family and discovers a whole new side of herself--and a place where she really belongs.	
Ginny Off the Map	Hickey	When Ginny Pierce's father gets deployed to Afghanistan just as her family is moving to a new post in Maryland, she tries to salvage a long and lonely summer by running her own geography camp.	
Gnome is Where Your Heart Is	Lyll	Lemon Peabody is certain that aliens visited her grandfather thirty years ago, but she is running out of time to prove it before Grandpa Walt's memory fades.	
Good Different	Kuyatt	Selah Godfrey knows that to be "normal" she has to keep her feelings tightly controlled when people are around, but after hitting a fellow student, she needs to figure out just what makes her different--and why that is ok.	
Grounded	Saeed	Told from alternating viewpoints, one unexpected night at an airport brings together four kids in an encounter that forever changes their lives.	
Honestly Elliott	McDunn	Struggling with ADHD, loneliness, and connecting with his divorced father who would rather see him embrace sports instead of cooking, Elliott finds an unlikely friend in popular, perfect Maribel when the two are paired in a school-wide contest.	
How to Catch a Polar Bear	DeKeyser	While working at his uncle's custard stand at the zoo in 1948 Milwaukee, Nick discovers his summer won't be so boring after all when he must solve a mystery involving a polar bear while stopping his uncle's competitor from playing dirty	
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.	
International House of Dereliction, The	Davies	Quirky, tool-wielding Alice Cannoli-Potchnik begins to repair the dilapidated mansion next door--only to discover the old house is home to ghosts, and they need mending, too	
Jerry Changed the Game	Tate	Introduces readers to Jerry Lawson, a Black engineer who changed the videogaming world forever by building a videogame console that allowed players to switch out cartridges and who founded the first African American-owned videogame company in the country.	
Lasagna Means I Love You	O'Shaughnessy	When foster kid Mo finds a handmade cookbook filled with someone else's family recipes, she collects the stories behind them and builds a website to share them, secretly hoping a long-lost relative will find her and give her a family recipe all her own.	
Last Plastic Straw, The	Romito	A history of the technological advancements behind the straw, how modern plastic straws harm the environment, and what is being done to solve the problem of plastic pollution.	
Leepike Ridge	Wilson	Tom, presumed dead after drifting away down a river, finds himself trapped in a series of underground caves with another survivor and a dog, and pursued by murderous treasure-hunters.	
Legend of Greyhallow, The	Short	Ainsley Galloway and her brother, Tobin, accidentally open a passage between their new town and a magical realm reminiscent of the popular Greyhallow movies and must close the portal to save their new home.	
Liars Society, The	Gerber	When the money for their school trip is stolen at their elite Boston School, Weatherby and Jack, each protecting secrets that could destroy their lives, are invited to solve this high-stakes mystery, which would guarantee their entrance into the oldest, most powerful society in the world.	
Light Comes to Shadow Mountain	Buzzeo	In 1937 rural Kentucky, Cora Mae starts a school newspaper to rally support for the Rural Electrification Act, but the town's resistance to change is not easy to overcome.	
Lost Year, The	Marsh	In the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic, Matthew discovers a shocking secret about his great-grandmother's past as he learns about her life during the Holodomor famine in Soviet Ukraine.	
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.	

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