

Battle of the Books 2022-23

| Title | Author | Summary |
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| Ahmed Aziz's Epic Year | Hamza | A Indian American boy endures a family move from Hawaii to frigid Minnesota. With the help of three life-changing books he reads in school, he learns to like reading, and ultimately, himself. |
| All He Knew | Frost | In 1939 six-year-old Henry, who is deaf, is taken from his family and placed in a home for the feeble-minded. |
| 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. |
| Boardwalk Babies | Moss | In the late 19th century, there wasn't much hope for premature babies-- until Dr. Couney developed the incubator. He set up a sideshow at Coney Island, taking care of the tiniest newborns as part of a display to convince the public that incubators worked. |
| Bunnacula: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery | Howe | Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their founding baby bunny must be a vampire. |
| City Spies | Ponti | Sentenced to juvenile detention after exposing her foster parents' crimes, a talented young hacker is rescued by a British spy who recruits five teen savants to become elite agents for MI5. |
| Clues to the Universe | Li | Told from their different points of view, aspiring rocket scientist Ro and introverted artist Benji become science class partners and unlikely friends, together setting out to build a rocket and search for Benji's long-lost father. |
| Cuba in my Pocket | Cuevas | In 1961 Cuba, with the threat of military service for children looming, twelve-year-old Cumba's parents send him to Miami, where he lives with a new family and misses his homeland. |
| Ella Enchanted | Levine | In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her. |
| Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library | Grabenstein | Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library with other students but finds that come morning, he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape |
| From the Desk of Zoe Washington | Marks | Avid baker Zoe Washington receives a letter on her twelfth birthday from her biological father who is in prison for a terrible crime. |
| Gizmos, Gadgets, and Guitars: The Story of Leo Fender | Mahin | A picture book biography of American inventor Leo Fender, best known for creating the world's most iconic electric guitar. |
| House that Wasn't There, The | Arnold | Dismayed when his neighbors cut down a beloved old walnut tree that has always been a source of comfort, Adler forges an unexpected friendship with a young newcomer over a series of mysterious connections. |
| 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. |
| Karma Moon, Ghosthunter | Savage | While in a haunted Colorado hotel for her father's ghost-hunting television series, Karma Moon must battle her anxiety, interpret the signs of the universe, and get footage of a real ghost. |
| Last Cuentista, The | Higuera | Earth has been destroyed by a comet, and only a few hundred scientists and their children - among them Petra and her family - have been chosen to journey to a new planet. Hundreds of years later, Petra wakes to this new planet - and the discovery that she is the only person who remembers Earth. |
| Last Gate of the Emperor | Mbalia | Enduring an isolated existence in hardscrabble Addis Prime, a star underground augmented reality gamer finds his small family targeted by city-raiding monsters waging a galaxy-spanning war. |

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| Lemonade Crime, The | Davies | When money disappears from fourth-grader Evan's pocket and everyone thinks that his annoying classmate Scott stole it, Evan's younger sister stages a trial involving the entire class, trying to prove what happened. |
| 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. |
| Lion of Mars, The | Holm | Bell has spent his whole life--all eleven years of it--on Mars. When a virus breaks out and the grown-ups all fall ill, Bell and the other children are the only ones who can help. |
| List of Things That Will Not Change, The | Stead | Despite her parents' divorce, her father's coming out as gay, and his plans to marry his boyfriend, ten-year-old Bea is reassured by her parents' unconditional love, excited about getting a stepsister, and haunted by something she did last summer at her father's lake house. |
| Maya and the Robot | Ewing | A forgotten homemade robot comes to life just when aspiring fifth-grade scientist Maya needs a friend--and a science fair project. |
| 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. |
| Midnight at the Barclay Hotel | Bradley | Five murder suspects are invited to the haunted Barclay Hotel for a weekend getaway, and it is up to twelve-year-old JJ and eleven-year-old Penny--and a lonely ghost--to figure out who committed the crime. |
| Mystery on Magnolia Circle | Klise | On the first day of vacation, ten-year-old Ivy falls down the stairs and breaks her leg. Stuck in a plaster cast, she's certain her summer is doomed. But when Ivy witnesses a possible burglary from her living room window, her summer takes a sudden turn from meh to mysterious. |
| Nessie Quest | Savage | Twelve-year-old Ru reluctantly joins her parents in Scotland for the summer, where she and new friends Dax and Hammy Bean search for the Loch Ness Monster. |
| 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. |
| Once Upon a Camel | Appelt | In 1910, Zada the camel treks across the West Texas desert to save two baby kestrels from an approaching haboob, a mountain-sized storm, sharing adventures from her youth in Turkey to keep them calm. |
| Penny From Heaven | Holm | As she turns twelve during the summer of 1953, Penny gains new insights into herself and her family while also learning a secret about her father's death. |
| 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. |
| 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. |
| Tune It Out | Sumner | Twelve-year-old Lou Montgomery's life has been centered on her mother's terrifying plan to make her a singing star, but a crisis reveals Lou's sensory processing disorder and people determined to help her address it. |
| 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. |

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| Where the Mountain Meets the Moon | Lin | Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain and freshness to Jade River. |
| Wild River: A Novel | 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. |
| Willodeen | Applegate | When the annual migration of hummingbirds, a source of local pride and income, dwindles and no one knows why, Willodeen speaks up for the animals she loves and vows to uncover this mystery. |
| Wink: Surviving Middle School with One Eye Open | Harrell | After being diagnosed with a rare eye cancer, twelve-year-old Ross discovers how music, art, and true friends can help him survive both treatment and middle school. |
| Wolf's Curse, The | Vitalis | Accused of witchcraft and shunned by his fearful village, twelve-year-old carpenter's apprentice Gauge allies with another orphan to prove his innocence and capture the magical wolf hounding his every move. |
| Zeus: Dog of Chaos | Tubb | Zeus, a German shepherd, is assigned to Madden as a diabetic alert dog and must help him navigate middle school. |