



2019-20 Battle of the Books List

* = New Story **Red** = Student Suggested Title

Competition - Thursday, May 7, 2020 Teams of 3 - 5 students



5th and 6th Grade

| <u>Title</u> | <u>Author</u> | <u>Genre</u> |
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| 1. When You Reach Me | Rebecca Stead | Mystery |
| 2. A Night Divided | Jennifer Nielsen | Historical Fiction |
| 3. Because of Winn-Dixie | Kate DiCamillo | Realistic Fiction |
| 4. Real Friends | Shannon Hale | Realistic Fiction/Graphic Novel |
| 5. The Crossover | Kwame Alexander | Sports/Realistic Fiction/Poetry |
| 6. The Ear, The Eye, and the Arm | Nancy Farmer | Sci-Fi/Fantasy |
| 7. Echo | Pam Munoz Ryan | Fairytale/Folklore |
| 8. The Egypt Game | Zilpha Keatley Snyder | Mystery/Realistic Fiction |
| 9. Heat | Mike Lupica | Realistic Fiction/Sports |
| 10. Hoot | Carl Hiaasen | Humor/Mystery |
| 11. Loot | Jude Watson | Mystery/Adventure |
| 12. Jip His Story | Katherine Paterson | Historical Fiction |
| 13. The Thing about Leftovers | CC Payne | Realistic Fiction |
| 14. Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library | Chris Grabenstein | Mystery |
| 15. Inside Out & Back Again | Thanhha Lai | Historical Fiction/Poetry |
| 16. Catch You Later, Traitor* | Avi | Historical Fiction/Mystery |
| 17. Where the Red Fern Grows | Wilson Rawls | Classic Literature/Realistic Fiction |
| 18. No Talking | Andrew Clements | Humor |
| 19. Okay for Now | Gary D. Schmidt | Humor |
| 20. The Phantom Tollbooth | Norton Juster | Adventure/Sci-Fi/Fantasy |
| 21. Fish in a Tree | Lynda Mullaly Hunt | Realistic Fiction |
| 22. Strider | Beverly Cleary | Realistic Fiction/Diary-Journal |
| 23. A Wrinkle in Time | Madeleine 'L'Engle | Sci-Fi/Fantasy |
| 24. Loser * | Jerry Spinelli | Realistic Fiction |
| 25. The Strangers * | Margaret Peterson Haddix | Adventure/Mystery/Sci-Fi |
| 26. The Wishing Spell * | Chris Colfer | Fairytale |
| 27. Unstoppable * | Tim Green | Realistic Fiction/Sports |
| 28. Crenshaw * | Katherine Applegate | Sci-Fi/Fantasy |
| 29. Deep Water * | Watt Key | Adventure/Sports |
| 30. Hello, Universe * | Erin Entrada Kelly | Realistic Fiction |

A BIT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE BOB BOOKS

| Book Title - Description | Author | Genre | Awards | Lexile | Word# | Publ |
|---|--|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1. When You Reach Me Miranda is an ordinary sixth grader, until she starts receiving mysterious messages from somebody who knows all about her | Rebecca Stead | Mystery | 5 | 750L | 39,253 | 2009 |
| 2. A Night Divided A girl who must escape to freedom after the Berlin Wall divides her family between east and west | Jennifer A. Nielsen | Historical Fiction | 0 | 810L | 71,508 | 2015 |
| 3. Because of Winn Dixie The summer Opal and her father, the preacher, move to Naomi, Florida, Opal goes into the Winn-Dixie supermarket —and comes out with a dog. | Kate DiCamillo | Realistic Fiction | 2 | 670L | 22,123 | 2000 |
| 4. Real Friends Shannon and Adrienne have been best friends ever since they were little. But one day, Adrienne starts hanging out with Jen, the most popular girl in class and the leader of a circle of friends called The Group | Shannon Hale and LeUyen Pham | Biography Graphic Novel | 3 | 290L | 6,502 | 2017 |
| 5. The Crossover Josh Bell is a talented middle school basketball player, as is his twin brother Jordan. They learned from their dad, Chuck “Da Man,” who played in the Euroleague before retiring from the game | Kwame Alexander | Realistic Fiction Poetry | 9 | 750L | 16,888 | 2014 |
| 6. The Ear, The Eye, and the Arm General Matsika's children steal out of the house on a forbidden adventure--and disappear. In Zimbabwe, in the year 2194, the children's parents call in Africa's most unusual detectives | Nancy Farmer | Sci-Fi Fantasy | 2 | 660L | 84,136 | 1994 |
| 7. Echo Lost and alone in a forbidden forest, Otto meets three mysterious sisters and suddenly finds himself entwined in a puzzling quest | Pam Munoz Ryan | Fairytale Folklore | 8 | 680L | 87,970 | 2015 |
| 8. The Egypt Game The first time Melanie Ross meets April Hall, she's not sure they'll have anything in common- she soon discovers that they both love anything to do with ancient Egypt | Zilpha Keatley Snyder and Alton Raible | Realistic Fiction Mystery | 1 | 1010L | 43,004 | 1967 |
| 9. Heat Michael Arroyo has a pitching arm that throws serious heat along with aspirations of leading his team all the way to the Little League World Series | Mike Lupica | Realistic Fiction Sports | 1 | 940L | 58,934 | 2006 |
| 10. Hoot middle-schoolers fighting big business to preserve a habitat for burrowing owls | Carl Hiaasen | Humor Mystery | 2 | 760L | 61,113 | 2002 |
| 11. Loot 12 year-old March is the son of international jewel thief Alfie McQuin | Jude Watson | Adventure | 0 | 560L | 59,540 | 2014 |
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| 12. Jip, His Story Young Jip knows nothing of his origins except that he fell off the back of a wagon that was passing through town when he was a toddler and, due to his coloring, folks reckon it must have been a gypsy wagon | Katherine Paterson | Historical Fiction | 1 | 860L | 46,876 | 1996 |

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| 13. The Thing About Leftovers Fizzy is a good Southern girl who just wants to be perfect. And win the Southern Living cook-off. | CC Payne | Realistic Fiction | 0 | 770L | 64,937 | 2016 |
| 14. Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library Lucky Kyle wins a coveted spot to be one of the first 12 kids in the library for an overnight of fun, food, and lots and lots of games. | Chris Grabenstein | Adventure Mystery | 1 | 720L | 47,493 | 2013 |
| 15. Inside Out & Back Again In South Vietnam in 1975, 10 year-old Ha lives with her mother and three older brothers. The violence of the Vietnam War reaches them in the midst of celebrating Tet | Thanhha Lai | Historical Fiction Poetry | 5 | 800L | 14,925 | 2011 |
| 16. Catch You Later, Traitor 12 year-old Pete Collison is a regular kid who loves Sam Spade detective books and radio crime dramas, but when an FBI agent shows up at Pete's doorstep accusing his father of being a Communist | Avi | Historical Fiction Mystery | 1 | 550L | 57,500 | 2015 |
| 17. Where the Red Fern Grows A loving threesome ranged the dark hills and river bottoms of Cherokee country. Old Dan had the brawn. Little Ann had the brains, and Billy had the will to make them into the finest hunting team in the valley | Wilson Rawls | Realistic Fiction | 0 | 700L | 75,528 | 1961 |
| 18. No Talking The fifth graders at Laketon Elementary School have taken a vow of silence. It started as an experiment | Andrew Clements | Humor | 0 | 750L | 23,704 | 2007 |
| 19. Okay for Now Doug Swietek and the savvy spitfire daughter of his deli owner boss. With her challenging assistance, Doug discovers new sides of himself | Gary D. Schmidt | Humor | 5 | 850L | 77,017 | 2011 |
| 20. The Phantom Tollbooth For Milo, everything's a bore. When a tollbooth mysteriously appears in his room, he drives through only because he's got nothing better to do | Norton Juster | Adventure Sci-Fi Fantasy | 1 | 1000L | 42,156 | 1961 |
| 21. Fish in a Tree Ally has been smart enough to fool a lot of smart people. Every time she lands in a new school, she is able to hide her inability to read by creating clever yet disruptive distractions | Lynda Mullaly Hunt | Realistic Fiction | 3 | 550L | 48,814 | 2015 |
| 22. Strider (book#2) Can a stray dog change the life of a teenage boy? It looks as if Strider can | Beverly Cleary | Realistic Fiction | 0 | 840L | 21,363 | 1991 |
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| 23. A Wrinkle In Time Out of this wild night, a strange visitor comes to the Murry house and beckons Meg, her brother Charles Wallace, and their friend Calvin O'Keefe on a most dangerous and extraordinary adventure | Madeleine L'Engle | Sci-Fi Fantasy | 1 | 740L | 49,965 | 1962 |
| 24. Loser * Zinkoff's utter lack of social skills and athletic prowess earn him a nickname by fourth grade: Loser. | Jerry Spinelli | Realistic Fiction | 0 | 710L | 36,204 | 2002 |
| 25. The Strangers * examines assumptions about identity, family, and home, from the | Margaret Peterson Haddix | Adventure Mystery | 0 | 730L | 75,295 | 2019 |

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| master of middle grade suspense. | | Sci-fi | | | | |
| 26. Land of Stories - The Wishing Spell- Bk#1 * Alex and Conner Bailey's world is about to change, in this fast-paced adventure that uniquely combines our modern day world with the enchanting realm of classic fairy tales | Chris Colfer | Fairytale Folklore | 0 | 720L | 98,248 | 2012 |
| 27. Unstoppable * If anyone understands the phrase "tough luck," it's Harrison. As a foster kid in a cruel home, he knows his dream of one day playing in the NFL is a long shot | Tim Green | Realistic Fiction Sports | 0 | 730L | 60,273 | 2012 |
| 28. Crenshaw * Jackson and his family have fallen on hard times. There's no more money for rent. And not much for food, either. His parents, his little sister, and their dog may have to live in their minivan. Again | Katherine Applegate | Sci-Fi Fantasy | 3 | 540L | 25,361 | 2015 |
| 29. Deep Water * A middle grade survival story about a scuba dive gone wrong and two enemies who must unite to survive | Watt Key | Adventure Sports | 1 | 720L | 46,031 | 2018 |
| 30. Hello Universe * In one day, four lives weave together in unexpected ways. Virgil Salinas is shy and kind hearted and feels out of place in his loud and boisterous family | Erin Entrada Kelly | Realistic Fiction | 6 | 690L | 42,824 | 2017 |