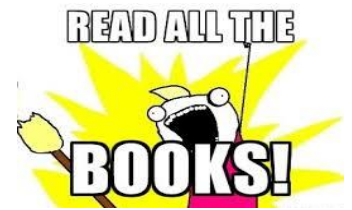


2019-20 7TH and 8th Grade BOB List

* = New Story **Red Font**= Student Suggested Title
 Competition -Thursday, May 14, 2020 Teams of 3 to 5 students



1. Invisible Emmie	Terri Libenson	RF/Graphic Novel
2. The Shadow Hero	Gene Luen Yang & Sonny Liew	Adventure/Sci-Fi/Graphic Novel
3. Counting by 7s	Holly Goldberg Sloan	Realistic Fiction
4. The Testing	Joelle Charbonneau	Sci-Fi/Adventure
5. The Football Girl	Thatcher Heldring	Sports/Realistic Fiction
6. The Crystal Cave	Mary Stewart	Fairytale/Folklore
7. Audacity	Melanie Crowder	Historical Fiction/Poetry
8. She is Not Invisible	Marcus Sedgwick	Mystery
9. Farewell to Manzanar	Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston & James D. Houston	Biography
10. Will in Scarlet	Matthew Cody	Adventure/Fiction
11. Breadwinner	Deborah Ellis	Fiction
12. Hoops	Walter Dean Myers	Realistic Fiction
13. I Will Always Write Back	Martin Ganda, Caitlin Alifirenka & Liz Welch	Biography/Non-Fiction
14. The Outsiders	S.E. Hinton	Realistic Fiction
15. Well, That Was Awkward	Rachel Vail	Realistic Fiction
16. Locked In Time	Lois Duncan	Horror/Mystery/Sci-Fi
17. Lord of the Flies	William Golding	Literary Fiction
18. No Promises in the Wind	Irene Hunt	Historical Fiction
19. Number the Stars	Lois Lowry	Historical Fiction
20. The Birchbark House	Louise Erdrich	Historical Fiction
21. Stargirl	Jerry Spinelli	Realistic Fiction
22. Rifles for Watie	Harold Keith	Historical Fiction
23. Hatchet	Gary Paulsen	Adventure
24. The Sword in the Stone	T.H. White	Fairytale/Folklore
25. The House of the Scorpion	Nancy Farmer	Sci-Fi/Fantasy
26. The Witch of Blackbird Pond	Elizabeth George Speare	Historical Fiction
27. Time Riders	Alex Scarrow	Adventure/Sci-Fi/Fantasy
28. The Eye of Minds	James Dashner	Sci-Fi/Fantasy
29. BOMB	Steve Sheinkin	Non-Fiction
30. The Hired Girl	Laura Amy Schlitz	Historical Fiction/Epistolary
31. The Hidden Oracle	Rick Riordan	Adventure/Sci-Fi/Fantasy
32. Thirteenth Child	Patricia Wrede	Historical/Sci-Fi/Fantasy
33. The Unexpected Life of Oliver Cromwell Pitts	Avi	Adventure
34. A Dog's Purpose *	Bruce Cameron	Realistic Fiction
35. From You to Me *	KA Holt	Realistic Fiction
36. The Maze Runner *	James Dashner	Sci-Fi/Fantasy
37. Harbor Me *	Jacqueline Woodson	Realistic Fiction
38. How I Became a Ghost *	Tim Tingle	Historical Fiction/Choctaw
39. The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl *	Stacy McAnulty	Realistic Fiction
40. The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle *	Leslie Connor	Mystery

Additional Information about BOB Books

2019-20 7th/8th Grade BOB List

*New books to the list

Book Title	Author	Genre	Awards	Lexile	Word#	Published
<p>1. <u>Invisible Emmie</u> Debut graphic novel that tells the story of two totally different girls—quiet, shy, artistic Emmie, and popular, outgoing, athletic Katie</p>	Terri Libenson	Humor/Realistic Fiction/Graphic Novel	0	not available	11, 939	Release May 2017
<p>2. <u>The Shadow Hero</u> Exciting take on a forgotten Asian-American superhero.</p>	Gene Luen Yang & Sonny Liew	Adventure/Sci-Fi/ Graphic Novel Asian/ Pacific American	4	420L	10,692	2014
<p>3. <u>Counting by 7's</u> Striking tale of a quirky girl connecting after parental loss.</p>	Holly Goldberg Sloan	Realistic Fiction Orphans - Eccentricities	5	770L	62,677	2013
<p>4. <u>The Testing</u> (Book # 1 in Trilogy) (Student Suggestion) Thoughtful dystopian tale questions winning at all costs.</p>	Joelle Charbonneau	Sci-Fi/Adventure	1	830L	94,872	2013
<p>5. <u>The Football Girl</u> The summer before Caleb and Tessa enter high school, friendship has blossomed into a relationship...and their playful sports days are coming to an end.</p>	Thatcher Heldring	Sports/Realistic Fiction Gender Roles * speak s in both perspectives male/female	1	540L	39, 134	April 2017
<p>6. <u>The Crystal Cave</u>(Book 1 in series) Destiny has great plans for this no-man's-son, -- king for once and always.</p>	Mary Stewart	Fairytale/Folklore	0	Not Available	151,774	1970
<p>7. <u>Audacity</u> The inspiring story of Clara Lemlich, whose fight for equal rights led to the largest strike by women in American history</p>	Melanie Crowder	Historical Fiction/ Poetry Russian Americans/ Jewish Culture/ Women in the Labor Movement	0	1120L	30,494	2015
<p>8. <u>She is Not Invisible</u> Laureth and her younger brother fly from London to New York and must unravel a series of cryptic messages to find him. The complication: Laureth is blind.</p>	Marcus Sedgwick	Mystery Disabilities	1	690L	48,587	2014

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9. <u>Farewell to Manzanar</u> A True Story of Japanese American Experience During and After the World War II Internment	Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston & James D. Houston	Biography Asian/Pacific American	0	1040L	41,732	1973
10. <u>Will in Scarlet</u> Will in Scarlet is an imaginative retelling of the Robin Hood legend from a new perspective	Matthew Cody	Adventure/ Historical Fiction	0	840L	66,970	2013
11. <u>Breadwinner</u> (Book #1 in Trilogy) The heroine of Deborah Ellis's engrossing children's novel The Breadwinner is trapped inside her family's one-room home until the Taliban hauls away her father and Parvana realizes that it's up to her to become the "breadwinner"	Deborah Ellis	South Asian & Middle Eastern Cultures Women's Rights Afghanistan	2	700L	29,181	2001
12. <u>Hoops</u> 17 year-old Lonnie Jackson hopes basketball will be his ticket out of Harlem until the savage underworld of sports and big money forces him to make a choice.	Walter Dean Myers	African-American Juvenile Fiction Social Themes Values & Virtues Basketball--Fiction	0	740L	49,976	1981
13. <u>I Will Always Write Back</u> The true story of an all-American girl and a boy from an impoverished city in Zimbabwe and the letter that changed both of their lives forever.	Martin Ganda and Caitlin Alifirenka and Liz Welch	Biography/ Non-Fiction Zimbabwe Social Conditions	2	790L	82,879	2015
14. <u>The Outsiders</u> (Student Suggestion) story of Ponyboy Curtis and his struggles with right and wrong in a society in which he believes that he is an outsider.	S.E. Hinton	Realistic Fiction	0	750L	48,523	1967
15. <u>Well, That Was Awkward</u> Funny and tender, Well, That Was Awkward goes deep into the heart of middle school, and finds that even with all the heartbreak, there can be explosions of hope and moments of perfect happiness.	Rachel Vail	Realistic Fiction	2	620L	58,620	2017
16. <u>Locked In Time</u> Nore Roberts didn't ask for a new life, but now that her mom is gone and her dad is newly married, she has to settle in at Shadow Grove, the old Civil War mansion her stepfamily calls home.	Lois Duncan	Horror/Mystery Sci-Fi	0	990L	59,059	
17. <u>Lord of the Flies</u> Gripping story of marooned schoolboys and their savagery.	William Golding	Literary Fiction	0	770L	-	1954

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<p>18. <u>No Promises in the Wind</u> f a brave young man's struggle to find his own strength during the Great Depression. In 1932, American's dreams were simple: a job, food to eat, a place to sleep, and shoes without holes</p>	Irene Hunt	Historical Fiction	0	930L	52,777	1981
<p>19. <u>Number the Stars</u> Ten-year-old Annemarie Johansen and her best friend Ellen Rosen often think of life before the war. It's now 1943 and their life in Copenhagen is filled with school, food shortages, and the Nazi soldiers</p>	Lois Lowry	Historical Fiction Holocaust	2	670L	27,197	1989
<p>20. <u>The Birchbark House</u> history is seen through the eyes of the spirited, 7-year-old Ojibwa girl Omakayas, or Little Frog, so named because her first step was a hop. The sole survivor of a smallpox epidemic</p>	Louise Erdrich	Historical Fiction Ojibwa Tribe	5	970L	43,840	1999
<p>21. <u>Stargirl</u> A celebration of nonconformity; a tense, emotional tale about the fleeting, cruel nature of popularity--and the thrill and inspiration of first love. Ages 12+</p>	Jerry Spinelli	Realistic Fiction	0	590L	41,214	2000
<p>22. <u>Rifles for Watie</u> Jeff Bussey walked toward Fort Leavenworth on his way to join the Union volunteers. It was 1861 in Linn County, Kansas, and Jeff was elated at the prospect of fighting for the North at last</p>	Harold Keith	Historical Fiction	1	910L	86,265	1957
<p>23. <u>Hatchet</u> Brian is on his way to Canada to visit his estranged father when the pilot of his small prop plane suffers a heart attack. Brian is forced to crash-land the plane</p>	Gary Paulsen	Adventure	1	1020L	42,328	1987
<p>24. <u>The Sword in the Stone</u> Before there was a famous king named Arthur, there was a curious boy named Wart and a kind old wizard named Merlyn.</p>	T.H. White	Fairytale/Folklore Historical	0	1120L	90,876	1963
<p>25. <u>The House of the Scorpion</u> (Book #1 of 2) (Student suggested) Gripping, gritty sci-fi tale of a clone's identity struggle.</p>	Nancy Farmer	Sci-Fi/Fantasy Cloning	4	660L	100,214	2004
<p>26. <u>The Witch of Blackbird Pond</u> Forced to leave her sunny Caribbean home for the bleak Connecticut Colony, Kit Tyler is filled with trepidation</p>	Elizabeth George Speare	Historical Fiction	1	850L	60,027	1981
<p>27. <u>Time Riders</u> Time-traveling thriller/ three teens in NYC on 9/11.</p>	Alex Scarrow	Adventure/Sci-Fi/ Fantasy	0	820L	101,045	2010

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<p>28. <u>The Eye of Minds</u> (The Mortality Doctrine, Book 1) Cyberpunk series hits the ground running for gaming fans.</p>	James Dashner	Sci-Fi	0	790L	72,103	2013
<p>29. <u>BOMB</u> Complex, suspenseful story of developing The Bomb. This book will interest tweens and teens with more than a passing interest in chemistry and/or physics, World War II, and the Cold War.</p>	Steve Sheinkin	Non-fiction Atomic Bomb	7	920L	60,534	2012
<p>30. <u>The Hired Girl</u> Engrossing fictional diary of a 14-year-old farm girl from Philadelphia who runs away and takes a job cleaning house for a Jewish family in 1911 Baltimore</p>	Laura Amy Schlitz	Historical Fiction Epistolary (letters)	6	810L	115,564	2015
<p>31. <u>The Hidden Oracle</u> (The Trials of Apollo Series Bk #1) There's a lot to learn about mythology here and, on a deeper level, about how a god like Apollo can get corrupted by power throughout his long, immortal life</p>	Rick Riordan	Adventure/ Sci-Fi/Fantasy Mythology	1	680L	83,801	2016
<p>32. <u>Thirteenth Child</u> Eff was born a 13TH child. Her twin brother, Lan, is the 7TH son of a 7TH son. This means he's supposed to possess amazing talent -- and she's supposed to bring only bad things to her family and her town. This book is Little House meets Harry Potter.</p>	Patricia Wrede	Historical/ Sci-Fi/ Fantasy Frontier/Pioneer Life	0	1010L	86,615	2009
<p>33. <u>The Unexpected Life of Oliver Cromwell Pitts</u> one boy's attempt to fend for himself among cruel orphan masters, corrupt magistrates, and conniving thieves.</p>	Avi	Adventure Historical Fiction	1	810L	60,868	2017
<p>34. <u>From You to Me</u> * 8th grade student lost her sister and receives a letter her sister had written to herself of things she wanted to accomplish... wondering if it's a sign</p>	KA Holt	Realistic Fiction	0	Not Avail	41,755	2018
<p>35. <u>A Dog's Purpose</u> * one dog's search for his purpose over the course of several lives. this touches on the universal quest for the question: Why are we here?</p>	Bruce Cameron	Realistic Fiction	0	970L	82,979	2010
<p>36. <u>The Maze Runner</u> * When Thomas wakes up in the lift, the only thing he can remember is his name. He's surrounded by strangers—boys whose memories are also gone.</p>	James Dashner	Sci-Fi/ Fantasy	0	770L	101,182	2009
<p>37. <u>Harbor Me</u> * celebrates the healing that can occur when a group of students share their stories. It all starts when six kids have to meet for a weekly chat—by themselves, with no adults to listen in.</p>	Jacqueline Woodson	Realistic Fiction	4	630L	31,720	2018

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38. <u>How I Became a Ghost</u> * "I am a ghost. I am not a ghost when this book begins,..." Isaac is a 10 year old Choctaw boy chronicling his family's removal from their homeland in 1830.	Tim Tingle	Historical Fiction	3	480L	28,115	2013
39. <u>The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl</u> * Lucy Callahan was struck by lightning. She doesn't remember it, but it changed her life forever.	Stacy McAnulty	Realistic Fiction	2	530L	54,622	2018
40. <u>The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle</u> * Mason Buttle is the biggest, sweatiest kid in his grade, and everyone knows he can barely read or write. Mason's learning disabilities are compounded by grief.	Leslie Connor	Mystery	4	310L	66,294	2018