

Battle of the Books 2020-2021, Grades 4-6

The One & Only Ivan

by Katherine Applegate

After years of living alone behind glass walls in a shopping mall, Ivan, a gorilla, befriends a baby elephant & decides he must find her a better life.

Aruh Shah & the End of Time

by Roshani Chokshi

Aru, bored spending break at the museum where her mom works, lights a supposedly cursed lamp & awakens an ancient demon. Can she save her mother & friends before it's too late?

The Losers Club by Andrew Clements

Alec loves to read, so when he is forced by the principal to put down his books & either join or create a club, he starts the "Losers Club," hoping it will keep others from joining, but will it?

New Kid by Jerry Craft

In this graphic novel, Jordan is one of the few kids of color at his new middle school & he feels like he doesn't fit in anywhere.

Because of Winn-Dixie

by Kate DiCamillo

Opal is lonely in a new town until she meets Winn-Dixie, a stray dog who helps her make some unique friends.

The London Eye Mystery

by Siobhan Dowd

Salim mysteriously disappears from a sealed pod on the London Eye ferris wheel, so his cousins, Ted & Kat, take an adventure through London following clues & attempting to solve the mystery.

Phineas L. MacGuire...Erupts!

by Frances Dowell

A new science fair partner's quirky personality causes Phineas to wonder if their volcano project has any chance of winning.

By the Great Horn Spoon

by Sid Fleischman

Jack & his trusty butler go to California in search of gold & find adventure & trouble at every turn.

Boxes for Katje

by Candace Fleming

Based on a true story, a young Dutch girl writes to an American who sent her a care package after WWII.

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library

by Chris Grabenstein

Kyle wins an overnight stay in the new library designed by his favorite game maker. When morning comes, the doors are locked! Can he & the other kids solve a series of puzzles & challenges to escape?

Time for Andrew: A Ghost Story

by Mary Downing Hahn

Drew goes 80 years into the past, trading places with his great-great-uncle who is dying of diphtheria. Will he be able to return to the present time or be stuck in the past forever?

Sheep by Valerie Hobbs

A young border collie seeks a true home & longs to fulfill his life's purpose of shepherding sheep.

Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer

by Kelly Jones

Told with letters, quizzes, & more... Sophie's family moves from LA to a farm & things get interesting when Sophie discovers some unusual chickens with special powers.

Masterminds by Gordon Korman

A group of kids discovers they were cloned from the DNA of some of the greatest criminal masterminds in history as part of an experiment.

Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine

Due to a foolish fairy's "gift" of obedience, Ella must obey any order, no matter how perilous or preposterous.

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

1943, Denmark, 10-year-old Annemarie must be brave to help shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days

by Stephen Manes

Milo, tired of his problems at home & at school, finds a book in the library that promises to make him perfect in just three days.

What If You Had Animal Eyes?

by Sandra Markle

Laugh through this non-fiction book that shows what "super powers" you could have if you could trade your human eyes for animal eyes.

Wonder by R.J. Palacio

Auggie, who was born with facial differences, becomes an unlikely hero at his new school when he proves you can't blend in when you were born to stand out.

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

After surviving a plane crash, would you make it through 54 days alone in the Canadian wilderness with only a hatchet? Brian is about to find out if he can.

Clementine by Sara Pennypacker

School trouble, friend fights, angry parents, & yucky food—Clementine is not having a good week.

Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan

A sudden tragedy forces Esperanza to leave behind her fancy life & flee with her mother to a Mexican farm-labor camp in California.

Knights of the Kitchen Table

by Jon Scieszka

Three boys are sent back in time by a magic book where they meet giants, dragons, wizards, & the Knights of the Round Table.

I Survived the American Revolution, 1776 by Lauren Tarshis

An 11-year-old boy never imagined he'd find himself fighting for his life in a blood-soaked battlefield.

Brothers at Bat: The True Story of an Amazing All-Brother Baseball Team

by Audrey Vernick

The Acerras, a family with 16 children, were the longest-playing all-brother team in baseball history.

On the Banks of Plum Creek

by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Adventure with Laura Ingalls & her family as they leave their little house on the prairie & travel by covered wagon to Minnesota.

Castle in the Attic by Elizabeth Winthrop

William magically enters a miniature castle & gets caught up on a daring quest to save the kingdom.

Front Desk by Kelly Yang

10-year-old Mia, an immigrant from China, tries to follow her dreams while working the front desk at the motel where her parents are managers.