

2021-2022 Battle of the Books grades 4-6

Crenshaw by: Katherine Applegate

Jackson & his family may have to live in their minivan again. Will Crenshaw, a large, outspoken cat who happens to be imaginary, be enough to save this family from losing everything?

Secret School by: Avi

More than anything, Ida wants to be a teacher. When the one-room school in her remote town shuts down, she hopes to keep it open without anyone finding out.

The Sword in the Tree

by: Clyde Robert Bulla

After he & his mother flee for their lives, a young boy goes to King Arthur for help to win back his castle from his wicked uncle, & he discovers his father is alive.

No Talking by: Andrew Clements

It's boys vs. girls when the noisiest, most talkative, & most competitive fifth graders in history challenge one another to see who can go longer without talking.

The Tale of Despereaux

by: Kate DiCamillo

Read about the adventures of Despereaux the mouse, the princess he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, & a rat determined to bring them to ruin.

Tuesdays at the Castle

by: Jessica Day George

On Tuesdays, Castle Glower magically grows rooms, stairways, & secret passageways. When the castle is ambushed, it's up to Princess Celie & her secret knowledge to save the kingdom.

Honus and Me by: Dan Gutman

Joey knows everything there is to know about baseball, except how to play well. When he finds a Honus Wagner baseball card, he travels back in time to meet Honus.

Running Out of Time

by: Margaret Peterson Haddix

Jessie lives in a frontier village in 1840, or so she believes. When a deadly sickness strikes, Jessie's mother reveals a shocking secret: it's 1996. Can Jessie get the medicine they need or will she run out of time?

Midnight Rider by: Joan Hiatt Harlow

Orphaned Hannah learns of the dangers of the American revolutionaries & begins passing messages & warnings to them using her beloved horse Promise.

Bunnicula by: James Howe

Harold the dog & Chester the cat must find out the truth about the new suspicious bunny with unusual habits & fangs! Is he a vampire?

Paul Bunyan by: Steven Kellogg

Who was the largest baby born in the state of Maine? Who dug the Great Lakes? Who gouged out the Grand Canyon? Paul Bunyan, of course!

Orphan Train Girl: Young Readers Edition by: Christina Baker Kline

Molly is sent to help an elderly woman clean out her attic & learns about the woman's life as an Irish immigrant who was put on a children's "orphan train."

Slacker by: Gordon Korman

Cameron, who's happy spending hours gaming & avoiding homework, starts a fake club at school that some kids think is real. Now he's club president & caught up in a battle to save a beaver named Elvis.

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by: C.S. Lewis

Peter, Edmund, Susan, & Lucy accidentally enter the magical land of Narnia & find themselves in a battle to help Aslan, the golden lion, defeat the White Witch.

Wild Wings by: Gill Lewis

Iona & Callum find a rare osprey nest & vow to protect it. When it migrates to Africa, they track its movements with a transmitter until the signal vanishes. A Gambian girl convinces a group from her village to find the bird.

Story of Harriet Tubman

by: Kate McMullen

This inspiring biography of Harriet Tubman tells how she helped free over 300 slaves as a "conductor" for the Underground Railroad & how she became a nurse, a scout, & spy for the Union Forces during the Civil War.

Shiloh by: Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Marty finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home & suspects it has been mistreated. He tries to protect it by hiding it from his family & the dog's real owner.

The Kite Fighters by: Linda Sue Park

Two brothers combine their skills in an attempt to win the New Year kite-fighting competition in 1473 Korea.

We're Not From Here by: Geoff Rodkey

Imagine being forced to move to a new planet where YOU are the alien! If Lan & the entire human race are to survive, they must find a way of changing the Zhuris' minds about humans. It's a funny, wild ride!

Sideways Stories by: Louis Sachar

Accidentally built sideways & standing 30 stories high, Wayside School has some of the wackiest classes in town, especially on the 30th floor.

Frozen Stiff by: Sherry Shahan

Cousins Cody & Derek head off on a camping & kayaking trip in the Alaskan wilderness & soon find themselves battling the elements & trying to survive.

Mysterious Benedict Society

by: Trenton Lee Stewart

"Are you a gifted child looking for special opportunities?" Dozens of children respond to this peculiar ad but only four are selected for the challenge: to go on a secret mission that only the most intelligent & inventive children could complete.

Crooked Kind of Perfect by: Linda Urban

Zoe has perfect piano dreams, but when her Dad gets her an organ instead of a piano, Zoe's dreams hit a sour note until she finds an organ competition & discovers life is full of surprises.

Ways to Make Sunshine

by: Renee Watson

Ryan is all about trying to see the best in everything, even if her life isn't everything she would wish for. But she always finds a way forward with grace, wit, & plenty of sunshine.

Save Me a Seat by Sarah Weeks

Ravi's family just moved to America from India & all of Joe's friends have moved away. When the class bully zeros in on Ravi & Joe, the two decide to take back control of their lives together.

Christopher Mouse by: William Wise

The story of a rather extraordinary mouse who, through the force of will & good luck, finds his own small way in a very large world.

Saint Louis Armstrong Beach

by: Brenda Woods

When Saint's dog runs off, Saint ventures back into town right as Hurricane Katrina strikes, forcing the pair to take refuge with their neighbor.

Secret Coders by: Gene Luen Yang

Using their wits & their growing prowess with coding, Hopper & her friend Eni are going to solve the mystery of Stately Academy no matter what it takes!