

Battle of the Books 2015-2016 Book List

Frindle (Clements)

By the time he hits fifth grade, Nick Allen has gotten quite good at getting teachers distracted and off-topic. But he may have met his match with Mrs. Granger, a stickler for rules, grammar, and proper dictionary terms. Nick thinks he's got her when he invents a new word, but the chain of events quickly moves beyond his control -- often with hilarious results.

El Deafo (Bell)

Told mostly in drawings, this book "stars" a bunny named CeCe who gets sick and loses her hearing. While CeCe faces the challenges of school and friends in her regular life, she also imagines herself as a superhero that everyone admires.

Shakespeare Stealer (Blackwood)

Widge, an orphan boy in 1602 England, is ordered by his master to attend Shakespeare's play in order to secretly copy the script of "Hamlet." But Widge accidentally joins the theatre company instead and gets caught up in the drama.

Brown Girl Dreaming (Woodson)

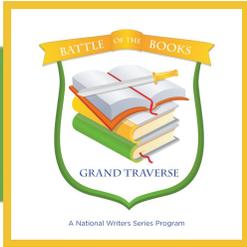
Told in vivid poems, the author shares stories of her early life as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s.

How To Steal A Dog (O'Connor)

Living in the family car after their father leaves, Georgina is desperate to improve their situation and unwilling to accept her overworked mother's calls for patience. She persuades her younger brother to help her in an elaborate scheme to get money by stealing a dog and then claiming the reward that the owners are bound to offer.

Space Case (Gibbs)

Dashiell Gibson, who lives on Moon Base Alpha, has to solve the murder of one of the moon's most prominent doctors.



The Great Gilly Hopkins (Paterson)

An eleven-year-old foster child tries to cope with her longings and fears as she schemes against everyone who tries to be friendly to her.

The Menagerie (Sutherland)

Six griffin cubs escape from a secret zoo of mythical creatures. It is up to Logan and Zoe to find them and figure out who is trying to sabotage the Menagerie.

Kensuke's Kingdom (Morpurgo)

When Michael is swept off his family's yacht, he washes up on a desert island where he struggles to survive -- until he finds he is not alone.

Rump (Shurtliff)

Follow the entertaining tale of Rumpelstiltskin's youth from how he got his name, to his skill at spinning straw into gold, and why a first-born child is his reward for helping the miller's daughter-turned-queen.