

Battle of the Books Grand Traverse Book List 2017-2018

The Fourteenth Goldfish (Holm) Lexile 550

Ellie's mom brings home an odd teenage boy and announces he is going to live with them now. The reason? The boy is actually Ellie's grandpa who has figured out how to reverse aging using himself as the test subject. Find out how Ellie copes with living (and even going to school with) a skinny, geeky version of her scientist grandpa while trying to help him.

Holes (Sachar) Lexile 660

Camp Green Lake is not what it appears. There is no lake. There is no camp. Stanley is at the end of his luck. Accused of stealing sneakers, he is sent away to Camp Green Lake rather than go to jail. Rising early each day, the camp boys are made to dig holes that are exactly five feet deep and five feet wide in the hot Texas sun. But why are they digging these holes for the warden, a woman who paints her nails with rattlesnake poison? You can't read fast enough to find out if Stanley will survive. *ebook on Overdrive

Circus Mirandus (Beasley) Lexile 710

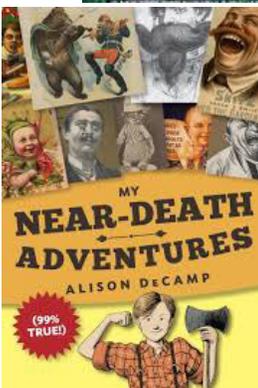
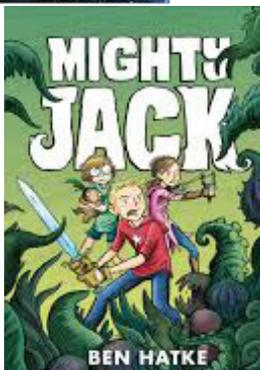
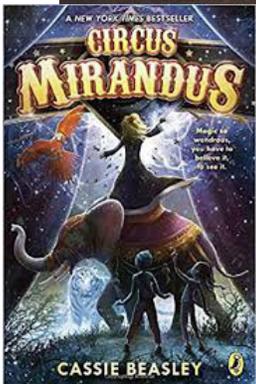
Even if no one else does, Micah believes the stories his dying Grandpa tells him of the magical Circus Mirandus: the invisible tiger guarding the gates, the flying birdwoman, and the magician more powerful than any other — the Man Who Bends Light. Finally, Grandpa offers proof that the circus is real and tells Micah that the magician actually owes him a miracle. With his friend Jenny, Micah sets out to find the circus and the man who could save his grandfather. * Audiobook on Overdrive.

Mighty Jack (Hatke) Lexile GN490

Jack must care for his younger sister, Maddy, over the summer while his single mom holds down two jobs. Maddy doesn't speak, but the magic seeds she and Jack pick up from a shady dealer at the flea market captivate her. Before long, the neighbor Lilly becomes curious about the new garden Jack and Maddy are tending — a little *too* curious. Jack and Lilly argue about how to handle the unusual plants that grow in the garden: Are they harmless or dangerous? Is the garden a place where Maddy can play safely, or is Jack putting his sister in grave danger?

My Near Death Adventures (DeCamp) Lexile 800

Money is tight in Stanley's family -- with just him, his mom, and granny. When a chance for cooking jobs open up, the family heads off into the woods to work at a logging camp. Stanley gets into all kinds of hilarious scrapes and adventures as he tries to live the life of an "almost lumberjack." Given that Stanley is a boy with a big imagination, you may wonder sometimes if he is telling the truth or pulling your leg.



IMPORTANT DATES

Mock Battles

February 25, 2018

Scholar's Hall @ Northwestern Michigan College

Team Battle Day

March 10, 2018

Scholar's Hall @ Northwestern Michigan College

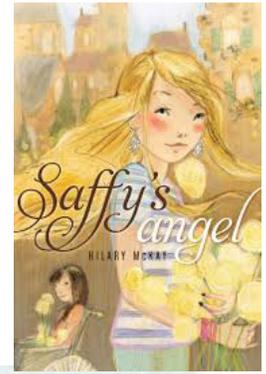
Championship & All-Team Finale

March 18, 2018

City Opera House

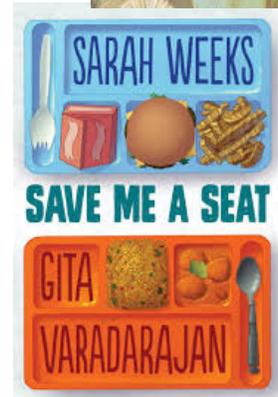
Saffy's Angel (McKay) Lexile 630

Saffy is not quite sure of her place in her chaotic, artistic family. First, she learns that she was adopted. Then, her grandfather, with whom she always imagined a special relationship, dies. When her grandfather leaves her a stone angel in his will, Saffy and her best friend hatch a secret plan to get from England to Italy where she thinks the angel must be. Will Saffy find the angel in Italy? What else will she discover about herself and her family?



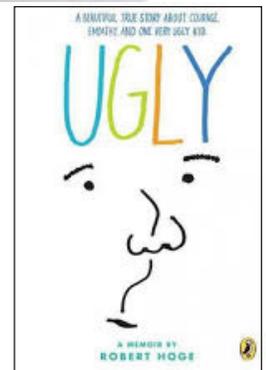
Save Me A Seat (Varadarajan and Weeks) Lexile 780

For Joe, the start of fifth grade is more of the same: a noisy school where he has a reputation as a dummy. For Ravi, a super-smart new kid from India, the start of fifth grade is not the same. In fact, it is shocking. His teachers just can't get past his accent. No kids in the US seem to recognize his coolness. At first, Joe and Ravi seem unlikely to be friends. But these two boys just might surprise the whole class. * Audiobook on Hoopla



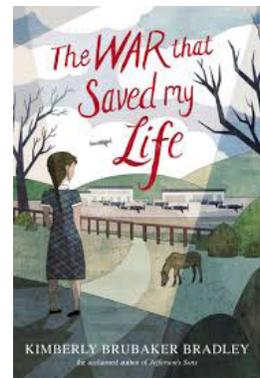
Ugly (Hoge) Lexile 890

When Robert was born, he had a tumor the size of a tennis ball in the middle of his face and short, twisted legs. Surgeons removed the tumor and made him a new nose from one of his toes! Robert survived — but with a face that everybody seemed to agree was “ugly.” In this true story (which may remind you of the fiction book *Wonder*), Robert shares how he dealt with people's reactions to his face, how he got into trouble, his adventures with his big family, and how he found a sport that was perfect for him to play.



The War That Saved My Life (Brubaker) Lexile 580

Ten year-old Ada has never left her family's apartment. Ever. Not even to go to school. With a deformed foot, she can't walk. Her mother doesn't think it is a good idea to try. Everything Ada knows about the outside world comes from looking out a third story window or talking to her 6-year-old brother. But World War II is about to change Ada's tiny world. Hitler is taking over Europe, and most children living in London are being sent to the countryside to keep them safe from bombings. Will Ada's mom finally let her leave? Ada will have to find a lot of courage to go out the door...and into a world at war. *ebook and audiobook on Overdrive



Wild Robot (Brown) Lexile 740

When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is -- but she knows she needs to survive. After facing a fierce storm, she realizes that her only hope for survival is to adapt to her surroundings and learn from the island's animal inhabitants. As Roz slowly befriends the animals, the island starts to feel like home -- until, one day, the robot's past comes back to haunt her.



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