

## **Battle of the Books Booklists – 2008-2025**

### **2025:**

Barnett, Mac. *The First Cat in Space Ate Pizza*  
Cisneros, Ernesto. *Falling Short*  
Dao, Julie C. *Team Chu and the Battle of Blackwood Arena*  
Day, Christine. *We Still Belong*  
Higuera, Donna Barba. *The Last Cuentista*  
Jamieson, Victoria. *When Stars are Scattered*  
Phelan, Matt. *The Sheep, the Rooster, and the Duck*  
Stone, Nic. *Fast Pitch*  
Weatherford, Carole. *How Do You Spell Unfair?*

### **2024:**

Fipps, Lisa. *Starfish*  
Hosler, Jay. *The Way of the Hive: A Honey Bee's Story*  
Johnson, Varian. *Playing the Cards You're Dealt*  
Lin, Grace. *Dumpling Days*  
Martin, Pedro. *Mexikid*  
Rauf, Onjali Q. *The Boy at the Back of the Class*  
Reyolds, Aaron. *The Incredibly Dead Pets of Rex Dexter*  
Rivera, Kaela. *Cece Rios and the Desert of Souls*  
Smith, Cynthia Leitich, editor. *Ancestor Approved*  
Weatherford, Carole Boston. *Before John was a Jazz Giant: A Song of Coltrane*

### **2023:**

Coine-Ransome, Lesa. *Finding Langston*  
Cuevas, Adrianna. *Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez*  
Day, Christine. *I Can Make This Promise*  
Gaiman, Neil. *Fortunately, the Milk*  
Giles, Lamar. *The Last Last-Day-Of-Summer*  
Keller, Tae. *The Science of Breakable Things*  
O'Neill, K. *Tea Dragon Society: Volume 1*  
Reed, Dwayne. *Simon B. Rhyming*  
Reed, M.K. *Science Comics, Wild Weather: Storms, Meteorology, and Climate*

Smith, Cynthia Leitich. *Indian Shoes*  
Soontornvat, Christina. *A Wish in the Dark*  
Wang, Jen. *Stargazing*

## **2022:**

Arden, Katherine. *Small Spaces*  
Barron, Rena. *Maya and the Rising Dark*  
Barton, Chris. *Whoosh! Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking S Inventions*  
Elliott, Zetta. *Dragons in a Bag*  
Gibbs, Stuart. *Belly Up*  
Khan, Hena. *Amina's Voice*  
Tarshis, Lauren. *I Survived the Great Chicago Fire, 1871*  
Venkatraman, Padma. *The Bridge Home*  
Watson, Renee. *Ways to Make Sunshine*  
Wicks, Maris. *Coral Reefs: Cities of the Ocean*

## **2021:**

Alexander, Kwame. *The Undefeated*  
Bolden, Tonya. *How to Build a Museum: Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture*  
Davis, Mandy. *Superstar*  
Haddix, Margaret Peterson. *The Strangers*  
Kelly, Lynne. *Song for a Whale*  
Magoon, Kekla. *The Season of Styx Malone*  
Medina, Meg. *Merci Suarez Changes Gears*  
Perez, Celia C. *Strange Birds: A Field Guide to Ruffling Feathers*  
Reynolds, Jason. *Ghost*  
Steinkellner, Emma. *The Okay Witch*  
Yang, Kelly. *Front Desk*

## **2020:**

Barnhill, Kelly. *The Girl Who Drank the Moon*

Behar, Ruth. *Lucky Broken Girl*  
Cervantes, Angela. *Me, Frida, and the Secret of the Peacock Ring*  
Engle, Margarita. *Forest World*  
Flood, Joe. *Sharks: Nature's Perfect Hunter*  
Gratz, Alan. *Ban This Book*  
Shetterly, Margot Lee. *Hidden Figures: The Untold True Story of Four African-American Women Who Helped Launch Our Nation into Space (Young Readers' Edition)*  
Shevah, Emma. *Dara Palmer's Major Drama*  
Swanson, Matthew. *The Real McCoys*  
Telgemeier, Raina. *Ghosts*  
Weatherford, Carole Boston. *Schomburg: The Man Who Built a Library*  
Weeks, Sarah. *Save Me a Seat*

## **2019:**

Bailey, Linda. *Seven Dead Pirates*  
Gibbs, Stuart. *Space Case*  
Holm, Jennifer L. *Sunny Side Up*  
Hughes, Susan. *Off to Class: Incredible and Unusual Schools Around the World*  
Hunt, Lynda Mullaly. *Fish in a Tree*  
Lupica, Mike. *Fast Break*  
Montgomery, Sy. *Kakapo Rescue: Saving the World's Strangest Parrot*  
Park, Linda Sue. *Tap Dancing on the Roof: Sijo (Poems)*  
Perez, Celia C. *The First Rule of Punk*  
Shovan, Laura. *The Last Fifth Grade of Emerson Elementary*  
Tarpley, Natasha. *The Harlem Charade*  
Taylor, Gaylia. *George Crum and the Saratoga Chip*  
Yang, Gene Luen. *Secret Coders*

## **2018:**

Barber, Tiki. *Kickoff!*  
Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker. *The War That Saved My Life*  
Deutsch, Barry. *Hereville: How Mirka Got Her Sword*

Grabenstein, Chris. *Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics*  
Hannigan, Kate. *The Detective's Assistant*  
Jones, Kelly. *Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer*  
Konigsburg, E. L. *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*  
Plourde, Lynn. *Maxi's Secrets: (Or, What You Can Learn from a Dog)*  
Roman, Dave. *Astronaut Academy: Zero Gravity*  
Rusch, Elizabeth. *Eruption!: Volcanoes and the Science of Saving Lives*  
Wheeler-Toppen, Jodi. *Edible Science: Experiments You Can Eat*  
Woodson, Jacqueline. *Brown Girl Dreaming*

## **2017:**

Alexander, Lloyd. *The Book of Three*  
Applegate, Katherine. *The One and Only Ivan*  
Birdsall, Jeanne. *The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy*  
Black, Holly. *Doll Bones*  
Camper, Cathy. *Lowriders in Space*  
Clements, Andrew. *Frindle*  
Hale, Nathan. *Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales: The Underground Abductor*  
Holm, Jennifer L. *The Fourteenth Goldfish*  
Pearsall, Shelley. *All of the Above*  
Prelutsky, Jack. *A Pizza the Size of the Sun*  
Thimmesh, Catherine. *Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon*  
Winter, Jonah. *Roberto Clemente: Pride of the Pittsburgh Pirates*  
Yee, Lisa. *Stanford Wong Flunks Big-Time*

## **2016:**

Bell, Cece. *El Deafo*  
Collins, Suzanne. *Gregor the Overlander*  
Creech, Sharon. *Hate That Cat*  
Edge, Christopher. *Twelve Minutes to Midnight*  
Green, Michelle Y. *A Strong Right Arm: The Story of Mamie "Peanut" Johnson*

Hahn, Mary Downing. *The Old Willis Place: A Ghost Story*  
Henry, Marguerite. *Misty of Chincoteague*  
Lourie, Peter. *The Polar Bear Scientists*  
Lupica, Mike. *Fantasy League*  
Miller, Sarah. *Miss Spitfire: Reaching Helen Keller*  
Newman, Aline Alexander. *How to Speak Cat: A Guide to Decoding Cat Language*  
Paulsen, Gary. *Lawn Boy*  
Polacco, Patricia. *The Butterfly*  
Shang, Wendy Wan. *The Great Wall of Lucy Wu*  
Soto, Gary. *Baseball in April and Other Stories*

## **2015:**

Alvarez, Julia. *How Tia Lola Learned to Teach*  
Appelt, Kathi. *The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp*  
Cheng, Andrea. *The Year of the Book*  
Fritz, Jean. *The Great Little Madison*  
Grabenstein, Chris. *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*  
Green, Tim. *Football Genius*  
Holling, Holling Clancy. *Paddle-To-The-Sea*  
Kehret, Peg. *Escaping the Giant Wave*  
Klise, Kate. *Regarding the Fountain*  
Montgomery, Sy. *Saving the Ghost of the Mountain: An Expedition among Snow Leopards in Mongolia*  
Nelson, Kadir. *Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans*  
Newman, Aline Alexander. *How to Speak Dog: A Guide to Decoding Dog Language*  
Norton, Mary. *The Borrowers*  
Patent, Dorothy Hinshaw. *Dogs on Duty: Soldiers' Best Friends on the Battlefield and Beyond*  
Rosenthal, Betsy R. *Looking for Me*  
Stead, Rebecca. *When You Reach Me*

## **2014:**

Carman, Patrick. *Floors*  
Davies, Jacqueline. *The Lemonade War*

Draper, Sharon. *Out of My Mind*  
Juster, Norton. *The Phantom Tollbooth*  
LaFaye, A. *Worth*  
Lai, Thanhha. *Inside Out and Back Again*  
Lin, Grace. *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*  
Liu, Na. *Little White Duck: A Childhood in China*  
Murphy, Jim. *Blizzard! The Storm That Changed America*  
Palacio, R.J. *Wonder*  
Ripken, Cal, Jr. *Hothead*  
Schlitz, Laura Amy. *Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! : Voices from a Medieval Village*  
Sperry, Armstrong. *Call it Courage*  
Tunnell, Michael O. *Candy Bomber: The Story of the Berlin Airlift's "Chocolate Pilot"*  
Turner, Pamela S. *The Frog Scientist*

### **2013:**

Atwater, Richard. *Mr. Popper's Penguins*  
Buckley, Michael. *The Fairy-Tale Detectives*  
Cherry, Lynne. *The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest*  
Clements, Andrew. *No Talking*  
Codell, Esme Raji. *Sahara Special*  
Delacre, Lulu. *Salsa Stories*  
DuPrau, Jeanne. *The City of Ember*  
Forester, Victoria. *The Girl Who Could Fly*  
Fritz, Jean. *What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin?*  
Hiaasen, Carl. *Hoot*  
Lobel, Arnold. *Fables*  
Montgomery, Sy. *The Quest for the Tree Kangaroo: An Expedition to the Cloud Forest of New Guinea*  
O'Brien, Robert C. *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*  
Park, Linda Sue. *A Single Shard*  
Peck, Richard. *A Long Way from Chicago: A Novel in Stories*  
Tashjian, Janet. *My Life as a Book*

## **2012:**

Balliett, Blue. *The Wright 3*

Bruchac, Joseph. *Code talker : A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War Two*

Choldenko, Gennifer. *Al Capone Does My Shirts*

Cleary, Beverly. *Ralph S. Mouse*

Cole, Joanna. *The Magic School Bus Inside the Earth*

Curtis, Christopher Paul. *The Watsons go to Birmingham--1963*

Dahl, Roald. *Boy : Tales of Childhood*

DiCamillo, Kate. *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*

Frost, Helen. *Diamond Willow*

Gutman, Dan. *The Million Dollar Shot*

Kessler, Liz. *The Tail of Emily Windsnap*

Konigsburg, E. L. *The View from Saturday*

Morpurgo, Michael. *Kensuke's Kingdom*

Paulsen, Gary. *My Life in Dog Years*

Steinberg, David. *Sound off! (The Adventures of Daniel Boom aka Loud Boy)*

Wilder, Laura Ingalls. *Little House in the Big Woods*

## **2011:**

Barton, Chris. *The Day-Glo Brothers: The True Story of Bob and Joe Switzer's Bright Ideas and Brand-New Colors*

Bulla, Clyde Robert. *The Sword in the Tree*

Du Bois, William Pene. *The Twenty-One Balloons*

Eager, Edward. *Half Magic* by Edward Eager

George, Jean Craighead. *My Side of the Mountain*

Howe, Deborah & James. *Bunnicula: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery*

Lauren, Jill. *That's Like Me!: Stories About Amazing People with Learning Differences*

Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux. *Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshall*

Park, Linda Sue. *The Kite Fighters*

Paulsen, Gary. *Mudshark*

Raskin, Ellen, *The Westing Game*

Sachar, Louis. *Sideways Stories from Wayside School*  
Thomson, Sarah. *Three Cups of Tea* [Young Readers' Edition]  
Urban, Linda. *A Crooked Kind of Perfect*  
Wolff, Virginia Euwer. *Bat 6*  
Woodson, Jacqueline. *Locomotion*

## **2010:**

Allen, Thomas. *George Washington, Spymaster: How America Outspied the British and Won the Revolutionary War*  
Armstrong, Alan. *Whittington*  
Barshaw, Ruth. *Ellie McDoodle: Have Pen, Will Travel*  
Blume, Lesley. *The Rising Star of Rusty Nail*  
Broach, Elise. *Masterpiece*  
Cleary, Beverly. *Henry Huggins*  
Clements, Andrew. *Room One: A Mystery or Two*  
Creech, Sharon. *Love that Dog*  
Feldman, Jody. *The Gollywhopper Games*  
Going, K. L. *The Liberation of Gabriel King*  
Hobbs, Valerie. *Sheep*  
Hubbard, Crystal. *The Last Black King of the Kentucky Derby: The Story of Jimmy Winkfield*  
Keller, Laurie. *The Scrambled States of America*  
L'Engle, Madeleine. *A Wrinkle in Time*  
Selzer, Adam. *I Put a Spell on You: From the Files of Chrissie Woodward, Spelling Bee Detective*

## **2009:**

Estes, Eleanor. *The Hundred Dresses*  
Fardell, John. *The 7 Professors of the Far North*  
Fleischman, John. *Phineas Gage: A Gruesome But True Story about Brain Science*  
Fleischman, Sid. *By the Great Horn Spoon!*  
Freedman, Russell. *Out of Darkness: The Story of Louis Braille*  
Hopkinson, Deborah. *A Band of Angels: A Story Inspired by the Jubilee Singers*  
Lasky, Kathryn. *Vision of Beauty: The Story of Sarah Breedlove Walker*

Lin, Grace. *The Year of the Dog*

Lord, Cynthia. *Rules*

Lupica, Mike. *Heat*

Nolan, Peggy. *The Spy Who Came in from the Sea*

Scieszka, Jon. *Math Curse*

Senior, Kathryn. *You Wouldn't Want to be Sick in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century: Diseases You'd Rather Not Catch*

Shoveller, Herb. *Ryan and Jimmy: And the Well in Africa That Brought Them Together*

Swinburne, Stephen. *Once a Wolf: How Wildlife Biologists Fought to Bring Back the Gray Wolf*

Webb, Sophie. *My Season with Penguins: An Antarctic Journey*

## **2008:**

Anderson, M.T. *Whales on Stilts!*

Balliett, Blue. *Chasing Vermeer*

Codell, Esme. *Sing a Song of Tuna Fish*

Creech, Sharon. *Granny Torrelli Makes Soup*

Dicamillo, Kate. *The Tale of Despereaux*

Grandits, John. *Technically It's Not My Fault*

Janeczko, Paul. *Top Secret*

Kramer, Stephen. *Hidden Worlds*

Martin, Rafe. *The Rough-Face Girl*

Murphy, Jim. *The Great Fire*

Pratchett, Terry. *Only You Can Save Mankind*

Robinson, Sharon. *Promises to Keep*

Smith, David. *If the World Were a Village*

Wiles, Deborah. *Each Little Bird That Sings*

Williams, Mary. *Brothers in Hope*