

# 2016-17 Oregon Battle of the Books

## Grades 3-5 Annotated Booklist

*Note to parents: Oregon Battle of the Books Division 1 is open to third, fourth and fifth grade students. However, the titles are selected with the reading level and maturity of fourth and fifth graders in mind. You may feel that the content and/or theme of one or two of these titles are inappropriate for your child. We recommend that you read and discuss these books with your child. A book that stretches a child's thinking is a great opportunity to discuss world events and your family's values.*

**Because of Mr. Terupt** by Rob Buyea (2011)

Realistic Fiction AR level 3.7 points: 5, 560L, 269 pages

Seven students relate how their lives are changed by their new teacher.

**Escaping the Giant Wave** by Peg Kehret (2003)

Adventure AR level 4.7 points: 4, 750L, 151 pages

Vacation on the Oregon coast becomes a nightmare when a tsunami threatens thirteen-year-old Kyle and his younger sibling.

**Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone** by J.K. Rowling (1998)

Fantasy AR level 5.5 points: 12, 880L, 309 pages

After years of abuse from his aunt and uncle, Harry is rescued by a stranger who takes him to his new home at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

**Hook's Revenge** by Heidi Schulz (2014)

Fantasy AR level 5.6 points: 9, 800L, 304 pages hardback; 320 pages paperback

Captain Hook's daughter sets out to avenge her father's death.

**Joshua Dread** by Lee Bacon (2013)

Science Fiction AR level 5.0 points: 7, 700L, 258 pages

Middle school is tough for Joshua, as tries to deal with bullies and hide his parents' identities.

**Knucklehead** by John Scieszka (2008)

Biography AR level 4.6 points: 2, 750L, 106 pages

Hilarious trip down memory lane provides a peek into the development of this creative, free spirit.

**Matilda** by Roald Dahl (1988)

Humor AR level 5.0 points: 6, 840L, 240 pages

Matilda uses her mental powers against her school's evil headmistress.

**Miss Spitfire: Reaching Helen Keller** by Sarah Miller (2007)  
Historical Fiction/Biography AR level 5.8 points: 8, 890L, 240 pages  
Annie Sullivan travels from the East coast to the South to try to teach young Helen self-discipline and communication skills.

**Quinny & Hopper** by Adriana Brad Schanen (2014)  
Realistic Fiction AR level 4.0 points: 4, 660L, 230 pages  
Can two unlikely summer friends remain so when school begins?

**Ramona Quimby, Age 8** by Beverly Cleary (1981)  
Realistic Fiction AR level 5.6 points: 3, 860L, 179 pages/185 pages  
Ramona feels grown-up as she tries new things, but is shaken when her teacher calls her a nuisance.

**Rescue on the Oregon Trail** by Kate Messner (2015)  
Historical Fiction/Science Fiction AR level 4.5 points: 2, 690L, 116 pages  
Ranger, a golden retriever, finds himself transported back to 1850, where he helps a family traveling west.

**Skateboard Party** by Karen English (2014)  
Fiction AR level 4.7 points: 3, 740L, 115/128 pages  
Richard is eager to show off his skateboard skills, when his teacher's note threatens his plans.

**Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio** by Peg Kehret (1996)  
Biography AR level 5.2 points: 4, 890L, 179 pages  
The author describes her battle against polio when she was a young teen.

**A Snicker of Magic** by Natalie Lloyd (2014)  
Fantasy AR level 4.7 points: 10, 680L, 311 pages  
A girl moves to a mountain town with a magical past, and sets out to restore the lost magic.

**Upside-Down Magic** by Mlynowski, Myracle, and Jenkins (2015)  
Fantasy AR level 3.7 points: 4, 560L, 196 pages  
Nory and others with unpredictable magic are sent to the upside-down magic room at their magic school.

**Woof** by Spencer Quinn (2015)  
Mystery AR level 4.3 points: 9, 650L, 293 pages  
A mutt investigates the theft of his owner's prize stuffed marlin.