**2021-2022 Oregon Battle of the Books**

**6-8 Division Annotated Booklist**

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| **Akata Witch by Nnedi Okorafor** | 2011 |
| Twelve-year-old Sunny Nwazue, an American-born albino child of Nigerian parents, moves with her family back to Nigeria, where she learns that she has latent magical powers which she and three similarly gifted friends use to catch a serial killer. |
| Fantasy | 384 pages | 590L | AR 4.2 (10 Pts.) |

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| **Almost American Girl by Robin Ha** | 2020 |
| A powerful and moving teen graphic novel memoir about immigration, belonging, and how arts can save a life. |
| Biography | 240 pages |  | AR 3.4 (2 Pts.) |

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| **Archimancy by J.A. White** | 2019 |
| Sixth-graders Cordelia, Agnes, and Benji go on a quest to unravel the secrets of Shadow School. |
| Paranormal Fiction | 320 pages |  | AR 5.1 (8 Pts.) |

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| **Arlo Finch in the Valley of Fire by John August** | 2018 |
| When Arlo Finch moves to Pine Mountain, Colorado, and joins the Rangers, he learns how to harness the wild magic seeping in from the mysterious Long Woods--a parallel realm of wonder and danger. |
| Fantasy | 352 pages | 670L | AR 4.7 (9 Pts.) |

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| **The Best at It by Maulik Pancholy** | 2019 |
| Twelve-year-old Rahul Kapoor, an Indian-American boy growing up in small-town Indiana, struggles to come to terms with his identity, including that he may be gay. |
| Realistic Fiction | 336 pages | 620L | AR 4.0 (8 Pts.) |

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| **Deep Water by Watt Key** | 2018 |
| When a dive off the coast of Alabama goes horribly wrong, twelve-year-old Julie and one of her father's scuba clients struggle to survive after reaching an abandoned oil rig. |
| Adventure | 288 pages | 720L | AR 4.7 (7 Pts.) |

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| **Genesis Begins Again by Alicia D. Williams** | 2019 |
| Thirteen-year-old Genesis tries again and again to lighten her black skin, thinking it is the root of her family's troubles, before discovering reasons to love herself as is. |
| Realistic Fiction | 384 pages | 670L | AR 4.5 (11 Pts.) |

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| **A Good Kind of Trouble by Lisa Moore Ramée** | 2019 |
| Strictly following the rules to pursue her junior-high ambitions, 12-year-old Shayla is forced to choose between her education and her identity when her sister joins the Black Lives Matter movement in the wake of a powerful protest. |
| Realistic Fiction | 384 pages | 720L | AR 4.5 (9 Pts.) |

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| **It’s Trevor Noah: Born a Crime by Trevor Noah** | 2019 |
| A middle-grade adaptation of The Daily Show host's best-selling adult memoir traces his experiences growing up half black, half white in South Africa under and after apartheid, describing how he used his wits and humor to navigate a harsh life under a racist government. |
| Biography | 304 pages | 780L | AR 5.6 (11 Pts.) |

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| **My Year in the Middle by Lila Quintero Weaver** | 2018 |
| In a racially polarized classroom in 1970 Alabama, Lu’s talent for running track makes her a new best friend — and tests her mettle as she navigates the school’s social cliques. |
| Historical Fiction | 288 pages | 720L | AR 4.6 (7 Pts.) |

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| **Nowhere Boy by Katherine Marsh** | 2018 |
| Fourteen-year-old Ahmed, a Syrian refugee, and thirteen-year-old Max, an American boy, are bound by a secret that sets them on the adventure of a lifetime. |
| Realistic Fiction | 368 pages | Realistic Fiction | 368 pages |

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| **The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise by Dan Gemeinhart** | 2019 |
| Twelve-year-old Coyote and her father rush to Poplin Springs, Washington, in their old school bus save a memory box buried in a park that will soon be demolished. |
| Realistic Fiction | 352 pages | Realistic Fiction | 352 pages |

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| **Steelheart by Brandon Sanderson** | 2013 |
| At age eight, David watched as his father was killed by an Epic, a human with superhuman powers, and now, ten years later, he joins the Reckoners -- the only people who are trying to kill the Epics and end their tyranny. |
| Science Fiction | 432 pages | Science Fiction | 432 pages |

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| **The Storm Runner by J.C. Cervantes** | 2018 |
| To prevent the Mayan gods from battling each other and destroying the world, thirteen-year-old Zane must unravel an ancient prophecy, stop an evil god, and discover how the physical disability that makes him reliant on a cane also connects him to his father and his ancestry. |
| Fantasy | 464 pages | Fantasy | 464 pages |

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| **To Night Owl from Dogfish by Holly Goldberg Sloan & Meg Wolitzer** | 2019 |
| Unhappy about being sent to the same summer camp after their fathers start dating, Bett and Avery, eleven, eventually begin scheming to get the couple back together after a break-up. Told entirely through emails. |
| Realistic Fiction | 304 pages | Realistic Fiction | 304 pages |

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| **When Stars Are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson & Omar Mohamed** | 2020 |
| Omar and his younger brother Hassan live in a refugee camp, and when an opportunity for Omar to get an education comes along, he must decide between going to school every day or caring for his nonverbal brother in this intimate and touching portrayal of family and daily life in a refugee camp. |
| Biography | 264 pages | GN530L | AR 3.7 (4 Pts.) |