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

**9-12 Division Annotated Booklist**

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| **A Different Drummer by William Melvin Kelley** | | | | 1964 |
| Unwilling to live in a society based on inequality, a Southern Black burns his land and home and departs for the North with his family. | | | | |
| Satirical Fiction | 224 Pages | 890L |  | |

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| **Dread Nation by Justina Ireland** | | | | 2018 |
| When families go missing in Baltimore County, Jane McKeene, who is studying to become an Attendant, finds herself in the middle of a conspiracy that has her fighting for her life against powerful enemies. | | | | |
| Historical Fantasy | 480 pages | 870L | AR 6.0 (17 Pts.) | |

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| **Dry by Neal & Jarrod Shusterman** | | | | 2018 |
| A lengthy California drought escalates to catastrophic proportions, turning Alyssa's quiet suburban street into a warzone, and she is forced to make impossible choices if she and her brother are to survive. | | | | |
| Survival Story | 416 pages | 790L | AR 5.5 (16 Pts.) | |

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| **The Field Guide to the North American Teenager by Ben Philippe** | | | | 2019 |
| When Norris, a Black French Canadian, starts his junior year at an Austin, Texas, high school, he views his fellow students as clichés from "a bad 90s teen movie.". | | | | |
| Realistic Fiction | 384 pages | 830L | AR 5.9 (13 Pts.) | |

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| **Hey, Kiddo by Jarrett J. Krosoczka** | | | | 2018 |
| A powerful graphic memoir by the award-winning author traces the author's unconventional coming of age with a drug-addict mother, an absent father and two lovingly opinionated grandparents. | | | | |
| Biography | 320 pages | GN510L | AR 3.5 (2 Pts.) | |

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| **Let Me Hear a Rhyme by Tiffany D. Jackson** | | | | 2019 |
| After their friend Steph is murdered, Quadir, Jarrell, and Steph's sister Jasmine promote his music under a new rap name, the Architect, but when his demo catches a music label rep's attention, the trio must prove his talent from beyond the grave. | | | | |
| Historical Fiction | 400 pages | 610L | AR 4.0 (11 Pts.) | |

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| **Lovely War by Julie Berry** | | | | 2019 |
| Meeting in a World War II-era Manhattan hotel for a forbidden tryst, immortals Ares and Aphrodite are caught by the latter's jealous husband before she defends her actions by imparting the tale of four young humans who became connected during World War I. | | | | |
| Historical Fiction | 480 pages | 650L | AR 4.7 (14 Pts.) | |

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| **Moxie by Jennifer Mathieu** | | | | 2017 |
| In a small Texas town where high school football reigns supreme, Viv, sixteen, starts a feminist revolution using anonymously-written zines. | | | | |
| Realistic Fiction | 352 pages | 840L | AR 5.3 (12 Pts.) | |

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| **Patron Saints of Nothing by Randy Ribay** | | | | 2019 |
| When seventeen-year-old Jay Reguero learns his Filipino cousin and former best friend, Jun, was murdered as part of President Duterte's war on drugs, he flies to the Philippines to learn more. | | | | |
| Realistic Fiction | 352 pages | 840L | AR 5.3 (12 Pts.) | |

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| **Pumpkinheads by Rainbow Rowell & Faith Erin Hicks** | | | | 2019 |
| Working at a pumpkin patch every autumn, two seasonal best friends organize ultimate Halloween plans to celebrate their last working year together. | | | | |
| Graphic Novel | 224 pages | GN340L | AR 2.9 (1 Pts.) | |

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| **Spellslinger by Sebastien de Castell** | | | | 2018 |
| Lacking magical talent but desperate to prove his worth as a mage before his sixteenth birthday, Kellen hones his other skills--guile and trickery--and allies with an Argosi wanderer who encourages Kellen to pursue a different path. | | | | |
| Fantasy | 432 pages |  |  | |

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| **Thorn by Intisar Khanani** | | | | 2020 |
| A fantasy retelling of the “Goose Girl” fairy tale follows the experiences of a betrothed princess who is robbed of her identity by a mysterious sorceress before a threat against her betrothed prince compels her to make a dangerous choice. | | | | |
| Fantasy | 528 pages |  |  | |