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

**3-5 Division Annotated Booklist**

**Note: The elementary division is designed for 4th and 5th graders. 3rd grade participants are welcome. Please review the title list with your reader to make sure the titles will be interesting and engaging for their reading level.**

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| **Astrid the Unstoppable by Maria Parr** | 2018 |
| Astrid's world is turned upside down when she learns her best friend Gunnuald's big secret. |
| Adventure | 320 pages | 770L | AR 5.1 (7 Pts.) |

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| **The Bookwanderers by Anna James** | 2019 |
| Eleven-year-old Tilly Pages, who has found comfort in her grandparents' bookshop since her mother's disappearance, now learns that she can bookwander into any stories, and decides to seek her mother. |
| Fantasy | 304 pages |  | AR 5.8 (9 Pts.) |

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| **The Care and Feeding of a Pet Black Hole by Michelle Cuevas** | 2017 |
| Eleven-year-old Stella Rodriguez finds herself in possession of a strange new pet that swallows up everything in sight when a black hole decides to follow her home. |
| Fantasy | 224 pages | 710L | AR 4.8 (4 Pts.) |

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| **Clean Getaway by Nic Stone** | 2020 |
| For the life of him, William "Scoob" Lamar can't seem to stay out of trouble, and now the run-ins at school have led to a lockdown at home. |
| Realistic Fiction | 240 pages | 780L | AR 5.0 (5 Pts.) |

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| **The Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer L. Holm** | 2014 |
| Ellie's scientist grandfather has discovered a way to reverse aging and consequently has turned into a teenager, which makes for complicated relationships when her grandfather moves in with Ellie and her mother, Grandpa's daughter. |
| Science Fiction | 240 pages | 550L | AR 4.1 (4 Pts.) |

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| **Guts by Raina Telgemeier** | 2019 |
| When stomach problems cause Raina to develop food anxiety and miss school, she learns to deal with both the physical and emotional challenges of middle school. |
| Biography | 224 pages | GN480L | AR 2.6 (1 Pts.) |

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| **The Harlem Charade by Natasha Tarpley** | 2017 |
| If three kids can't figure out what happened to an artist's missing paintings, nothing in their Harlem neighborhood will ever be the same. |
| Mystery | 320 pages | 800L | AR 5.4 (9 Pts.) |

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| **I Can Make This Promise by Christine Day** | 2019 |
| When Edie finds letters and photographs in her attic that change everything she thought she knew about her Native American mother's adoption, she realizes she has a lot to learn about her family's history and her own identity. |
| Realistic Fiction | 288 pages | 610L | AR 4.4 (6 Pts.) |

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| **Lety Out Loud by Angela Cervantes** | 2019 |
| Lety Muñoz loves volunteering at the Furry Friends Animal Shelter. When the shelter needs a volunteer to write animal profiles, Lety jumps at the chance, but grumpy classmate Hunter also wants to write profiles, so now they have to work as a team. |
| Realistic Fiction | 208 pages | 720L | AR 4.5 (5 Pts.) |

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| **Lowriders in Space by Cathy Camper & Raúl the Third** | 2014 |
| Lupe, Flapjack, Elirio customize their car into a low rider for the Universal Car Competition to win the cash prize that will enable them to buy their own garage. |
| Graphic Novel | 111 pages | GN430L | AR 3.0 (0.5 Pts.) |

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| **Sarah Journeys West by Nikki Shannon Smith** | 2020 |
| In the midst of the California Gold Rush, twelve-year-old Sarah and her family are living in the North as free Black people. Seeking a better life, Sarah's parents decide they will venture west on the Oregon Trail. On the trail, Sarah and her family face all kinds of hardship, including racism, extreme weather, difficult terrain, and disease. But the journey will be worth it if they can find fortune in California. Will Sarah and her family endure the trail and make a new life out west? |
| Historical Fiction | 112 pages | 610L | AR 3.9 (2 Pts.) |

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| **Save Me a Seat by Sarah Weeks & Gita Varadarajan** | 2016 |
| Classmates Ravi, newly arrived from India and used to being a star student, and Joe, who's shy and struggles in class, alternately tell the story of their first week of fifth grade |
| Realistic Fiction | 256 pages | 780L | AR 4.8 (5 Pts.) |

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| **Some Places More Than Others by Renée Watson** | 2019 |
| Amara visits her father's family in Harlem for her twelfth birthday, hoping to better understand her family and herself, but New York City is not what she expected. |
| Realistic Fiction | 224 pages | 750L | AR 4.6 (5 Pts.) |

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| **Some Writer!: The Story of E. B. White by Melissa Sweet** | 2016 |
| This book mixes White's personal letters, photos, and family ephemera with artwork to tell his story, from his birth in 1899 to his death in 1985. |
| Biography | 176 pages | 1030L | AR 6.5 (2 Pts.) |

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| **Stay by Bobbie Pyron** | 2019 |
| Piper finds her life is turned upside down when her family moves into a shelter in a whole new city, but a special dog helps to change her outlook. |
| Animal Tale | 320 pages | 640L | AR 4.1 (7 Pts.) |

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| **The Storm Keeper’s Island by Catherine Doyle** | 2018 |
| Fionn Boyle, terrified of the sea, must spend the summer with his older sister, Tara, and their grandfather on Arranmore, an island that has been known to make people disappear. |
| Fantasy | 336 pages | 780L | AR 5.5 (9 Pts.) |