

2014 BATTLE OF THE BOOKS LIST

	TITLE	AUTHOR	GENRE	BLURB	LEXILE	WORD COUNT
1	Home of the Brave	Katherine Applegate	Realistic Fic	Humorous and touching, this novel in free verse tells the story of a Sudanese boy who immigrates to America after his family is torn apart by war.	N/A	20,101
2	Tangerine	Edward Bloor	Sports/Realistic Fic	Twelve-year-old Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother, Erik, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight.	680	88,696
3	The Savage Fortress	Sarwat Chadda	Adventure Fic	Thirteen-year-old Ash is a British Indian teenager on vacation when he discovers an arrowhead that has magical powers. He must keep the arrowhead out of the hands of an army of monsters and an evil man who wants to change the course of history.	660	66,063
4	The Roar	Emma Clayton	Science Fic	Twelve-year-old Mika, who lives in an overpopulated world behind The Wall on a future Earth, gets closer to the truth about his twin sister's disappearance when he participates in a video game contest.	910	109,239

5	Maze Runner	James Dashner	Science Fic	When Thomas wakes up, he finds himself unable to remember anything except his name, until he finds a way to escape the deadly maze.	770	101,469
6	Flora and Ulysses	Kate DiCamillo	Fantasy Fic	In this hilarious story of an unlikely friendship, ten-year-old Flora discovers that the squirrel she gives CPR to is a superhero. Unfortunately, Flora's mother doesn't like the idea of her daughter having a rodent friend.	520	31,778
7	Mockingbird	Kathryn Erskine	Realistic Fic	Caitlyn, who has Asberger's Syndrome, learns to deal with her brother's death in a school shooting and helps her father, and the rest of the town, find closure.	630	36,249
8	The House of the Scorpion	Nancy Farmer	Science Fic	For the first six years of his life, Matt knows no world but Celia, the loving woman who cares for him in their small cottage in the midst of the poppy fields. When he sees other children playing outside, including the lively María, he is injured trying to join them. It is only the beginning of years of trying to learn who--and even what--he is.	660	100,964

9	90 Miles to Havana	Enrique Flores-Galbis	Historical Fic	After his parents send him from Cuba to a camp in 1961 Miami with his brothers, Julian learns to survive and be resourceful while never losing faith that his family will eventually be reunited.	790	66,636
10	The Other Half of My Heart	Sundee Tucker Frazier	Historical Fic	Eleven-year-olds Minni and Keira are given the chance to stay with their grandmother in North Carolina and participate in the Miss Black Pearl pageant. Only then do the biracial twins form a new bond that gets them through difficult situations.	750	65,155
11	Prisoner B-3087	Alan Gratz	Historical Fic	Based on the true story of Jack Gruener, Yanek is ten years old when Hitler's troops march into Poland and take over. After losing his parents, Yanek spends six years in labor camps until the Americans free him.	760	45,279
12	Road to Tater Hill	Edith Morris Hemingway	Historical Fic	In 1963, eleven-year-old Annie spends the summer with her grandparents in the North Carolina mountains where she deals with her newborn sister's death, her mother's depression, and befriends a reclusive woman with a secretive past.	780	48,520

13	The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn	Dorothy & Thomas Hoobler	Historical/Mystery Fic	Fourteen-year-old Seikei's dream is to become a samurai. Unfortunately, he has little hope of realizing his dream because he is the son of a merchant. That is, he has no hope until he meets Judge Ooka and finds himself in the middle of a mystery that takes him on a perilous journey through Japan.	740	45,803
14	Titanic: Voices from the Disaster	Deborah Hopkinson	Non-Fiction	Quotes from survivors of the "Titanic" shipwreck, facts about the ship and its passengers, and photographs of the ship's maiden voyage make an informative and interesting read for those interested in this disaster	1040	34,032
15	Hero	Mike Lupica	Fantasy Fic	After his father dies in a plane crash, fourteen-year-old Zach changes in unusual ways - he develops superpowers. Along with his powers, Zach must learn to deal with anger as he seeks to learn the cause of his father's death.	730	52,251
16	Good Night, Mr. Tom	Michell Magorian	Historical Fic	A battered child learns to embrace life when he is adopted by an old man in the English countryside during the Second World War.	760	81,966

17	A Single Shard	Linda Sue Park	Historical Fic	Tree-ear, an orphan, lives under a bridge in Ch'ulp'o, a potters' village. He wants nothing more than to watch master potter Min at work, and he dreams of making a pot of his own someday. When Min takes Tree-ear on as his helper, Tree-ear is determined to prove himself.	920	34,754
18	Beneath My Mother's Feet	Amjed Qamar	Realistic Fic	Fourteen-year-old Nazia, who has quit school to help earn money for her family, realizes that there may be more to life than being a wife and mother while growing up in Karachi, Pakistan.	770	50,869
19	The Red Pyramid	Rick Riordan	Fantasy Fic	In the first book from the "Kane Chronicles," though they have spent most of their lives apart, siblings Carter and Sadie must battle Egyptian gods and goddesses while trying to save their father from disappearing forever.	650	124,598
20	Bluefish	Pat Schmatz	Realistic Fic	Thirteen-year-old Travis, who doesn't want anyone to know that he cannot read well, comes to grips with the death of his beloved pet the same time that he becomes friends with a boy who gets picked on and a girl who is saucy and full of her own secrets	600	44,074

21	The Alchemyst: The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel	Michael Scott	Fantasy Fic	Fifteen-year-old twins Josh and Sophie learn that they are part of the prophecy written in the Codex, the ancient book that is at the center of the struggles between members of the Elder Race. When the Codex is stolen, the twins become entangled in a war that involves ancient legendary heroes, sorcerors, and gods.	890	86,147
22	Outcasts United: The Story of a Refugee Soccer Team that Changed a Town	Warren St. John	Non-Fiction	This biography details the events that inspired Luma Mufleh to develop a youth soccer team for international refugees in Clarkston, Georgia, as well as the successes and failures she faced while coaching teams in three different age brackets.	980	50,043
23	The Notorious Benedict Arnold	Steve Sheinkin	Non-Fiction	This biography of Benedict Arnold, an important figure in America's Revolutionary War during the 1700s, focuses first on the fearless acts that made General Arnold one of the country's greatest heroes, then examines the events and motivations that led to his betrayal of America.	990	53,733

24	The Witch of Blackbird Pond	Elizabeth George Speare	Historical Fic	Orphan Kit Tyler arrives at her aunt's house unannounced after being raised in Barbados, and Kit's Puritan Connecticut neighbors suspect her of witchcraft. Can Kit prove to the town that she isn't a witch before it's too late?	850	59,086
25	Chasing Lincoln's Killer	James L. Swanson	Non-Fiction	Based on his adult bestseller, "Manhunt: The 12-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer," author James L. Swanson writes this true account for young readers about John Wilkes Booth's assassination of Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States.	980	36,513
26	Moon Over Manifest	Clare Vanderpool	Historical Fic	Twelve-year-old Abilene is sent by her father to live in Manifest, Kansas, during the summer of 1936. While she is there, Abilene seeks to learn more about her father as a boy, becomes involved in a spy hunt, and works for a woman who is known as a diviner.	800	80,520
27	One Crazy Summer	Rita Williams-Garcia	Historical Fic	During the summer of 1968, Delphine and her younger sisters are sent to Oakland, California to get to know their mother, who won't let them in her kitchen, makes them eat takeout every night, and sends them to a summer day camp run by the Black Panthers.	750	45,361