



# High School Battle of the Books List 2022 - 2023

Battle of the Books began as a program for middle school students, grades 6-8. The 2017-18 school year was the first year of Battle of the Books for high schools. Districts level competitions are being held this spring. There will not be any regional competitions this school year, but plans are being made for regional competitions in the future.

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<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>Title Information</b>	<b>Call Number</b>
<b>2022-2023 School Year</b>		
9 - 12	Ahdieh, Renée. <i>The Wrath &amp; The Dawn</i> . New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2015.  In this reimagining of The Arabian Nights, Shahrzad plans to avenge the death of her dearest friend by volunteering to marry the murderous boy-king of Khorasan but discovers not all is as it seems within the palace.	F AH27W
9 - 12	Ali, S.K. <i>Saints and Misfits</i> . New York: Salaam Reads, 2017.  Fifteen-year-old Janna Yusuf, a Flannery O'Connor-obsessed book nerd and the daughter of the only divorced mother at their mosque, tries to make sense of the events that follow when her best friend's cousin--a holy star in the Muslim community--attempts to assault her at the end of sophomore year.	F AL416S

- 10 - 12      Boulley, Angeline. *Firekeeper's Daughter*. New York: Henry Holt and Company, 2021.      F  
B664F
- Daunis Fontaine has never quite fit in, either in her hometown or on the nearby Ojibwe reservation. She dreams of college, but when her family is struck by tragedy she puts her future on hold to care for her fragile mother. The only bright spot is meeting Jamie, a new recruit on her brother Levi's hockey team. When Daunis witnesses a shocking murder, she reluctantly agrees to go undercover, drawing on her knowledge of chemistry and Ojibwe traditional medicine to track down the source of a new drug. How far will she go to protect her community, if it threatens to tear apart the only world she's ever known?
- 7 - 12      Colbert, Brandy. *Black Birds in the Sky: The Story and legacy of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre*. New York: Balzer + Bray, an imprint of Harper Collins Publishers, 2021.      976.6  
C671B
- In the early morning of June 1, 1921, a white mob marched across the train tracks in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and into its predominantly Black Greenwood District--a thriving, affluent neighborhood known as America's Black Wall Street. They brought with them firearms, gasoline, and explosives. In a few short hours, they'd razed thirty-five square blocks to the ground, leaving hundreds dead. The Tulsa Race Massacre is one of the most devastating acts of racial violence in US history. But how did it come to pass? What exactly happened? And why are the events unknown to so many of us today? These are the questions that . . . author Brandy Colbert seeks to answer in this . . . nonfiction account of the Tulsa Race Massacre.
- 9 - 12      Gray, Ayana. *Beasts of Prey*. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2021.      F  
G7913B
- Indentured to the notorious Night Zoo, Koffi cares for its fearsome and magical creatures to pay off her family's debts and secure their eventual freedom. When her family's safety is threatened by the Zoo's cruel master, Koffi unleashes a power she doesn't fully understand-- and the consequences are dire. As the second son of a decorated hero, Ekon is all but destined to become a Son of the Six-- an elite warrior-- and uphold a family legacy. On the night of his final rite of passage, a fire upends his plans. In its midst, Ekon encounters the Shetani, a vicious monster that has plagued the city for nearly a century-- and Koffi, who seems to have the power to ward off the beast. Koffi and Ekon form a tentative alliance to capture the Shetani-- but it quickly becomes unclear whether they are the hunters or the hunted.
- 9 - 12      Jackson, Holly. *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder*. New York: Delacorte Press, 2020.      \*Currently not  
in collection
- The case is closed. Five years ago, schoolgirl Andie Bell was murdered by Sal Singh. The police know he did it. Everyone in town knows he did it. Almost everyone. Having grown up in the small town that was consumed by the crime,

Pippa Fitz-Adeleke chooses the case as the topic for her final project. But when Pip starts uncovering secrets that someone in town desperately wants to stay hidden, what starts out as a project begins to become Pip's dangerous reality...

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| 7 - 12 | Kaufman, Amie. <i>Illuminae</i> . New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2015.   | F<br>K1623I01                      |
|        | The planet Kerenza is attacked, and Kady and Ezra find themselves on a space fleet fleeing the enemy, while their ship's artificial intelligence system and a deadly plague may be the end of them all.  |                                    |
| 9 - 12 | Lo, Malinda. <i>Last Night at the Telegraph Club</i> . New York: Dutton Books, 2021.   | F<br>L7804L                        |
|        | With the threat of deportation looming over her father--in spite of his hard-won citizenship and disavowal of Communism--seventeen-year-old American-born Chinese Lily Hu pursues a relationship with her Caucasian classmate Kath.                                |                                    |
| 9 - 12 | Maniscalco, Kerri. <i>Stalking Jack the Ripper</i> . New York; Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 2016.  | F<br>M3144ST                       |
|        | A gothic murder mystery set in gritty Victorian-era London, where an intrepid society girl finds herself embroiled in the investigation of a serial killer known as Jack the Ripper.   |                                    |
| 7 - 12 | Morrow, Bethany C. <i>So Many Beginnings: A Little Women Remix</i> . New York: Feiwel and Friends, 2021.   | *Currently<br>not in<br>collection |
|        | At the Freedman's Colony of Roanoke Island, a haven for the recently emancipated, the four March sisters--Meg, Joanna, Bethlehem, and Amethyst--come into their own as independent young Black women together facing love, sickness, heartbreak, and new horizons. |                                    |
| 7 - 12 | Phillipe, Ben. <i>The Field Guide to the North American Teenager</i> . New York: Balzer + Bray, 2018.  | *Currently<br>not in<br>collection |
|        | When Norris, a Black French Canadian, starts his junior year at an Austin, Texas, high school, he views his fellow students as cliches from "a bad 90s teen movie."  |                                    |
| 9 - 12 | Sáenz, Benjamin A. <i>Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe</i> . New York: Simon & Schuster, 2012.   | F<br>SA16A                         |
|        | Fifteen-year-old Ari Mendoza is an angry loner with a brother in prison, but when he meets Dante and they become friends, Ari starts to ask questions about himself, his parents, and his family that he has never asked before.                                   |                                    |

- 9 - 12 Sedgwick, Marcus. *Saint Death*. New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2017. F  
SE28SA
- Arturo scrapes by living in Anapra working odd jobs and staying out of sight. His friend Faustino joined one of the drug gangs. He stole money from the gang to send his girlfriend and her baby into the U.S. -- and he wants Arturo's help replacing the money before the gang kills him. Looming over Arturo's story, and Juarez itself, is Santa Muerte -- Saint Death, watching impassively as people in the border town struggle in the face of a vicious drug trade, dangerous trafficking, corruption, and income inequality.
- 6 - 12 Slater, Dashka. *The 57 Bus*. New York: Farrar Straus Giroux, 2017. 364.1555  
SL151F
- One teenager in a skirt. One teenager with a lighter. One moment that changes both of their lives forever. If it weren't for the 57 bus, Sasha and Richard never would have met. Both were high school students from Oakland, California, one of the most diverse cities in the country, but they inhabited different worlds. Sasha, a white teen, lived in the middle-class foothills and attended a small private school. Richard, a black teen, lived in the crime-plagued flatlands and attended a large public one. Each day, their paths overlapped for a mere eight minutes. But one afternoon on the bus ride home from school, a single reckless act left Sasha severely burned, and Richard charged with two hate crimes and facing life imprisonment. The case garnered international attention, thrusting both teenagers into the spotlight.
- 10 - 12 Yang, Gene L. *Dragon Hoops*. New York: First Second, an imprint of Roaring Book Press, 2020. B  
Y163Y
- Gene understands stories - comic book stories, in particular. Big action. Bigger thrills. And the hero always wins. But Gene doesn't get sports. As a kid, his friends called him 'Stick' and every basketball game he played ended in pain. He lost interest in basketball long ago, but at the high school where he now teaches, it's all anyone can talk about. The men's varsity team, the Dragons, is having a phenomenal season that's been decades in the making. Each victory brings them closer to their ultimate goal: the California State Championships. Once Gene gets to know these young all-stars, he realizes that their story is just as thrilling as anything he's seen on a comic book page. He knows he has to follow this epic to its end. What he doesn't know yet is that this season is not only going to change the Dragons's lives, but his own life as well.
- 10 - 12 Zhao, Xiran J. *Iron Widow*. Penguin Group USA, 2021. \*Currently  
not in  
collection
- After her sister is killed in an air battle versus aliens, young Zetian avenges her death and becomes an Iron Widow, a much-feared kind of female pilot.

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