**2020-2021 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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| **Before They Were Authors by Elizabeth Haidle** | | | | 2019 |
| Profiles the childhoods of ten authors, including Maya Angelou, Roald Dahl, and J.K. Rowling, emphasizing what makes a writer and what inspires them. | | | | |
| Biographies | 64 pages |  |  | |

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| **Bob by Wendy Mass & Rebecca Stead** | | | | 2018 |
| While visiting her grandmother in Australia, ten-year-old Livy is reminded of the promise she made five years earlier to Bob, a strange, green creature who cannot recall who or what he is. | | | | |
| Fantasy | 224 pages | 590L | AR 3.9 (4 Pts.) | |

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| **A Boy Called Bat by Elana K. Arnold** | | | | 2017 |
| Bat's mom, a veterinarian, has brought home a baby skunk, which she needs to take care of until she can hand him over to a wild-animal shelter. But the minute Bat (Bixby Alexander Tam) meets the kit, he knows they belong together. | | | | |
| Realistic Fiction | 208 pages | 760L | AR 4.6 (3 Pts.) | |

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| **Changeling by William Ritter** | | | | 2019 |
| Twelve-year-olds Tinn and Cole, raised as human twins in sleepy Endsborough, risk their lives in the Wild Wood, Oddmire Swamp, and the Deep Dark to learn which is a goblin changeling with an important mission. | | | | |
| Fantasy | 272 pages | 710L | AR 4.9 (7 Pts.) | |

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| **The Dragonet Prophecy by Tui T. Sutherland** | | | | 2012 |
| The seven dragon tribes have been at war for generations, locked in an endless battle over an ancient, lost treasure. A secret movement called the Talons of Peace is determined to bring an end to the fighting. | | | | |
| Fantasy | 304 pages | 740L | AR 5.0 (10 Pts.) | |

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| **El Deafo by Cece Bell** | | | | 2014 |
| In this graphic-novel memoir, author/illustrator Cece Bell chronicles her hearing loss at a young age and her experiences with the Phonic Ear, a very powerful and very awkward hearing aid. | | | | |
| Biographies | 248 pages |  | AR 2.7 (2 Pts.) | |

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| **Fatty Legs by Christy Jordan-Fenton & Margaret Pokiak-Fenton** | | | | 2010 |
| Desperate to learn to read, eight-year-old Olemaun badgers her father to let her go to the school for Inuit children in Canada's far north. There, she encounters a particularly mean nun who renames her Margaret but cannot "educate" her into submission. | | | | |
| Biographies | 112 pages |  | AR 5.5 (2 Pts.) | |

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| **Front Desk by Kelly Yang** | | | | 2018 |
| Ten-year-old Mia Tang's parents are recent immigrants from China and desperate for work and money. When they take a job managing a rundown motel in Southern California, Mia works the front desk and tries to cope with demanding customers. | | | | |
| Realistic Fiction | 320 pages | 640L | AR 4.5 (9 Pts.) | |

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| **The Night Fairy by Laura Amy Schlitz** | | | | 2010 |
| When Flory the night fairy's wings are accidentally broken and she cannot fly, she has to learn to do everything differently. | | | | |
| Fantasy | 117 pages | 630L | AR 4.2 (2 Pts.) | |

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| **Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story by Nora Raleigh Baskin** | | | | 2016 |
| Four children living in different parts of the country and in different circumstances find their lives intersecting as the events of September 11, 2001, unfold. | | | | |
| Historical Fiction | 208 pages | 730L | AR 4.8 (5 Pts.) | |

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| **Power Forward by Hena Khan** | | | | 2018 |
| Fourth-grader Zayd yearns to play basketball on the Gold Team. When he skips orchestra rehearsal to practice, his parents forbid anything basketball-related, and tryouts are coming soon. | | | | |
| Sports Fiction | 144 pages | 600L | AR 3.8 (2 Pts.) | |

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| **Small Spaces by Katherine Arden** | | | | 2018 |
| After eleven-year-old Ollie's school bus mysteriously breaks down on a field trip, she has to take a trip through the scary woods. She must use all her wits to survive and she must stick to small spaces. | | | | |
| Horror | 218 pages | 570L | AR 4.1 (6 Pts.) | |

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| **Space Case by Stuart Gibbs** | | | | 2014 |
| Dashiell Gibson, who lives on Moon Base Alpha, has to solve a murder of one of the moon's most prominent doctors. | | | | |
| Science Fiction Mystery | 368 pages | 750L | AR 5.3 (11 Pts.) | |

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| **Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer by Kelly Jones** | | | | 2015 |
| Through a series of letters, twelve-year-old Sophie Brown tells of her family's move to Great-Uncle Jim's farm, where she begins taking care of some unusual chickens with help from neighbors and friends. | | | | |
| Fantasy | 240 pages | 880L | AR 5.2 (5 Pts.) | |

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| **The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street by Karina Yan Glaser** | | | | 2017 |
| Told that they will have to move out of their Harlem brownstone just after Christmas, the five Vanderbeeker children, ages four to twelve, decide to change their reclusive landlord's mind. | | | | |
| Realistic Fiction | 320 pages | 810L | AR 5.3 (7 Pts.) | |

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| **A Wolf Called Wander by Rosanne Parry** | | | | 2019 |
| A young wolf separated from his pack journeys 1,000 miles across the Pacific Northwest, dealing with forest fires, hunters, highways and hunger before finding a new home. | | | | |
| Animal Tales | 256 pages | 670L | AR 4.3 (4 Pts.) | |