

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2025-2026 (B)
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	Author 1 st Name	Last Name	Title	Lexile	Pgs.
1	William H.	Armstrong	Sounder	900	116
2	Blue	Balliett (<i>bally-ETTE</i>)	Hold Fast	780	288
3	Jeanne (<i>Jeannie</i>)	Birdsall	The Penderwicks: a summer tale of four sisters, two rabbits, and a very interesting boy	800	262
4	Claire Hutchet	Bishop	Twenty and Ten	630	76
5	Bill	Brittain	The Wish Giver	720	181
6	Elise (<i>uh-LEES</i>)	Broach (<i>like coach</i>)	Shakespeare's Secret	620	243
7	Pearl S.	Buck	The Big Wave	790	56
8	Eve	Bunting	SOS Titanic	690	246
9	Susan	Cooper	The Boggart	1030	196
10	Zizou (<i>ZI-zoo, short i</i>)	Corder (<i>CORD-er</i>)	Lion Boy	850	275
11	Frank	Cottrell Boyce	Millions	650	247
12	Sharon	Creech	Walk Two Moons	770	280
13	Roald (<i>rolled</i>)	Dahl (<i>doll</i>)	The Witches	740	262
14	Kate	DiCamillo (<i>dee-ka-MELL-o</i>)	Flora & Ulysses: the illuminated adventures	520	232
15	Sharon M.	Draper	Out of My Mind	700	224
16	Jeanne (<i>jean</i>)	DuPrau (<i>due-PRO</i>)	The City of Ember	680	270
17	Jean	Fritz	The Double Life of Pocahontas	910	94
18	Cornelia	Funke (<i>FUNK-a</i>)	The Thief Lord	640	345
19	Neil	Gaiman (<i>GAY-mun</i>)	The Graveyard Book	820	305
20	John Reynolds	Gardiner	Stone Fox	550	81
21	Kevin	Henkes (<i>HENK-iss</i>)	Words of Stone	770	152
22	Jennifer L.	Holm	Full of Beans	490	208
23	Norton	Juster	The Phantom Tollbooth	1000	248
24	Peg	Kehret (<i>carrot</i>)	Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio	890	166
25	E.L.	Konigsburg	The View from Saturday	870	163
26	Gordon	Korman	No More Dead Dogs	610	180
27	Thanhà (<i>TANG-ha</i>)	Lai (<i>lie</i>)	Inside Out & Back Again	800	272
28	Bette Bao (<i>BET-tee</i>) "bow" like on stage	Lord	In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson	730	170
29	Cynthia	Lord	Rules	780	208
30	Alice	Mead	Junebug	570	100
31	Jim	Murphy	The Great Fire	1130	144
32	Phyllis Reynolds	Naylor	The Boys Start the War	820	272
33	Linda Sue	Park	A Single Shard	920	152
34	Gary	Paulsen	My Life in Dog Years	1150	138
35	Richard	Peck	The Teacher's Funeral: A Comedy in Three Parts	750	190
36	Ellen	Raskin	The Westing Game	750	192
37	Wilson	Rawls	Where the Red Fern Grows	700	202
38	Johanna (<i>Jo-HANNA</i>)	Reiss (<i>reese</i>)	The Upstairs Room	380	179
39	Rick	Riordan (<i>RYE-or-dan</i>) <i>As in rye bread</i>	The Lightning Thief	740	375
40	Pam Muñoz <i>moon-yos</i>	Ryan	Riding Freedom	720	138
41	Mildred D.	Taylor	The Gold Cadillac	650	36
42	Theodore	Taylor	The Cay	860	144
43	Sarah Weeks & Gita Varadarajan	Gita (<i>GEET-a</i>) (<i>Var-ah-da-RAH-jen</i>)	Save Me a Seat	780	216
44	Deborah	Wiles (<i>like miles</i>)	Each little bird that sings	760	247
45	Laurence	Yep	Dragonwings	870	248

