

2011-12
Oregon Battle of the Books
Grades 3-5
Annotated Booklist



11 Birthdays by Wendy Mass (2009).

Fantasy.

AR 4.1, 650L, 267 pages.

After having a falling out on their tenth birthday and not speaking to each other for the last year, Amanda and Leo prepare to celebrate their eleventh birthday separately, but peculiar things begin to happen. *2011 Oregon Reader's Choice Award.*

Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix (2000).

Science Fiction.

AR4.7, 800L, 164 pages.

In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong. *Young Reader's Choice Award*

Becoming Naomi Leon by Pam Muñoz Ryan (2004).

Realistic Fiction.

AR5.4, 830L, 245 pages.

When Naomi's absent mother resurfaces to claim her, Naomi runs away to Mexico with her great-grandmother and younger brother in search of her father. *ALA Notable, Pura Belpre Award Honor Book.*

Calvin Coconut, Trouble Magnet by Graham Salisbury (2009).

Realistic Fiction

AR2.8, 410L, 152 pages.

Nine-year-old Calvin catches the attention of the school bully on the day before he starts fourth grade, while at home, the unfriendly fifteen-year-old daughter of his mother's best friend has taken over his room.

Charlotte's Web by E.B. White (1973).

Fantasy

AR4.4, 680L, 184 pages.

In this endearing story, a little girl and Charlotte, a beautiful grey spider, struggle to save Wilbur the pig from being butchered. *Newbery Award Honor*.

Dying to meet you by Kate Klise (2009).

Mystery

AR4.0, 730L, 155 pages.

In this story told mostly through letters, children's book author I.B. Grumpy gets more than he bargained for when he rents a quiet place to write for the summer.

Earthquake Terror by Peg Kehret (1998)

Realistic Fiction

AR4.6, 610L, 132 pages.

When an earthquake hits the isolated island in northern California where his family had been camping, Jonathan must find a way to keep himself, his sister, and their dog alive until help arrives.

How Oliver Olson Changed the World by Claudia Mills (2009).

Realistic Fiction

AR4.7, 730L, 103 pages.

Afraid he will always be an outsider, like ex-planet Pluto, nine-year-old Oliver finally shows his extremely overprotective parents that he is capable of doing great things without their help while his class is studying the solar system. *ALA Notable Best Books*.

Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher by Bruce Coville (1991)

Fantasy

AR4.9, 710L, 146 pages.

Small for his age but artistically talented, twelve-year-old Jeremy Thatcher unknowingly buys a dragon's egg.

Last Newspaper Boy in America by Sue Corbett (2010).

Realistic Fiction

AR5.4, 830L, 199 pages.

Wil's paper route is canceled when a large newspaper stops delivery to his small town, but with the help of his clueless brother, a neighborhood friend, and the basic principles of physics, Wil finds a way to save his route and help his customers.

The Magical Ms. Plum by Bonny Becker (2009).

Fantasy

AR4.4, 670L, 104 pages.

The students in Ms. Plum's third-grade class soon learn that there is something very special about their teacher and the classroom's mysterious supply closet.

The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary (1965).

Fantasy

AR5.1, 860L, 158 pages.

A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling. *Young Reader's Choice Award*.

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry (1989).

Historical Fiction

AR4.7, 670L, 137 pages

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis. *Newbery Award Honor, ALA Notable Best Books*.

On the Wings of Heroes by Richard Peck (2007).

Historical Fiction

AR4.6, 730L, 160 pages.

A boy in Illinois remembers the homefront years of World War II, especially his two heroes, his brother in the Air Force and his father, who fought in the previous war.

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin (2009).

Fantasy

AR5.5, 820L, 278 pages

Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish and then joins a dragon that cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of discovering how to change her family's fortune. *2011 Oregon Reader's Choice Award, E.B. White Award, Newbery Honor*.

Who Were the Beatles? By Geoff Edgers (2006).

Nonfiction.

AR4.5, 670L, 106 pages.

Readers will learn about the Beatles' childhoods, their first forays into rock music, what Beatlemania was like, and why the Beatles broke up.