

2011-12
Oregon Battle of the Books
Grades 9-12
Annotated Booklist



The Amulet of Samarkand by Jonathon Stroud (2003).

Fantasy

AR5.9, 800L, 462 pages.

Nathaniel, a young magician's apprentice, becomes caught in a web of magical espionage, murder, and rebellion, after he summons the djinni Bartimaeus and instructs him to steal the Amulet of Samarkand from the powerful magician Simon Loveland. *ALA Notable Best Books*.

Amy & Roger's Epic Detour by Morgan Matson (2009).

Realistic Fiction.

AR5.2, 352 pages.

After the death of her father, Amy and Roger, the son of an old family friend, set out on a carefully planned road trip but wind up taking many detours, forcing Amy to face her worst fears and come to terms with her grief.

Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson (2008).

Historical Fiction.

AR5.2, 780L, 336 pages.

After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War. *National Book Award Finalist, Young Readers Choice Award*.

The Compound by S.A. Bodeen (2009).

Adventure Fiction

AR4.1, 570L, 248 pages.

Fifteen-year-old Eli, locked inside a compound built by his father to keep them safe following a nuclear attack, begins to question his future, as well as his father's grip on sanity as the family's situation steadily disintegrates.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time by Mark Haddon (2003).

Realistic Fiction.

AR 5.4, 1180L, 226 pages.

Despite his overwhelming fear of interacting with people, Christopher, a mathematically gifted, autistic fifteen-year-old boy, decides to investigate the murder of a neighbor's dog and uncovers secret information about his mother. *ALA Best Book for Young Adults*.

Ellen Foster by Kaye Gibbons (1987).

Realistic Fiction.

AR4.7, 870L, 126 pages

Ellen has to deal with many things--her mother's death, lack of supervision and becoming a foster child. *ALA Outstanding Book for College Bound*.

Ender's Game By Orson Scott Card (1985).

Science Fiction.

AR5.5, 780L, 357 pages.

Andrew "Ender" Wiggin thinks he is playing computer games. But in reality he is being trained to be the military genius that the planet needs in its all-out war with an alien enemy. *Nebula Award, Hugo Award, ALA Best Book for Young Adults*.

The Eyes of the Dragon by Stephen King (1988)

Fantasy

AR 6.4. 990L, 374 pages.

A horror fantasy featuring dragons, princes, evil wizards, an enchanted castle, and a terrible secret.

The Help by Kathryn Stocket (2009).

Historical Fiction.

AR 4.5, 464 pages.

Limited and persecuted by racial divides in 1962 Jackson, Mississippi, three women, including an African American maid, her sassy and chronically unemployed friend, and a recently graduated white woman, team up for a clandestine project.

Here Lies Arthur by Philip Reeve (2008).

Historical Fiction

AR 5.6, 890L, 288 pages.

When her village is attacked and burned, Gwyna seeks protection from the bard Myrddin, who uses Gwyna in his plan to transform young Arthur into the heroic King Arthur. *ALA Notable Best Books*.

If I Stay by Gayle Forman (2009)

Realistic Fiction

AR5.3, 830L, 272 pages

While in a coma following an horrific automobile accident that killed her parents and younger brother, seventeen-year-old Mia, a gifted cellist, weighs whether to live with her grief or join her family in death. *2011 Oregon Reader's Choice Award.*

Sunrise over Fallujah by Walter Dean Myers (2008).

Adventure Fiction

AR5.3, 780L, 290 pages

Robin Perry from Harlem is sent to Iraq in 2003 as a member of the Civilian Affairs Battalion, and his time there profoundly changes him. *2010 Oregon Reader's Choice Award.*