2014-2015 Oregon Battle of the Books Grades 9-12 Annotated Booklist

Annotated Booklist developed by Sonja Somerville, Teen Services Librarian at Salem Public Library

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Saenz (2012) Realistic Fiction/GLBTQ HL380L, 368 pages

Aristotle is an angry teen with a brother in prison. Dante is a know-it-all who has an unusual way of looking at the world. Both are loners. When they happen meet at the swimming pool, they build a friendship that will teach them the most important truths about themselves and the kind of people they want to be.

Cinder by Marissa MeyerScience Fiction790L, 400 pagesCinder is a cyborg, considered a subclass in New Bejing where people are mainly preoccupied
with two things—the upcoming Imperial Ball and the plague which is ravaging the population. A
talent mechanic, Cinder finds herself face-to-face with the prince, seeking a fix for his nannybot.
She soon finds herself wrapped up in his attempts to avoid being conquered by the moon-
based Lunar forces, find a cure for the plague, and find a date for the ball.

Code Name Verity by Elizabeth WeinHistorical Fiction1020L, 343 pagesIn 1943, a British fighter plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France and the only survivor—a youngsecret agent named "Verity"—is sure she doesn't stand a chance. Her Nazi interrogators giveher a simple choice: reveal her mission or face a grisly execution. Her intricately wovenconfession is a desperate bid to make it home alive.

Deadline by Chris Crutcher (2007)Realistic Fiction880L, 320 pagesBen Wolf had big plans for his senior year that are severely derailed by the news that he has
only one year to live. Choosing to keep that news to himself, Ben sets his mind on making his
mark on the football team, on his school, and on his community—and most notably winning the
heart of the amazingly perfect Dallas Suzuki.

Delirium by Lauren Oliver (2011)Dystopian Fiction920L, 448 pagesLena is eager to turn 18. She is thrilled that she is nearly old enough to undergo the procedure
that will free her from the threat of the worst disease of all—love. But before she can be cured
of amor deliria nervosa, she meets Alex, who has hair the color of autumn leaves. What she
learns from him and about him changes everything.

Eleanor & Park by Rainbow Rowell (2012) Realistic Fiction HL580L, 328 pages

Eleanor is a curvy red-headed new girl with strange clothes and no place to sit on the bus. Park is the mixed-race Korean American boy at the fringe of the social order who gives her a place to

sit in a begrudging burst of profanity. From that awkward foundation, a breathtakingly beautiful, complex, frustrating, epic romance grows.

Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore by Robin Sloan (2012) Fantasy/Mystery

NA, 304 pages

After losing his job during the Great Recession, Clay Jannon trades on his ability to climb a ladder to land a gig as the night clerk at an unusual bookstore. He quickly realizes there is something deeply strange about this establishment where there are only a few customers and they never buy anything. He embarks on a journey to uncover secrets that extend far beyond the bookstore's walls.

The Name of the Star by Maureen JohnsonMysteryHL710L, 374 pagesOn the very day that Rory Deveaux moves from Louisiana to London, someone starts recreating
the Jack the Ripper murders. As Rippermania grips the city, Rory gets drawn into the center of
the increasingly strange mystery.

Please Ignore Vera Dietz by A.S. King (2010)Mystery830L, 336 pagesHigh school senior Vera Dietz has spent a lifetime secretly in love with her best friend, CharlieKahn, although he has betrayed her and ruined everything. When Charlie dies in dark andmysterious circumstances, Vera struggles with whether to reveal Charlie's many secrets thatshe has kept hidden over the years.

Ready Player One by Ernest Cline (2011)Science Fiction990L, 375 pagesIn the year 2044, the real world is an ugly place. Wade Watts escapes reality in OASIS, a virtual
utopia that lets players be anything and anywhere. Among the millions seeking the special
puzzles hidden in the game by creator James Halliday, Watts stumbles across the first puzzle
and begins the quest for massive fortune and remarkable power.

Throne of Glass by Sarah J. Maas (2012)FantasyHL790L, 408 pagesAfter serving out a year of hard labor in the salt mines of Endovier for her crimes, 18-year-oldassassin Celaena Sardothien is dragged before the Crown Prince. Prince Dorian offers herfreedom on one condition: she must act as his champion in a competition to find a new royalassassin.

Whistling Past the Graveyard by Susan Crandall (2013)

Historical Fiction NA, 307 pages

It is July 4, 1963 and nine-year-old Starla Claudelle has had it with life in her super-strict grandmother's Mississippi home. She runs away, hoping to get to Nashville and find the mother who abandoned her when she was three. Her life changes forever when she accepts a ride from Eula, a black woman traveling alone with a white baby.