## 2015-16 Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) Grades 3-5 Annotated Booklist

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*Note to parents: Oregon Battle of the Books Division 1 is open to third, fourth and fifth grade students. However, the titles are selected with the reading level and maturity of fourth and fifth graders in mind. You may feel that the content and/or theme of one or two of these titles are inappropriate for your child. We recommend that you read and discuss these books with your child. A book that stretches a child's thinking is a great opportunity to discuss world events and your family's values.*

**Charlie Bumpers vs. the Teacher of the Year** by Bill Harley (2013)
Fiction AR level 3.5, points: 3, 510L, 138 pages
Charlie, a fourth-grader who despite his best intentions, always seems to be in trouble, must somehow survive the strictest teacher in school.

**Diamond Willow** by Helen Frost (2008)
Fiction AR level 4.3, points: 7, 670L, 128 pages
Diamond-shaped poems reveal twelve-year-old Willow's life in remote Alaska, as she helps her father with their sled dogs and goes to school, unaware of the spirit ancestors who watch over her.

**Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library** by Chris Grabenstein (2013)
Mystery AR level 4.5, points: 7, 720L, 291 pages
Kyle and 11 other lucky students win the chance to stay overnight in the amazing new town library designed by Kyle's hero, a famous gamemaker. In the morning, they discover they cannot leave unless they can solve a series of puzzles. (2016 Oregon Readers Choice Award Nominee)

**Flora and Ulysses** by Kate DiCamillo (2013)
Adventure/Graphic Novel AR level 4.3, points: 5, 520L, 231 pages
After rescuing a squirrel after a vacuum cleaner accident, self-described cynic Flora is shocked to discover that Ulysses (the squirrel) now has amazing powers of strength, flight and misspelled poetry.
(2014 Newbery Medal winner and 2016 Oregon Readers Choice Award Nominee)

**How to Train Your Dragon** by Cressida Cowell (2004)
Fantasy AR level 6.6, points: 5, 990L, 214 pages
Adventures and misadventures of Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third as he tries to pass the initiation test of his Viking clan by catching and training a dragon.

**The Lightning Thief** by Rick Riordan (2005)
Mythology/Fantasy AR level 4.7, points: 13, 740L, 377 pages
Twelve-year-old Percy learns that the father he never knew is Greek god of the sea, Poseidon. Percy is then transferred to a summer school for demi-gods, and becomes involved in a quest to prevent war between the gods. (Percy Jackson and the Olympians, Book 1)

**A Long Walk to Water** Linda Sue Park (2010)
Historic Fiction AR level 5.0, points: 3, 720L, 121 pages
Salva is separated from his family when the Sudanese civil war reaches his village in 1985. Along with others, he searches for a safe place to stay, walking through southern Sudan, Ethiopia and Kenya.

**Mission Unstoppable** by Dan Gutman (2011)
Adventure AR level 4.8, points: 8, 730L, 293 pages
Chosen for a secret government assignment, Coke and Pepsi McDonald dodge villains on an action-packed cross-country vacation with their parents. (Genius Files series, #1)

**Mountain Dog** by Margarita Engle (2013)
Fiction/Novels in Verse AR level 5.9, points: 3, 1050L, 215 pages
When his mother is sent to jail, traumatized Tony is sent to stay with a great uncle he has never met in Sierra Nevada, where he experiences unconditional love for the first time from Gabe, a search and rescue dog. (2016 Oregon Readers Choice Award Nominee)

**No Talking** by Andrew Clements (2007)
Fiction AR level 5.0, points: 4, 820L, 146 pages
Laketon Elementary fifth grade boys challenge the girls to a "no talking" contest.

**Rooftoppers** by Katherine Rundell (2013)
Historic Fiction AR level 305, points: 6, 490L, 277 pages
Sophie clings to hope that her mother survived an English Channel shipwreck. When threatened with life in an orphanage, she flees with her guardian, Charles, to search for her mother with the help of a band of "rooftoppers." (2016 Oregon Readers Choice Award Nominee)

**The Sasquatch Escape** by Suzanne Selfors (2013)
Fantasy AR level 4.2, points: 4, 630L, 216 pages
Ten-year-old Ben spends the summer in his grandfather's rundown town, where he and local girl, Pearl, discover a secret hospital for imaginary beasts.

**The Shadows** by Jacqueline West (2010)
Mystery AR level 5.1, points: 7, 770L, 241 pages
Eleven-year-old Olive moves with her parents into a Victorian mansion, and finds herself swept into a dangerous mystery involving the mansion's disturbing paintings. (Books of Elsewhere series, #1)

**Shiloh** by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (1992)
Fiction AR level 4.4, points: 4, 890L, 144 pages
Marty finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, and tries to hide it from his family and the dog's owner, a cruel man known to poach deer and abuse his dogs. (1992 Newbery Medal Winner)

**What Was Ellis Island?** by Patricia Brennan Demuth (2014)
Nonfiction AR level 5.6, points: 1, 800L, 106 pages
Describes the history of Ellis Island, a gateway for many nineteenth and early twentieth century United States immigrants.

**What Was the March on Washington?** by Kathleen Krull (2013)
Nonfiction AR level 6.1, points: 1, 900L, 105 pages
Describes the peaceful protest on August 28, 1963, where Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech. (2014 Oregon Readers Choice Award Nominee)