



Battle Of the Books - 2022
Reading List
Grades 6, 7 & 8



*The way this book must be written for "The Battle"

1. *Peak* by Roland Smith
Pub. 2008 --- 256 pages

* *Peak* - Smith

The only thing you'll find on the summit of Mount Everest is a divine view. The things that really matter lie far below. After Peak Marcello is arrested for scaling a New York City skyscraper, he's left with two choices: wither away in juvenile detention or go live with his long-lost father, who runs a climbing company in Thailand. But Peak quickly learns that his father's renewed interest in him has strings attached. Big strings. As owner of Peak Expeditions, he wants his son to be the youngest person to reach the Everest summit--and his motives are selfish at best. Even so, for a climbing addict like Peak, tackling Everest is the challenge of a lifetime. But it's also one that could cost him his life.

2. *Genesis Begins Again* by Alicia D. Williams
Pub. 2020 --- 384 pages

* *Genesis Begins Again* - Williams

Genesis is determined to fix her family, and she's willing to try anything to do so...even if it means harming herself in the process. But when Genesis starts to find a thing or two she actually *likes* about herself, she discovers that changing her own attitude is the first step in helping change others.

3. *The Plain Janes* by Cecil Castellucci
Pub. 2020 --- 496 pages

* *The Plain Janes* - Castellucci

After a bombing, Jane's parents move to a suburb where she befriends three outcasts, all named Jane, and starts a group called People Loving Art in Neighborhoods. The group tries to enrich their community with art, but instead is viewed as a threat.

4. *Linked* by Gordon Korman
Pub. 2021 --- 256 pages

* *Linked* - Korman

When swastikas begin appearing all over town, Link, Michael, and Dana, the only Jewish girl in town, must face crimes both past and present to find the truth.

5. *Aru Shah and the End of Time* by Roshani Chokshi
Pub. 2018 --- 355 pages

* *Aru Shah* - Chokshi

Twelve-year-old Aru stretches the truth to fit in at her private school, but when she is dared to prove an ancient lamp is cursed, she inadvertently frees an ancient demon.