



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2025

READING LIST
GRADES 4 & 5

**THE WAY THIS BOOK AND AUTHOR MUST BE WRITTEN FOR "THE BATTLE"*



1. *The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell* by Chris Colfer
Pub. 2013 -- 464 pages

Through the mysterious powers of a cherished book of stories, twins Alex and Conner leave their world behind and find themselves in a foreign land full of wonder and magic where they come face-to-face with the fairy tale characters they grew up reading about.

**Wishing Spell -- Colfer*



2. *Finally Seen* by Kelly Yang
Pub. 2023 -- 298 pages

When ten-year-old Lina Gao leaves China to live with her parents and sister after five years apart, she must reckon with her hurt, anger, and curiosity and find a way to get her bearings in this new country--and the almost-new family that comes along with it.

**Finally Seen -- Yang*



3. *Odder* by Katherine Applegate
Pub. 2022 -- 274 pages

An uplifting free-verse tale of an inquisitive sea otter pup raised by scientists after being separated from her mother.

**Odder -- Applegate*



4. *The Misfits: A Royal Conundrum* by Lisa Yee
Pub. 2024 -- 276 pages

An elite group of underdogs trained to fight crime must save their unique school from shutting down.

**Misfits -- Yee*



5. *A Duet for Home* by Karina Yan Glaser
Pub. 2022 -- 358 pages

It's June's first day at Huey House, and as if losing her home weren't enough, she also can't bring her cherished viola inside. Tyrell has been at Huey House for three years and gives June a glimpse of the good things about living there. Just as June begins to see how Huey House can be the right place for her family, a new government policy begins to push out families before they are ready.

**Duet for Home -- Glaser*



6. *Click* by Kayla Miller
Pub. 2019 -- 191 pages

When a school variety show leaves Olive stranded without an act to join, she wonders why all of her friends have already formed their own groups without her.

**Click -- Miller*



7. *History Smashers: The Underground Railroad* by Kate Messner
Pub. 2022 -- 199 pages

This picture biography shares the story of how three young boys from Brooklyn and Philadelphia became the Three Stooges, the screwball slapstick trio known for their eye-poking, head-bopping, pie-throwing zaniness.

**Underground Railroad -- Messner*



8. *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown
Pub. 2016 -- 277 pages

When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is all alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is--but she knows she needs to survive. After battling a violent storm and escaping a vicious bear attack, she realizes that her only hope for survival is to adapt to her surroundings and learn from the island's unwelcoming animal inhabitants.

**Wild Robot -- Brown*



9. *The Red Pyramid* by Rick Riordan
Pub. 2010 -- 519 pages

Brilliant Egyptologist Dr. Julius Kane accidentally unleashes the Egyptian god Set, who banishes the doctor to oblivion and forces his two children to embark on a dangerous journey, bringing them closer to the truth about their family and its links to a secret order that has existed since the time of the pharaohs.

**Red Pyramid -- Riordan*



10. *The Last Kids on Earth* by Max Brallier
Pub. 2019 -- 225 pages

After a monster apocalypse hits town, average thirteen-year-old Jack Sullivan builds a team of friends to help slay the eerily intelligent monster known as Blarg.

**Last Kids on Earth -- Brallier*