

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2025

READING LIST

GRADES 6, 7, & 8

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

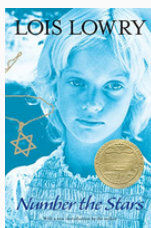


1. *Amal Unbound* by Aisha Saeed

Pub. 2018 -- 240 pages

Amal Unbound is an award-winning novel that tells the story of a young girl growing up in Pakistan who is forced into indentured servitude. Amal loves learning and yearns to be a teacher when she grows up, but her dreams are threatened when she has an unfortunate altercation with the wealthy landlord of her village.

**Amal Unbound -- Saeed*



2. *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry

Pub. 2011 -- 160 pages

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry is a powerful historical fiction novel set during World War II. It tells the story of a young girl named Annemarie Johansen and her family, who risk their lives to help their Jewish friends escape from the Nazis in Denmark.

**Number the Stars -- Lowry*



3. *Mexikid* by Pedro Martin

Pub. 2023 -- 320 pages

A Mexican American family goes on a road trip to Mexico to pick up their abuelito (grandfather) and bring him back to California to live with them. As he gets to know his abuelito, Pedro learns about himself, his culture, and his family.

**Mexikid -- Martin*



4. *Framed!* by James Ponti

Pub. 2016 -- 292 pages

In Washington, D.C., twelve-year-old Florian Bates, a consulting detective for the FBI, and his best friend Margaret help thwart the biggest art heist in United States history.

**Framed! -- Ponti*



5. *The Book of Stolen Dreams* by David Farr

Pub. 2023 -- 364 pages

Rachel and Robert live a grey, dreary life under the rule of cruel Charles Malstain. But when their librarian father enlists their help to steal a forbidden book, they are plunged into adventure. With their father captured, it is up to Rachel and Robert to uncover the secrets of the Book of Stolen Dreams and track down its mysteriously missing final page in order to save him.

**Book of Stolen Dreams -- Farr*