

Battle of the Books Titles 2016-2017

1. ***The Boundless*** by Kenneth Oppel

Aboard "The Boundless," the greatest train ever built, on its maiden voyage across Canada, teenaged Will enlists the aid of a traveling circus to save the train from villains

2. ***The Crossover*** by Kwame Alexander

Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.

3. ***Deep Blue*** by Jennifer Donnelly

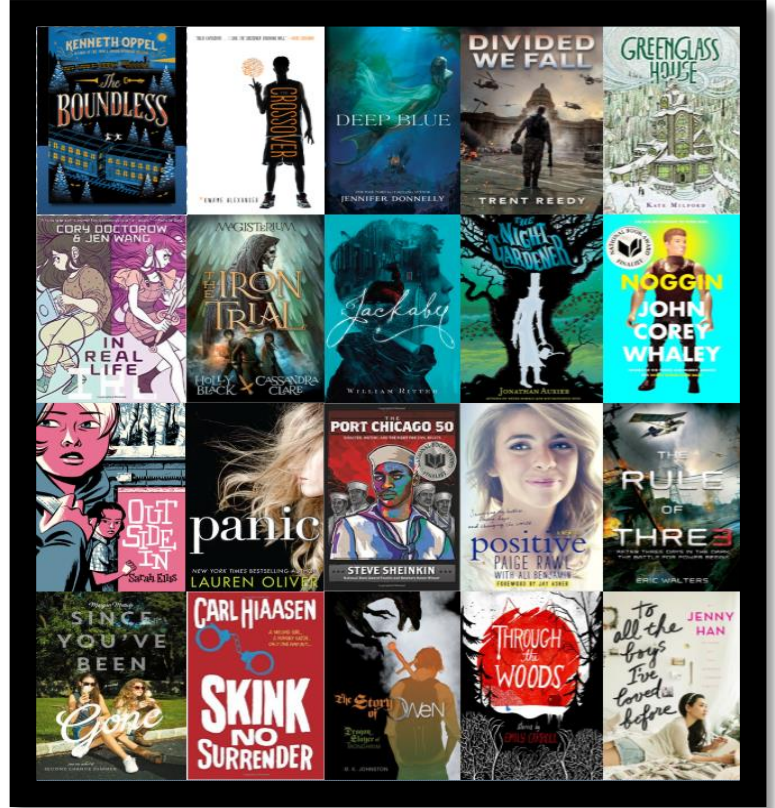
The first in a series of four epic tales set in the depths of the ocean, where six mermaids seek to protect and save their hidden world. When Serafina, a mermaid of the Mediterranean Sea, awakens on the morning of her betrothal, her biggest worry should be winning the love of handsome Prince Mahdi. Yet Sera finds herself haunted by strange dreams that foretell the return of an ancient evil. Her dark premonitions are confirmed when an assassin's arrow poisons Sera's mother. Now, Serafina must embark on a quest to find the assassin's master and prevent a war between the Mer-nations. Led only by her shadowy dreams, Sera searches for five other mermaid heroines who are scattered across the six seas. Together, they will form an unbreakable bond of sisterhood and uncover a conspiracy that threatens their world's very existence.

4. ***Divided We Fall*** by Trent Reedy

Danny Wright never thought he'd be the man to bring down the United States of America. In fact, he enlisted in the Idaho National Guard because he wanted to serve his country the way his father did. When the Guard is called up on the governor's orders to police a protest in Boise, it seems like a routine crowd-control mission ... but then Danny's gun misfires, spooking the other soldiers and the already fractious crowd, and by the time the smoke clears, twelve people are dead.

5. ***Greenglass House*** by Kate Milford

At Greenglass House, a smuggler's inn, twelve-year-old Milo, the innkeepers' adopted son, and Meddy, the cook's daughter, plan to spend their winter holidays relaxing. As soon guests arrive, strange stories about a house send Milo and Meddy on an adventure.



6. ***In Real Life*** by Cory Doctorow

Immersing herself in an online role-playing game where she enjoys fantasy heroics, Anda confronts a difficult choice when she befriends a disadvantaged Chinese kid who works illegally to collect valuable objects and sell them to other players for real money.

7. ***The Iron Trial*** by Holly Black & Cassandra Clare

Warned away from magic all of his life, Callum endeavors to fail the trials that would admit him to the Magisterium only to be drawn into its ranks against his will and forced to confront dark elements from his past.

8. ***Jackaby*** by William Ritter

Newly arrived in 1892 New England, Abigail Rook becomes assistant to R. F. Jackaby, an investigator of the unexplained with the ability to see supernatural beings, and she helps him delve into a case of serial murder which, Jackaby is convinced, is due to a nonhuman creature.

9. ***The Night Gardener*** by Jonathan Auxier

When orphaned Irish siblings Molly and Kip arrive to work as servants at a creepy, crumbling English manor house, they discover that the house and its inhabitants are not what they seem. Soon the siblings are confronted by a mysterious stranger and the secrets of the cursed house will change their lives forever.

10. ***Noggin*** by John Corey Whaley

After dying at age sixteen, Travis Coates' head was removed and frozen for five years before being attached to another body, and now the old Travis and the new must find a way to coexist while figuring out changes in his relationships.

11. ***Outside In*** by Sarah Ellis

Lynn's life is full, school, outlet shopping with her friends, and dealing with her free-spirited mother, one day Lynn meets a mysterious girl named Blossom. Blossom's family lives secretly in a bunker beneath a city reservoir. The two girls become friends, but Lynn must tell no one that Blossoms exists. Can Lynn keep their secret without lying to her mother and her friends?

12. ***Panic*** by Lauren Oliver

Heather never thought she would compete in panic, a legendary game played by graduating seniors, where the stakes are high and the payoff is even higher. Dodge has never been afraid of panic. For Heather and Dodge, the game will bring new alliances, unexpected revelations, and the possibility of first love for each of them--and the knowledge that sometimes the very things we fear are those we need the most.

13. ***The Port Chicago 50*** by Steven Sheinkin

On July 17, 1944, a massive explosion rocked the segregated Navy base at Port Chicago, California, killing more than 300 sailors who were at the docks, critically injuring off-duty men in their bunks, and shattering windows up to a mile away. On August 9th, 244 men refused to go back to work until unsafe and unfair conditions at the docks were addressed. When the dust settled, fifty were charged with mutiny, facing decades in jail and even execution.

14. ***Positive: A Memoir*** by Paige Rawl

Paige Rawl has been HIV positive since birth, but she never felt like her illness defined her. One unremarkable day in middle school, while trying to console a friend, Paige disclosed her secret--and within hours the bullying began.

15. ***The Rule of Three*** by Eric Walters

One shocking afternoon, computers around the globe shut down in a viral catastrophe. At sixteen-year-old Adam Daley's high school, the problem first seems to be a typical electrical outage, until students discover that cell phones are down, municipal utilities are failing, and a few computer-free cars like Adam's are the only vehicles that function. Driving home, Adam encounters a storm tide of anger and fear as the region becomes paralyzed. Soon—as resources dwindle, crises mount, and chaos descends—he will see his suburban neighborhood band together for protection.

16. ***Since You've Been Gone*** by Morgan Matson

Quiet Emily's sociable and daring best friend, Sloane, has disappeared leaving nothing but a random list of bizarre tasks for her to complete, but with unexpected help from popular classmate Frank Porter, Emily gives them a try.

17. ***Skink No Surrender*** by Carl Hiaasen

With the help of an eccentric ex-governor, a teenaged boy searches for his missing cousin in the Florida wilds.

18. ***The Story of Owen: Dragon Slayer of Trondheim*** by E.K. Johnston

In an alternate world where industrialization has caused many species of carbon-eating dragons to thrive, Owen, a slayer being trained by his famous father and aunt, and Siobahn, his bard, face a dragon infestation near their small town in Canada.

19. ***Through the Woods*** by Emily Carroll

Journey through the woods in this sinister, compellingly spooky collection that features four brand-new stories and one phenomenally popular tale in print for the first time. These are fairy tales gone seriously wrong, where you can travel to “Our Neighbor’s House”—though coming back might be a problem.

20. ***To All the Boys I've Loved Before*** by Jenny Han

Lara Jean writes love letters to all the boys she has loved and then hides them in a hatbox until one day those letters are accidentally sent.