**BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2025-2026 (B)**

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|  | Author 1st Name | Last Name | Title | Lexile | Pgs. |
| 1 | William H. | Armstrong | Sounder | 900 | 116 |
| 2 | Blue | Balliett *(bally-ETTE)* | Hold Fast | 780 | 288 |
| 3 | Jeanne *(Jeannie)* | Birdsall | The Penderwicks: a summer tale of four sisters,  two rabbits, and a very interesting boy | 800 | 262 |
| 4 | Claire Hutchet | Bishop | Twenty and Ten | 630 | 76 |
| 5 | Bill | Brittain | The Wish Giver | 720 | 181 |
| 6 | Elise *(uh-LEES)* | Broach *(like coach)* | Shakespeare’s Secret | 620 | 243 |
| 7 | Pearl S. | Buck | The Big Wave | 790 | 56 |
| 8 | Eve | Bunting | SOS Titanic | 690 | 246 |
| 9 | Susan | Cooper | The Boggart | 1030 | 196 |
| 10 | Zizou *(ZI-zoo, short i)* | Corder *(CORD-er)* | Lion Boy | 850 | 275 |
| 11 | Frank | Cottrell Boyce | Millions | 650 | 247 |
| 12 | Sharon | Creech | Walk Two Moons | 770 | 280 |
| 13 | Roald *(rolled)* | Dahl *(doll)* | The Witches | 740 | 262 |
| 14 | Kate | DiCamillo  *(dee-ka-MELL-o)* | Flora & Ulysses: the illuminated adventures | 520 | 232 |
| 15 | Sharon M. | Draper | Out of My Mind | 700 | 224 |
| 16 | Jeanne *(jean)* | DuPrau *(due-PRO)* | The City of Ember | 680 | 270 |
| 17 | Jean | Fritz | The Double Life of Pocahontas | 910 | 94 |
| 18 | Cornelia | Funke *(FUNK-a)* | The Thief Lord | 640 | 345 |
| 19 | Neil | Gaiman *(GAY-mun)* | The Graveyard Book | 820 | 305 |
| 20 | John Reynolds | Gardiner | Stone Fox | 550 | 81 |
| 21 | Kevin | Henkes *(HENK-iss)* | Words of Stone | 770 | 152 |
| 22 | Jennifer L. | Holm | Full of Beans | 490 | 208 |
| 23 | Norton | Juster | The Phantom Tollbooth | 1000 | 248 |
| 24 | Peg | Kehret *(carrot)* | Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio | 890 | 166 |
| 25 | E.L. | Konigsburg | The View from Saturday | 870 | 163 |
| 26 | Gordon | Korman | No More Dead Dogs | 610 | 180 |
| 27 | Thanhhà *(TANG-ha)* | Lai *(lie)* | Inside Out & Back Again | 800 | 272 |
| 28 | Bette Bao *(BET-tee)*  “bow” like on stage | Lord | In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson | 730 | 170 |
| 29 | Cynthia | Lord | Rules | 780 | 208 |
| 30 | Alice | Mead | Junebug | 570 | 100 |
| 31 | Jim | Murphy | The Great Fire | 1130 | 144 |
| 32 | Phyllis Reynolds | Naylor | The Boys Start the War | 820 | 272 |
| 33 | Linda Sue | Park | A Single Shard | 920 | 152 |
| 34 | Gary | Paulsen | My Life in Dog Years | 1150 | 138 |
| 35 | Richard | Peck | The Teacher’s Funeral: A Comedy in Three Parts | 750 | 190 |
| 36 | Ellen | Raskin | The Westing Game | 750 | 192 |
| 37 | Wilson | Rawls | Where the Red Fern Grows | 700 | 202 |
| 38 | Johanna *(Jo-HANNA)* | Reiss *(reese)* | The Upstairs Room | 380 | 179 |
| 39 | Rick | Riordan *(RYE-or-dan)*  *As in rye bread* | The Lightning Thief | 740 | 375 |
| 40 | Pam Muñoz ***moon****-yos* | Ryan | Riding Freedom | 720 | 138 |
| 41 | Mildred D. | Taylor | The Gold Cadillac | 650 | 36 |
| 42 | Theodore | Taylor | The Cay | 860 | 144 |
| 43 | Sarah Weeks & Gita  Varadarajan | Gita *(GEET-a)*  *(Var-ah-da-RAH-jen)* | Save Me a Seat | 780 | 216 |
| 44 | Deborah | Wiles *(like miles)* | Each little bird that sings | 760 | 247 |
| 45 | Laurence | Yep | Dragonwings | 870 | 248 |