



2011-2012 Battle of the Books

Book List

- ATWATER** **MR. POPPER’S PENGUINS:** The surprising arrival of an Arctic penguin causes quite a stir in the home of Mr. Popper. (A)
- BROACH** **MASTERPIECE:** James’ family believes he is the artist of an amazing drawing, actually a gift from a beetle, and he is then recruited by an art museum to trap an art thief.
- BUCKLEY** **N.E.R.D.S.:** Five elementary school “NERDS” combine their awkward traits and cutting-edge technology to fight against the world’s most diabolical masterminds.
- CONLY** **RACSO AND THE RATS OF NIMH:** Timothy Frisby, a field mouse, and Racso, an adventurous young rat, team up to save their secret colony from destruction when developers plan to turn the wilderness area they live in into a tourist lake and campground.
- FRAZIER** **BRENDAN BUCKLEY’S UNIVERSE AND EVERYTHING IN IT:** When science fan Brendan Buckley, a mixed race ten-year-old, meets his white grandfather for the first time, he applies his scientific problem-solving ability to try to reunite his grandfather and his mother. (A)
- HARLOW** **BLOWN AWAY:** When a hurricane hits Jake’s town, in the Florida Keys in the summer of 1935, he turns to some unusual help to rescue his family.
- HARRIS** **A TASTE FOR RED:** Svetlana becomes a reluctant hero when she is called on to look into the mysterious disappearance of some of her classmates. (A)
- HOBBS** **JACKIE’S WILD SEATTLE:** Shannon and her younger brother, Cody, plan to spend the summer with their uncle in Washington, helping at a wildlife rehabilitation center. (A)
- HOLT** **MIKE STELLAR: NERVES OF STEEL:** Mike Stellar suspects trouble when his parents are sent off on a last minute mission to Mars.
- KORMAN** **THE CHICKEN DOESN’T SKATE:** Milo’s science project, Henrietta the chicken, goes off course when Henrietta suddenly becomes the hockey team’s mascot and their only hope for a winning season. (A)
- LEVINE** **ELLA ENCHANTED:** In her quest to be released from her “gift” of obedience, Ella must overcome ogres, side-step surly stepsisters, and deny her love for a prince to save his life. (A)

- NAYLOR** **THE BOYS START THE WAR:** It's the Hatfords versus the Malloys! When the Hatford boys decide to make life miserable for the Malloy sisters, they don't know what they are in for. (L)
- PEARSALL** **ALL OF THE ABOVE:** Trying to inspire interest in math amongst his seventh-grade students, Mr. Collins agrees to a project of building a record breaking tetrahedron.
- PRELLER** **ALONG CAME SPIDER:** “Spider” Stevens struggles between his choice of maintaining his lifelong friendship with his quirky friend, Trey, and his desire to be accepted by the popular boys in his class.
- REEDER** **SHADES OF GRAY:** The Civil War is over, and twelve-year-old Will Page has lost all of his family. How can he live with his Uncle Jed, whom Will considers a coward and a traitor to the Confederacy? (A-cassette only)
- RITTER** **THE DESPERADO WHO STOLE BASEBALL:** A baseball team in an 1881 California mining town recruits the help of twelve-year-old Jack Dillon and the outlaw Billy the Kid in order to win a high stakes game against the champion Chicago White Stockings.
- SMITH** **CRYPTID HUNTERS:** After their parents mysteriously disappear, twins Marty and Grace set off for Europe with their uncle, a hunter of mythical creatures. Their plan changes, however, when an accident drops them into the middle of the Congolese jungle.
- STEAD** **WHEN YOU REACH ME:** Twelve-year-old Miranda tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes that she receives which accurately predict the future. (A)
- WESTON** **ZORGAMAZOO:** Adventure-seeking Katrina joins a not-so-adventurous Zorgle named Morty on his quest to determine why the Zorgles of Zorgamazoo have vanished. (A)
- WHELAN** **ONCE ON THIS ISLAND:** Long before there were fudge shops and the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island was home to brave American settlers like Mary, who tried to protect her family's farm during the War of 1812.

(A) – available in audio format

(L) – available in large print