



# 2012-2013 Battle of the Books

## Book List

- BAUER**      **RUNT:** The smallest wolf pup in the litter must prove himself to the rest of the pack and earn a new name. (E)
- BERLIN**      **THE PUZZLING WORLD OF WINSTON BREEN:** Puzzle-loving Winston buys his sister a pretty box for her birthday, only to discover secret puzzle pieces inside. Soon, strangers with other puzzle pieces approach Winston and ask him to help them solve the puzzle, which they believe will lead to a valuable treasure.
- BUCKLEY**      **FAIRY-TALE DETECTIVES:** Sabrina and Daphne Grimm have been placed in numerous foster homes since their parents mysteriously disappeared, but their last home is the strangest one yet. The elderly lady says she's their grandmother and insists that fairy tales are true. (A)
- CLEMENTS**      **FRINDLE:** Clever Nick Allen decides to turn his fifth grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her by inventing a new word. However, this begins a surprising chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control. (A)
- CORBETT**      **THE LAST NEWSPAPER BOY IN AMERICA:** Just as Wil David inherits his brother's newspaper route, he learns the paper is planning to end delivery to his town. As he fights to save his route, he discovers a mystery, a con man, and maybe a way to save his town.
- CREECH**      **GRANNY TORRELLI MAKES SOUP:** Twelve-year-old Rosie and the neighbor boy Bailey have been best friends since they were born, but their friendship is strained when a new girl moves in on their street and begins to pay a lot of attention to Bailey. In comes Granny Torrelli to cook pasta with them and impart her wisdom about friendship through funny stories from her past. (A)
- FLANAGAN**      **THE RUINS OF GORLAN:** Will longs to be assigned to Battleschool to become a knight, but when Choosing Day arrives, he finds himself apprenticed to a grim and secretive Ranger. Will soon learns that being a ranger is more challenging and perilous than he realized as he takes on a vital role in protecting his kingdom. (A) (E)
- GIFFORD**      **MOXY MAXWELL DOES NOT LOVE WRITING THANK YOU NOTES:** Before going to Hollywood to visit her father, Moxy needs to write twelve thank-you notes. Unfortunately for her family, Moxy is better at dreaming up short-cuts. (A\*)
- GRIFFIN**      **THE GHOST SITTER:** After Charlotte's family moves into a new house, a neighbor tells her that a ghost lives there, but Charlotte doesn't believe it until her little brother starts talking and playing with someone she can't see.
- GUTMAN**      **HONUS AND ME:** After finding a valuable baseball card in his neighbor's attic, Joe Stoshack is able to control time travel, bringing Honus Wagner to the present day and going back to the 1909 World Series. (A)

- HADDIX**      **FOUND:** When friends Chip and Jonah, both adopted, begin receiving warning notes telling them that they are “one of the missing,” they set out to discover where they came from and why the FBI was involved in their adoption. (A)
- JONELL**      **THE SECRET OF ZOOM:** Christina leads a sheltered life, but after meeting a boy who escapes from the local orphanage, she finds herself on a dangerous quest to rescue the orphans being used to mine a mysterious substance called zoom.
- KARR**      **THE GREAT TURKEY WALK:** It’s 1860, and Simon graduates after completing third grade for the fourth time. Forced to make his way in the world, Simon decides to make money by selling turkeys in Denver. There’s only one problem – how will he get a thousand turkeys all the way to Colorado from his home in Missouri? (A) (L)
- KEHRET**      **EARTHQUAKE TERROR:** Alone on a primitive island when an earthquake hits, Jack must find a way to survive and keep his disabled sister alive until help can reach them.
- NAYLOR**      **THE GIRLS GET EVEN:** The Malloy girls are still smarting over the Hatford boys’ latest trick, but they find that Halloween is the perfect time to get even. (E) (L)
- PARK**      **A LONG WALK TO WATER:** When civil war reaches his village in Sudan, Salva flees for safety, struggling through many dangers as he tries to reach a refugee camp in Ethiopia. Based on a true story. (A) (E)
- PREUS**      **HEART OF A SAMURAI:** After a shipwreck leaves him and four Japanese companions stranded on a remote island in 1841, Manjiro is rescued by an American whaling ship and must find his place in a world with many new opportunities. (A)
- RITTER**      **THE BOY WHO SAVED BASEBALL:** Dillontown residents want to hang on to their baseball field, but the owner has decided to sell it unless the local kids can beat the all-star team from another town. (A)
- RUSSELL**      **THE QUEST OF THE WARRIOR SHEEP:** A silver object falling from the sky starts five sheep on a long journey, followed by their owners, a local farmer and a couple of bad guys.
- SACHAR**      **HOLES:** Stanley Yelnats did not come from a lucky family, so when a pair of sneakers drops on him from out of nowhere, he thinks his luck is about to change. Indeed it is, but digging holes in the blistering Texas sun is not what he had in mind. (A) (E)

(A)– available in audio format

(A\*) – combined with *Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little*

(E) – available in eBook format on OverDrive

(L) – available in large print