

2020-2021 Oregon Battle of the Books

9-12 Division Annotated Booklist

The 57 Bus by Dashka Slater 2017

This true account tells the story of two teens whose lives were irrevocably changed by one rash action. The story challenges the criminal justice system and explores the courage and compassion of both families.

True Crime

320 Pages

930L

AR 6.5 (8 Pts.)

Blood Water Paint by Joy McCullough 2018

In Renaissance Italy, Artemisia Gentileschi endures the subjugation of women that allows her father to take credit for her extraordinary paintings, rape and the ensuing trial, and torture, buoyed by her deceased mother's stories of strong women of the Bible.

Historical Fiction

320 pages

740L

AR 5.5 (5 Pts.)

The Bone Houses by Emily Lloyd-Jones 2019

When risen corpses called 'bone houses' threaten Ryn's village because of a decades-old curse, she teams up with a mapmaker named Ellis to solve the mystery of the curse and destroy the bone houses forever.

Horror

352 pages

Darius the Great is Not Okay by Adib Khorram 2018

Clinically depressed Darius Kellner, a high-school sophomore, travels to Iran to meet his grandparents, but it is their next-door neighbor, Sohrab, who changes his life.

Realistic Fiction

336 pages

AR 4.7 (10 Pts.)

The Hound of the Baskervilles by Arthur Conan Doyle 1902

Sherlock Holmes and Watson set out to solve the mystery that had haunted the Baskerville family for years and had recently occurred again.

Mystery Classic

186 pages

AR 8.3 (11 Pts.)

Illuminae by Amie Kaufman & Jay Kristoff 2015

The planet Kerenza is attacked, and Kady and Ezra find themselves on a space fleet fleeing the enemy while their ship's artificial intelligence system and a deadly plague may be the end of them all.

Science Fiction

608 pages

780L

AR 5.5 (14 Pts.)

The Knife of Never Letting Go by Patrick Ness 2008

Pursued by power-hungry Prentiss and mad minister Aaron, young Todd and Viola set out across New World searching for answers about his colony's true past and seeking a way to warn the ship bringing hopeful settlers from Old World.

Dystopian Fiction 512 pages 860L AR 4.4 (16 Pts.)

Pride by Ibi Zoboi 2018

Zuri Benitez has pride. Brooklyn pride, family pride, and pride in her Afro-Latino roots. But pride might not be enough to save her rapidly gentrifying neighborhood from becoming unrecognizable.

Contemporary 304 pages 760L AR 4.6 (9 Pts.)

Seraphina by Rachel Hartman 2012

In a world where dragons and humans coexist in an uneasy truce, and dragons can assume human form, Seraphina, whose mother died giving birth to her, grapples with her own identity amid magical secrets and royal scandals.

Fantasy 528 pages 760L AR 6.0 (18 Pts.)

Tash Hearts Tolstoy by Kathryn Ormsbee 2017

Fame and success come at a cost for Natasha "Tash" Zelenka when she creates the web series "Unhappy Families," a modern adaptation of Anna Karenina--written by Tash's eternal love Leo Tolstoy.

Realistic Fiction 400 pages 790L

They Both Die at the End by Adam Silvera 2017

When a service is create to tell people when they will die, teenagers Mateo and Rufus meet using the Last Friend app and are faced with the challenge of living a lifetime on their End Day.

Science Fiction 373 pages 870L AR 5.5 (11 Pts.)

Truly Devious by Maureen Johnson 2018

New at Ellingham Academy, Stevie Bell tries to solve both a murder at campus and the cold case of a double kidnapping.

Mystery 420 pages 680L AR 4.9 (14 Pts.)