

**BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2026-2027 (C)**  
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	Author 1 <sup>st</sup> Name	Last Name	Title	Lexile	Pgs.	Level
1	M. T.	Anderson	Elf Dog & Owl Head	660	229	X
2	Kathi	Appelt ( <i>APP-elt</i> )	The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp	810	384	
3	Dave Barry &	Ridley Pearson	Peter and the Starcatchers	770	480	X
4	Frances Hodgson	Burnett	The Secret Garden	970	288	U
5	Betsy	Byars ( <i>BUY-ers</i> )	The Summer of the Swans	830	144	U
6	Natalie Savage	Carlson	The Family Under the Bridge	680	97	R
7	Gennifer ( <i>Jennifer</i> )	Choldenko ( <i>chol-DEN-ko</i> )	Al Capone Does My Shirts	600	240	X
8	Beverly	Cleary	Strider	840	176	R
9	Andrew	Clements	A Week in the Woods	820	190	T
10	Esmé ( <i>EZ-may</i> ) Raji ( <i>rah-ZHEE</i> )	Codell ( <i>co-DELL</i> )	Sahara Special	660	180	S
11	Eleanor ( <i>EL-en-or</i> )	Coerr ( <i>CORE</i> )	Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes	630	80	R
12	Christopher Paul	Curtis	Bud, Not Buddy	950	256	U
13	Kate	DiCamillo ( <i>dee-ka-MELL-o</i> )	Because of Winn-Dixie	610	182	R
14	John D.	Fitzgerald	The Great Brain	840	192	T
15	Jean	Fritz	And Then What Happened Paul Revere?	830	32	S
16	Katherine	Hannigan	Ida B...and Her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster, and (Possibly) Save the World	970	256	T
17	Karen	Hesse ( <i>Hess</i> )	The Music of Dolphins	560	192	V
18	Jennifer L.	Holm	Our Only May Amelia	900	272	R
19	Polly	Horvath	The Trolls	810	136	S
20	Eva	Ibbotson ( <i>short I</i> )	The Secret of Platform 13	910	240	W
21	Erin Entrada	Kelly	Hello, Universe	690	320	X
22	Jacqueline	Kelly	The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate	830	352	Y
23	Judith	Kerr	When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit	940	191	X
24	Jane	Langton	The Fledgling	640	224	U
25	Robert	Lawson	Ben and Me: A New and Astonishing Life of Benjamin Franklin	1010	114	S
26	Madeleine	L'Engle ( <i>LEN-gle, no pause at apostrophe</i> )	A Wrinkle in Time	740	250	W
27	Lois	Lenski	Indian Captive: The Story of Mary Jemison	800	320	V
28	Karen	Levine ( <i>la-VEEN</i> )	Hana's Suitcase: The Quest to Solve a Holocaust Mystery	730	111	Y
29	C.S.	Lewis	The Magician's Nephew	790	221	T
30	Mike	Lupica ( <i>LOOP-ika</i> )	Heat	940	220	V
31	Walt	Morey	Gentle Ben	740	192	
32	Scott	O'Dell	Black Star, Bright Dawn	670	144	V
33	Linda Sue	Park	A Long Walk to Water	720	128	W
34	Katherine	Paterson	The Great Gilly Hopkins	800	160	S
35	Willo Davis	Roberts	The Absolutely True Story...How I Visited Yellowstone Park with the Terrible Rupes ( <i>ROOPS rhymes with hoops</i> )	890	160	R
36	George	Selden	The Cricket in Times Square	780	144	S
37	Alfred	Slote	Finding Buck McHenry	500	256	S
38	Robert Kimmel	Smith	The War With Grandpa	640	160	S
39	Christina	Soontornvat ( <i>SOON-torn-vot</i> ) end rhymes with "pot"	A Wish in the Dark	720	375	X
40	Elizabeth George	Speare ( <i>Spear</i> )	The Sign of the Beaver	770	135	T
41	Yoshiko	Uchida ( <i>oo-CHEE-da</i> )	A Jar of Dreams	970	144	R
42	Rita	Williams-Garcia	Gone Crazy in Alabama	740	304	V
43	Elizabeth	Winthrop	The Castle in the Attic	750	192	R
44	Elvira ( <i>el-VI-ruh</i> )	Woodruff	Dear Levi: Letters from the Overland Trail	1010	128	T
45	Betty Ren	Wright	The Dollhouse Murders	670	160	S

